



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

---

GENERAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD  
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN  
ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2015,  
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT GEORGETOWN**

**ON WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2015**

**COMMENCING AT 9.00AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs W Attwood, T Arnett, W Bethel, P Royes, I Tincknell

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr Michael Kitzelmann, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services  
Mr Rohana Samarasekera, Director of Engineering Services  
Mrs Tanya Robinson, Executive Assistant  
Mr Terry Whitaker, Works Manager

**GALLERY**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9.10am and welcomed all in attendance.

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

*We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian People - the traditional custodians of this land where we meet for the General Meeting. We pay our respects to the Ewamian People, especially the Elders, past and present and acknowledge their traditional customs and lores and recognise their continuing connection to this Country.*

*We look forward to a long and continuing relationship with the Ewamian People and value any opportunities in strengthening relationships and partnerships through collaboration by respecting their Country.*

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council suspends standing orders at 9.10am*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Tincknell

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1442**  
**5/0**

**DEPUTATION**

Roland McMillan of LGAQ, Peter Ball and Annabelle Goldsworthy of KPMG attended the meeting to present a deputation on Sustaining Road Work in Rural and Remote Queensland. With the support from the Roads and Transport Alliance (RTA), the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) sought to provide the Northwest Queensland Regional Roads and Transport Group (NWQRRTG) with an opportunity to better understand and evaluate the sustainability of current road maintenance and construction arrangements, structures and practices in NWQ.

KPMG was engaged to analyse the extent of this issue, the economic importance of local government delivery of road maintenance and construction and what arrangements, structures and practices can be implemented to strengthen delivery in these areas.

The scope of the report includes;

- *Current arrangements*, including the benefits and the economic significance of local government delivery of road maintenance and construction in a region and articulate / quantify the consequences of removing this funding source from communities and regional economies;
- *Opportunities for improvement*, considering a complete range of options and having regard to relevant priority policy statements;
- *Alternative / modified delivery practices*, arrangements and structures that can be practically implemented to strengthen and make delivery sustainable for local governments, including looking at innovative approaches from other jurisdictions and countries;
- *How existing arrangements could be adapted or otherwise transition to a sustainable model* that is consistent with fiscal and other operating constraints, including those imposed by external influences, while delivering effective 'value for money' road maintenance and construction services; and
- *An implementation plan* for adoption at a local and regional level of the recommended changes necessary to achieve the move to a sustainable delivery model. That is, a practical plan which would allow a RRTG, for example, to apply the model to their regional arrangements.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Warren Bethel left the meeting at 10.13am and returned at 10.25am

#### **DEPUTATION**

Ken and Brendan Fry of Forest Home Station attended the meeting to present a deputation on water allocation along the Gilbert River. The deputation encouraged discussion around agricultural development within the Etheridge Shire, including consideration of opportunities, impacts and challenges.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Terry Whitaker left the meeting at 11.04am and returned at 11.07am  
Rohana Samarasekera left the meeting at 11.23am and returned at 11.27am

#### **RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

#### **MOTION:**

*That Council resumes standing orders at 11.34am*

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1443**  
**5/0**

#### **CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

#### **General Meeting – Wednesday 15 July 2015**

#### **RESOLUTION:**

*That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Wednesday 15 July 2015 be confirmed.*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1444**  
**5/0**

**8. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES OPEN REPORTS**

**GMCCS1.**

Monthly Financial Report as at 31 July 2015

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*It is a statutory requirement under Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that the Chief Executive Officer must present a “Financial Report” of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Adopt the monthly Financial Report pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 31 July 2015.*

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Tincknell

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1445**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS2.**

Capital Works Budget 2015/2016

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*As part of the 2015/16 Budget, Council has approved a number of Capital Works Projects. The attached report provides a summary of the Capital Works Program through a financial perspective.*

*Council receives a detailed commentary on how we are delivering on our Capital and Operating budgets each quarter through the Operational Plan review.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the Officers report.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1446**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS3.**

Etheridge Shire Council – Financial Statements for the Financial Year Ending 30 June 2015

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Pursuant to Section 211 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a draft of the local government’s financial statements for the preceding financial year before the statements are certified and given to the auditor-general under section 212 must be presented to the Audit Committee.*

*Furthermore, in accordance with Section 212, a local government’s general purpose financial statements and current-year financial sustainability statement for a financial year must be given to the auditor-general for auditing plus its local government’s long-term financial sustainability statement for the financial year must be given to the auditor-general for information.*

