



# UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN  
ON WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024  
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

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**ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Barry Hughes  
Cr. Ian Carroll  
Cr. Laurell Royes  
Cr. Seven Ryan  
Cr. Ian Tincknell

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services  
Mrs. Renee Bester, Executive Assistant

**OPEN GALLERY**

The Chief Executive Officer declared the meeting open at 9.00am and welcomed all in attendance.

***DEPUTATION***

A deputation was requested by Forsayth All Sports Club and accepted by Council.

**ATTENDANCE**

Clayton Pedracini (President) and Darren Pedracini (Patron) entered the meeting at 9.01am and left the meeting at 9.19am.

***ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY***

“We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the history, cultural practice, and traditions, of their people.”

***PRAYER***

“We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen”.

***DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST***

Nil

***APOLOGIES, CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS***

**Condolences:**

Nil

**Congratulations:**

Nil

**Apologies:**

Nil

***CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES***

1. General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 9.41am to discuss (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that:

- (1) A local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the local government be closed to the public.
- (2) A committee of a local government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.
- (3) However, a local government or a committee of a local government may make a resolution about a local government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss the sale of land.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.01**  
**5/0**

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 9.47am.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.02**  
**5/0**

REQUEST TO AMEND THE MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 omitted the discussions around the operations of Savannah Goldfields.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Tincknell advised Council of a prescribed interest in the following agenda item.

ATTENDANCE

Cr Tincknell left the meeting at 9.50am.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is currently undergoing communications with Savannah Goldfields regarding their operations and compliance with the Road Use Agreement at Agate Creek.

RESOLUTION:

Council received the update with regard to the operations undertaken by Savannah Goldfields and the Road Use Agreement.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.03**  
**4/0**

ATTENDANCE

Cr Tincknell returned to the meeting at 9.59am.

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 be amended to include the above information are confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.04**  
**5/0**

***BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MINUTES***

**Cr Royes**

#23.11.25 - Perimeter fence of the Lynd Medical Centre – Budget consideration relates to the purchase of the land.

**Cr Tincknell**

#24.04.18 – CEO provided an update on operations at L28-30 on SP217469

***CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS***

**ATTENDANCE**

Neil Crotty entered the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 10.09am.

***Director of Corporate Services***

***1. Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report***

**RESOLUTION**

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Corporate Services' Briefing Report.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.05**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Neil Crotty left the meeting via Microsoft Teams at 10.31am.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourned the meeting for Morning Tea at 10.33am.

**ATTENDANCE**

Laurie Hawker entered the meeting at 10.45am.

**RESUMPTION**

Council resumed the meeting at 10.50am.

***2. Financial performance for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024***

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Tenth month End of Month report for April 2024, Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 requires the Chief Executive Officer to present a financial report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

**RESOLUTION**

That Council pursuant to Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, resolve to adopt the monthly financial report for the period ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024, as presented.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.06**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Laurie Hawker left the meeting at 11.13am.  
Raju Ranjit entered the meeting at 11.16am.

## **CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS**

### **Director of Engineering Services**

#### **3. Director of Engineering Services Briefing Report**

##### RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Director of Engineering Services' Briefing Report.

**MOVED:** Cr. Carroll

**SECONDED:** Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.07**  
**5/0**

##### ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourned the meeting for Lunch at 12.46pm.

##### RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1.20pm.

## **CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION REPORTS**

### **Chief Executive Officer**

#### **4. Chief Executive Officers' Briefing Report**

##### RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Chief Executive Officer's Briefing Report.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.08**  
**5/0**

##### ATTENDANCE

Raju Ranjit entered the meeting at 2.43pm.

##### RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 2.45pm to discuss (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government under section 254J of the Local Government Regulation 2012 which states that:

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**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.09**  
**5/0**

RESOLUTION

Council resolve to come out of closed session at 3.25pm.

**MOVED:** Cr. Royes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Ryan

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.10**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED SESSION REPORTS**

**Director of Engineering Services**

**5. Quotations for construction of flood way on Oakleigh Road at chainage 14.70 km measured from Kidston Road, Kidston - ESC2024-011-Q**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of quotations received to construct a concrete floodway on Oakleigh Road at Chainage 14.70 km measured from Kidston Road in Kidston, QLD.

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the quote provided by DICL Contracting company to construct a concrete floodway on Oakleigh Road at Chainage 14.7 in Kidston to the value of \$513,949.20 Incl. GST.

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:**

**MOTION LAPSED DUE TO NO SECONDER**  
**/0**

RESOLUTION

That Council resolve to advise tenderers of ESC2024-2024-011-Q that Council is no longer proceeding with the project.

**MOVED:** Cr. Ryan

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.11**  
**4/1**

**VOTE**

Mayor Hughes requested his vote be recorded against the above Agenda Item.

**6. Quotations for construction of six cross drainage structures in Einasleigh Forsayth Road - ESC2024-003-Q**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the consideration of quotations received to construct the six cross drainage structures in the Einasleigh Forsayth Road

RESOLUTION

That Council resolves to accept the quote provided by Wieland Contracting to construct six cross drainages in the Einasleigh Forsayth Road upgrade project to the value of \$ 443,046.03 Incl. GST.