*The financial statements must be given to the auditor-general by a date agreed between the chief executive officer and the auditor-general and furthermore the date agreed must allow the audit of the financial statements, and the auditor-general's audit report about the statements, to be completed no later than 4 months after the end of the financial year to which the statements relate.*

*Council has prepared the FYE 2015 Statements in accordance with the requirements contained within the Local Government Act & Regulations and in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Australian Accounting Interpretations and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the Officers Report and furthermore that Council endorse the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting dated 6 August 2015 in which a copy of the Financial Statements for the year ending 30 June 2015 were presented to the Audit Committee in accordance with Section 211(1)(b)(iii) of the Local Government Regulation 2012*

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1447**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS4.**

Our Organisational – Update on Employment Numbers (FTE)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*People are the key to Etheridge Shire Council's future. The survival, growth and success of Etheridge Shire Council are directly linked to the quality of the staff as individuals and as collaborative colleagues.*

*This report provides Council with an update on "Full Time Equivalents" (FTE) numbers and also provides trends and statistics on Council's Human Resource Department.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the Officers report.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1448**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS5.**

Application for Conversion of GHPL 18/146 & GHPL 18/147 over Lot 1 on LG20 & Lot 2 on GB110 to Freehold

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has received correspondence from the Department of Natural Resources & Mines seeking Councils views and or requirements regarding an application to convert GHPL 18/146 & 18/147 to freehold tenure being property described as Lot 1 on LG20 and Lot 2 on GB110.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to offer no objections for the conversion of GHPL 18/146 and GHPL 18/147 described as Lot 1 on LG20 and Lot 2 on GB110 to Freehold Tenure subject to the properties remaining consistent with the rural zoning as described within Council's Planning Scheme.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1449**  
**5/0**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**ATTENDANCE**

Tanya Robinson left the meeting at 11.55am and returned at 12.09pm

**GMCCS6.**

Request to Agist Horses over part of Lot 7 on SP206970, Georgetown-Forsayth Road

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has received a written request seeking an approval to agist horses on part of Lot 7 on SP206970, Georgetown – Forsayth Road.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to grant an approval to issue a Permit to Occupy for a term of 12 months to the applicant over part of Lot 7 on SP206970 (Georgetown-Forsayth Road, Georgetown) for the purpose of agisting horses (Allotment 1-4) subject to the following conditions:*

- (i) the area will need to be fenced with a stock proof fence;*
- (ii) the area will need to be maintained in accordance with Council's Pest Management Plan;*
- (iii) the purpose of the "Permit to Occupy" is for grazing;*
- (iv) no other use will be permitted;*
- (v) any infrastructure placed on the defined area within Lot 7 on SP206970 must not be of a permanent nature;*
- (vi) if the subject allotment is developed by council in the future then the Permit of Occupy will be terminated with council providing sufficient time for the holder of the Permit to Occupy to remove any infrastructure and to relocate any livestock on the defined area;*
- (vii) term of the Permit to Occupy – 1 year with an option to renew at expiry subject to Council approval*
- (viii) the Permit to Occupy is non transferrable to another party*
- (ix) Agistment fee will be in accordance with Council's charging scheme for agistment (paid in advance)*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1450**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS7.**

Funding Application – National Stronger Regional Fund Program

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Round Two of the National Stronger Regional Fund (NSRF) opened on the 15 May 2015 with applications closing as at the 31 July 2015. This Federal funding will provide funding of \$1 Billion over 5 years commencing in 2015/16 to fund priority infrastructure in regional communities.*

*Council has submitted an application under this program for the Charleston Dam.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the Officers report.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1451**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS8.**

Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program (LGGSP – 2015/2016)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning and Minister for Trade released the 2015/16 Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program (LGGSP) on the 14 July 2015.*

*The LGGSP will assist Local Governments to deliver priority infrastructure projects for their communities. The 2015/16 LGGSP will support projects which generate local employment and build economic infrastructure. Infrastructure to assist communities where widespread drought is impacting local employment is just one of the objectives of this funding criterion.*

*Applications open as at 14 July 2015 and closes as at 25 August 2015 with announcements of successful projects from October 2015.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolves to lodge an application under the Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program (LGGSP – 2015/16) for the upgrade to the Cumberland Chimney Tourist Area;*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1452**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS9.**

Building Our Regions Fund – Round 1

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Department of State Development has advised Local Governments that Round 1 of the Building Our Regions (BOR) Program will be open on the 3 August 2015. Applications for funding for Round 1 will close on 11 September 2015.*

*The new \$200 Million Building Our Regions Regional Infrastructure Fund will commence in 2015/16 as a targeted infrastructure program for Local Government projects. The primary purpose of the BOR program is to provide funding for critical infrastructure in regional areas of the State, while also supporting jobs, fostering economic development and improving the liveability of regional communities.*

*Building our Regions incorporates four separate infrastructure funds. The three new funds under Building our Regions, which are managed by the Department of State Development (DSD), include:*

- 1. Regional Capital Fund (\$70 million over two years)*
- 2. Royalties for Resource Producing Communities Fund (\$55 million over two years)*
- 3. Remote Communities Infrastructure Fund (\$15 million over two years).*

*The fourth fund is the existing Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS), which will provide an additional \$60 million. TIDS will continue to be managed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.*

*Council has been placed into funding option 3 - Remote Communities Infrastructure Fund alongside 26 other Local Governments competing for a total grant pool of \$7.5 Million in Round 1.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolves to lodge an application under Round 1- Building Our Regions Program for the following project:*

- (i) Construct an additional Town Water Reservoir (Georgetown)*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1453**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS10.**

Community Resilience Fund 2015/16

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Queensland Government has committed \$40 million in 2015-16 to support local governments to deliver critical infrastructure that will develop and improve resilience in the built environment and support communities in adapting to climate change.*

*The Community Resilience Fund (CRF) is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (the Department).*

*The CRF aims to support local governments to:*

- fund essential disaster mitigation infrastructure that will support communities to build resilience to future natural disaster events*



- *fund projects that protect existing essential public infrastructure*
- *fund projects that safeguard residents in “at risk” communities.*

*Outcomes from this program will be to protect existing essential public infrastructure, make Queensland communities more resilient in relation to natural disasters, and reduce future expenditure on asset restoration.*

*The objectives of the CRF are:*

- *to help local governments to deliver key natural disaster infrastructure that is informed by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines Queensland Flood Plan Mapping Study and/or a completed flood management study that incorporates consideration of the potential impact of the project on communities downstream (e.g. levees and detention basins to protect lives, property and essential infrastructure) and the needs of the catchment*
- *to develop significant flood and cyclone mitigation infrastructure highlighted as a priority following the impact of recent disaster events on Queensland communities and infrastructure, as well as unaddressed needs*
- *to plan for and support local governments in reducing the risk to property from bushfires*
- *to support “at risk” local governments that are faced with significant funding challenges and have restricted capacity to fund critical infrastructure.*

*For projects approved for funding under the Community Resilience Fund, funding will be allocated based on a subsidy rate of up to 40 per cent of the eligible project costs.*

*Under the Community Resilience Fund, eligible project costs are the total project cost minus ineligible components and any other funding contributions to the project.*

*Other funding contributions include:*

- *funding from partners, government grant funding received or applied for, and in-kind contributions.*

## **RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the Officers report.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1454**  
**5/0**

## **GMCCS11.**

Update Signage Forsayth – Community Infrastructure Fund

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has received correspondence from the Forsayth Infrastructure Group seeking access to the Forsayth Town Infrastructure Reserve to install four new interpretive signs that will replace the old signage located in and around the Forsayth Park.*

## **RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolve to transfer \$4,100 from the Forsayth Town Infrastructure Reserve to cover the cost of procuring and installing four new interpretive signs which will replace the existing signs located in and around the Forsayth Park.*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Tincknell

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1455**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS12.**

Selection of 2016 Australia Day Awards for achievements gained in 2015

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council would like to invite its communities to ‘celebrate what’s great about Australia’ in preparation for our Australia Day activities and events in 2016. To help us prepare nominations are now sought for Etheridge’s annual Australia Day Awards. Council invites your nomination of individuals and/or groups who have made significant contributions to their community, and the Etheridge region, in 2015.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Call nominations for 2016 Australia Day Awards in the following categories:-*

- *The Citizen of the Year;*
- *The Junior Citizen of the Year;*
- *The Community Organisation of the Year;*
- *Senior Sports Medallion;*
- *Junior Sports Medallion*

*And furthermore that the nominations close 4.00pm on Friday 4 December 2015 and Council determines the winners of the Awards at the General Meeting to be held Wednesday 16 December 2015.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1456**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS13.**