**MOVED:** Cr. Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #24.05.12**  
**5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Renee Bester left the meeting at 4.14pm and returned to the meeting at 4.17pm.  
Raju Ranjit left the meeting at 5.28pm and returned to the meeting at pm.

<b>GENERAL BUSINESS</b>
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Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Approval - Shepherd Services Office, St George St: I request the actual correspondence relating to the building approval process followed from soil sampling to plumbing</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed Notification Signage approach to Einasleigh from the West - The request is for a '80km speed sign' to be put in place approximately 1km from the western entrance of Einasleigh.</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gravel Pit Map - This information has been requested.</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed Deterrents: First Street Forsayth - towards Delaney Creek end</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage in Sawpit Creek on Detour Road - backhoe went underneath existing flood gate - additional fencing works now required by owner to cattle proof.</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebate for Personal Purchase of Fogging Machines v Council Fogging program</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minute for 20-year plan to bitumen the LARS Cobbold Gorge Road - there is no existing Council strategic plan objective or operational plan objective that supports these works or intentions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Motion for consideration: <p>That Council agree the sealing of the listed two-lane roads be completed before consideration of sealing of LARS roads within the shire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ Georgetown to Forsayth - Full seal - two-lane road</li> <li>§ Einasleigh to Lynd Highway - Full seal - two-lane road</li> <li>§ Mt Surprise to Georgetown - Full seal - two-lane road</li> <li>§ Georgetown to Gilbert River - Full seal - two-lane road</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>LARS future Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o O'briens Creek Road</li> <li>o Cobbold Gorge Road</li> <li>o Gilberton Retreat Road</li> <li>o Shortcut - Einasleigh to Gulf Development Road</li> <li>o Other Tourist / Home Stay / Fossicking business access roads</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agate Creek Road incident - Dot &amp; Dave Terry – Compensation</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burtons Reserve</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Einasleigh Town Common - Policy review immediately</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Einasleigh Town Common - Mustering arrangements</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overgrown allotment letters - issue of integrity</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the current Spend \$\$\$\$\$\$ on Forsayth to Long Gully re-seal. More damage sustained during and post re-seal due to continuation of 'doubles gravel carting'.</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Addressing posts - explain how the locator number is calculated</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACTUAL Council decision to make Charleston Dam no camping area? Previous Councillors have advised this was not decided at a Council Meeting.</li> </ul>
Cr Ryan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heritage - previous story recordings with locals: what has happened with this project?</li> </ul>
Cr Royes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Email - David Terry <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Obligations of Council to maintain the road surface</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Cr Royes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Email - Alan Start <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Discuss request to enable overnight camping at Einasleigh Hotel</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
Cr Royes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. First Street Forsayth Completion (not as per tendered scope of works)</li> </ol>
Cr Royes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Community concern over Council use of Drones on private property without permission/notice</li> </ol>
Cr Royes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Drainage Issue (New footpath /Curbing St Gorge Street)</li> </ol>
Cr Royes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Overgrown Allotments Issue of Letters</li> </ol>
Cr Royes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Maintenance Charleston Dam</li> </ol>

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Cr Royes	8. Gravel Left in Gutters (Street Resheeting Georgetown)
Cr Royes	9. Inclusion of all Officer Reports into Open Session Agenda (as opposed to "Information Bulletin")
Cr Tincknell	Closure Carnes Road to Malacura
Cr Tincknell	Cumberland Dam desilt sirt
Cr Tincknell	Cobbold Road/Old Robinhood
Cr Tincknell	Reed Fisher Blocks
Cr Tincknell	Drainage Hayman Street
Cr Tincknell	Housing Plan
Cr Tincknell	Request for streets 40km/hr
Cr Carroll	Lack of road signage at Bundock and Einasleigh creeks.
Cr Carroll	Road works on roads in vicinity of Werrington Station-filling in of natural road depressions with gravel
Cr Carroll	Robertson River sign correction.
Cr Carroll	Einasleigh common.
Cr Carroll	Brain reset tour-Allan Parker
Cr Carroll	Einasleigh Hotel camping.
Cr Carroll	Council heavy vehicle inspection arrangements

**RESOLUTION**

Etheridge Shire Council resolve to present a letter to the Queensland Police Commissioner expressing concerns surrounding current insufficient police resources within Etheridge Shire and pending closure of Forsayth Station.

**MOVED:** Cr. Carroll

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #24.05.13  
5/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Raju Ranjit & Ken Timms left the meeting at 7.14pm

**RESOLUTION**

Etheridge Shire Council resolve to accept the resignation letter presented to Mayor Barry Hughes by Ken Timms (Chief Executive Officer).

**MOVED:** Cr. Hughes

**SECONDED:** Cr. Royes

**CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #24.05.14  
5/0**

***CONCLUSION***

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.27pm. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

Cr. Barry Hughes  
MAYOR