Charleston Dam Update

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has been investigating the option of constructing a Dam located on the Delaney River north of the Forsyth Township for the purpose of water security, recreation use and economic development.*

*The attached report provides a brief summary of the activities that have transpired over the past month which includes the finalisation and approval of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement, the Ancillary Agreement, the Cultural Heritage Site Survey, and the progress on the Design phase of the project.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the Officers report.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1457**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS14.**

Request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2015 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Council has been advised by the Treasurer, Minister for Employment & Industrial Relations, Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Hon Curtis Pitt (MP) that as the Minister responsible for the administration of the Holidays Act 1983, he is empowered to appoint, upon request by the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government for the district concerned, a special holiday within a district, whether it be a day, or the forenoon or afternoon of a day.*

*Holidays of this nature are usually appointed in respect of an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show or other event which would be of significance to a particular district.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Advise the Treasurer, Minister for Employment & Industrial Relations, Minister for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, the Hon Curtis Pitt (MP) that Etheridge Shire will apply for a Special Holiday pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983 for the Forsayth Turnout (Etheridge Show) on 5 August 2016*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1458**  
**5/0**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council adjourn for lunch at 12.54pm

**RESUMPTION**

Council resumed the meeting at 1.22pm

**GMCCS15.**

Update Pest Management Committee

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The Pest Management Committee met on the 4 August 2015 to discuss further arrangements and Pest Management activities.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives the report and endorses the following recommendations made by the Pest Management Committee;*

- *That Council declare Neem trees as a declared a pest under the subordinate Local Law No3 and furthermore that Council implement an eradication program for the removal of the declared pests within the Etheridge Shire Boundaries, this eradication program is to include an incentive for residential areas where property owners will be eligible to be issued a replacement tree at no charge through Councils gardening section.*

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1459**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS16.**

Volunteer Policy

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Volunteer involvement is a two-way relationship, providing an opportunity for Council to achieve their goals by involving volunteers in their activities, and for volunteers to make meaningful use of their time and skills, contributing to social and community outcomes. Volunteering has the capacity to build social capital by connecting people who do things for one another.*

*The volunteer policy offers guidance on a range of issues and procedures and to provide consistency across the organisation to ensure the volunteer program meets the needs of the volunteers and the community.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Endorse Officers report and approve and implement the Volunteer Policy.*

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1460**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS17.**

Economic Development Forum - Update

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*In February 2015 Etheridge Shire Council hosted an Economic Development Forum to stimulate economic development in the region. This report contains an update on the economic achievements since the forum.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Notes and receives Officers report.*

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1461**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS18.**

Economic Development Grant Fund Policy

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**The Etheridge Shire Council Economic Development Fund Grant aims to provide encouragement and support to groups within the community to make a positive and ongoing contribution to the region. With an emphasis on development of community capacity, encourage participation and develop vibrant engaged resilient local communities.**

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Endorse Officers report and approve and implement the Economic Development Fund Grant Policy.*

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1462**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS19.**

Get Out, Get Active

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Round Two of The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing is currently open for applications to the Get Out, Get Active funding, applications close as at 20 August 2015.*

*The Get Out, Get Active program provides funding for community-based sport and recreation opportunities aimed at women and girls who are either currently inactive or would otherwise benefit from further participation.*

*The department invites proposals from Queensland Local Government Authorities (councils) for one-off funding of up to \$20,000 to deliver initiatives that clearly align to the Get Out, Get Active objectives.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Resolves to lodge an application under the Get Out, Get Active program for the following project*

- *12 Week fitness challenge with Nutritional guidelines*

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1463**  
**5/0**

**RESOLUTION:**

**That Council approves the establishment of a small gymnasium facility within the confines of the Georgetown Town Hall for the specific use of Etheridge Shire residents and furthermore that an agreement be prepared for this gymnasium facility to be managed by Savannah Sports.**

MOVED: Cr Arnett

SECONDED: Cr Tincknell

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1464**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS20.**

Request to Agist Horses over part of Lot 7 on SP206970, Georgetown – Forsayth Road

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***Council has received a written request seeking an approval to agist horses on part of Lot 7 on SP206970, Georgetown – Forsayth Road.***

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Lay this matter on the table pending further negotiations with the applicant.***

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1465**  
**5/0**

**GMCCS21.**

Community Event – Football

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***Since the April 2015 General Meeting a “Steering Committee” has been developed to organize a Community Event.***

***This committee comprises of two Councillor’s and two Council Officers and since the creation of the committee it has met every fortnight to update what actions have been completed and what still needs to be done and to delegate duties amongst the committee members.***

***This report to Council is to provide an update as to what has occurred and what still needs to be undertaken.***

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Notes and receives the Officers report.***

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1475**  
**5/0**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES OPEN REPORTS**

**GMES1.**

Monthly Engineering Report

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***This report provides a review of the performance of Engineering Services for the month of July 2015, bench marked against Council’s Corporate and Operational Plan.***

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Receives and notes the report from the Director Engineering Services in respect of the work performed and services offered for the month of July 2015 by the Engineering Section.***

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Bethel

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1466**  
**5/0**

**GMES2.**

Wash Down Bay Equipment

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*A wash down bay was built at Mt Surprise in 2005, by Etheridge Shire Council from funds received, to assist in controlling the spread of noxious weeds.*

*At the General Council meeting held in April 2015 it was resolved to decommission the wash down bay due to regular costs attributed to ongoing repair and maintenance expenses. Ergon was advised and having taken a final meter reading the account was cancelled. The line however was retained and is currently active.*

*An audit was carried out on the equipment and a direction for relocation or disposal or retention of the equipment is sought from Council.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

*That Council:*

*Resolves to have the wash down facility dismantled and conduct an onsite auction for the disposal of the equipment.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM**

**2/3**

**Motioned failed**

**RESOLUTION:**

**That Council request the Chief Executive Office to investigate the costing for the installation of the upgraded automatic system versus a manual operating system at the Mt Surprise Wash Down facility**

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1467**

**5/0**

**GMES3.**

Training For Inspections of Copperfield Dam

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*Etheridge Shire Council, accepted contractor to the Department of Energy and Water Supply (DEWS), is required to conduct inspections of the wall at the Copperfield Dam near Kidston. These inspections are scheduled to occur weekly by contractors, engaged by Etheridge Shire, as well as a monthly inspection conducted by the Director of Engineering.*

*Data collected from these inspections are sent directly to DEWS for analyses.*

*In July 2015 the Director of Engineering and successful contractors attended a Dam Safety Training Course in Townsville hosted by Sunwater and facilitated by Michael Costa the Principal Engineer Surveillance, of all Dams controlled by Sunwater..*

*The successful completion of this course was deemed mandatory by DEWS, for the inspectors to carry out the required work at the Copperfield Dam*

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Receive and note the report from the Director of Engineering Services.***

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1468**  
**5/0**

**GMES5.**

Proposed Projects costed against R2R and TIDS funding for 2015/'16

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***There has been increased allocation of funds to Council under both TIDS and R2R. The purpose of this report is to present to Council Projects that could be met by the increased funding.***

***In the selection of work and sites consideration was given to supporting the needs, within the Region, that will boost the economy and alleviate the morale of all residents and travellers to the Shire during this period of drought experienced by the region.***

***The total available R2R fund for 2015/'16 is \$1,478,514.00 and the anticipated additional funds under TIDS is \$340,000. It needs to be noted that this additional funding is applicable to the 2016/'17 financial year. Therefore discussions between ESC and FNQRRGTG will be progressed in order to establish this new and additional allocation for the current financial year, bearing in mind that ESC was not given the normal allocation for the current financial year but had it deferred to be used in 2016/'17.***

***The proposed list of Projects with estimated costs is as follows:***

- 1. North Head road gravel resheet from 3km to 14.3km with PolyCom agent or similar - \$530,000***
- 2. Seal North Head road jump –up 13.5km to 14.3km - \$70,000***
- 3. Form and seal Second Street in Forsayth 120m - \$12,000***
- 4. Form and seal Fifth Street in Forsayth 290m - \$27,000***
- 5. Form and seal jump –up Oak Park Road – 7.8km to 8km 200m - \$25,000***
- 6. Georgetown airstrip road 2km reconstruction to 6m seal and upgrade failing pipes at crossing - \$230,000***
- 7. Reconstruction of RC causeway 2Km from the turnoff GDR on the Abingdon Rd - \$280,000***

***The total cost of the above work is estimated at \$1,174,000***

***There will be an estimated \$304,514 unused which may be used towards reseal work in Georgetown.***

***In respect of the use of R2R funds to form and seal the unsealed section of the Forsayth to Georgetown it is suggested that this work be held over until finalisation on the future ownership of the road. Whatever be the outcome there will be \$1.7M available for this work in 2016/'17.***

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Resolves to commit to the use of TIDS and R2R funding for 2015/'16 on the works detailed as follows:***

- 1. North Head road gravel resheet from 3km to 14.3km with PolyCom agent or similar -***
- 2. Seal North Head road jump –up 13.5km to 14.3km -***
- 3. Form and seal second street in Forsayth 120m -***



4. *Form and seal Fifth street in Forsayth 290m -*
5. *Form and seal jump Oak Park Road – up 7.8km to 8km 200m -*
6. *Georgetown airstrip road 2km reconstruction to 6m seal and upgrade failing pipes at crossing -*
7. *Reconstruction of RC causeway 2Km from the turnoff GDR on the Abingdon Rd –*

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1469**  
**5/0**

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council resolves to allocate remaining funds from the 2015/16 R2R towards matching 2016/17 TIDS.*

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1470**  
**5/0**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council suspends standing orders at 3.07pm*

MOVED: Cr Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1471**  
**5/0**

**DEPUTATION**

Melissa Bethel and Sara Rizvi from Northern Gulf Resource Management Group (NGRMG) attended the meeting to present a deputation on partnerships between NGRMG and Etheridge Shire Council.

**DEPUTATION**

Karen Reiman and Ian from Sports and Recreational Services attended the meeting to present a deputation on available grants and funding through Queensland Government.

**ATTENDANCE**

Mareea Lochel attended the meeting at 3.50pm and left at 4.19pm

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**MOTION:**

*That in accordance with Section 275(1) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following matters;*

- *Sale of Surplus Plant Items*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1472**  
**5/0**

**RESUMPTION OF MEETING**

**MOTION:**

*That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 4.53pm*

**MOVED:** Cr Arnett

**SECONDED:** Cr Royes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1473**  
**5/0**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF ENGINEERING SERVICES CLOSED REPORTS**

**GMES4.**

Sale of Surplus Plant Items

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*The 2015/16 budget provides for the sale of a number of surplus plant items. Tenders for these items were invited in July and closed on 31 July 2015. Assessment for Tenders was based on the best return, to Council, on each item.*

*The tender evaluation process has been completed and details of each tender are provided in this report. In the event the highest tender fails due to non-acceptance by the relevant Tenderer (for valid reasons presented to Council) then the next highest bid will be considered.*

*In respect of item #2038, Tristar Side Tipper Trailer, Ritchie Bros Auctioneers and PMS Project Management Pty Ltd have submitted equal highest bids. Ritchie Bros Auctioneers have submitted a successful bid for item #2059 which is also a Tristar Sider Tipper Trailer and therefore are favoured as successful tenderer for item #2038.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

- *Accepts the highest Tender for each listed plant item and that Council grants authority to the CEO to negotiate with the next highest Tenderer if the highest Tender submitted for a plant item fails*
- *If successful Tenderer rescinds the offer and the next highest bidder is considered too low Council reserves the right to dispose of the plant item as deemed acceptable for the benefit of Council*
- *Accept the tender by Ritchie Bros Auctioneers for plant item #2038, Tristar Side Tipper Trailer*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1474**  
**4/1**  
**Cr Bethel voted against the motion**

**ATTENDANCE**

Michael Kitzelmann left the meeting at 4.36pm.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Cr Tincknell**

- State and Federal Member Office contacts
- Hay Day

**RESOLUTION:**

*That Council resolves to instruct the Chief Executive Officer to provide a fortnightly update to State and Federal members and furthermore the replies be advertised in the inform newsletter.*

**MOVED:** Cr Tincknell

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1476**  
**5/0**

**Cr Royes**

- Photography Course at the Lynd was very successful
- Availability of Drought Funding

**Cr Bethel**

- Shooting of cattle in National Parks and Wildlife to be recovered
- Forsayth Road
- Monitoring grass on the oval

**RESOLUTION:**

**That the Chief Executive Officer instruct the Director of Engineering to investigate alternative sources of water for the Greg Bethel Memorial Oval.**

**MOVED:** Cr Bethel

**SECONDED:** Cr Arnett

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2015/GM1477**  
**5/0**

**Cr Arnett**

- Garbage Truck Discussions

**Cr Attwood**

- Drought Funding discussions
- LGAQ Resolutions

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 5.31pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 23 September 2015.

.....  
MAYOR

...../...../.....  
DATE