



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2025
COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 9:00am.

2 PRAYER

Cr Royes delivered the prayer.

3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apology: Mark Watt, CEO

4 CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS

Nil

5 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Royes informed the meeting that she has a previously declared prescribed conflict of interest for:

- Closed Item 13.6 Native Title Determination QUD777/2019 – Gugu Badhun #3 due to her relationship with Bolwarra Enterprises.

6 CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

CORRECTIONS

Cr Ryan's vote has not been recorded in the negative for:

Item 11.2 Financial Performance as at 31 July 2025

Item 12.2 Eveleigh Road – Geotechnical Investigation

Item 6.2 Confirmation of Special Budget Meeting Minutes 21 July 2025

Line spacing required prior to heading.

RESOLUTION

That Council confirm the minutes of the Council General meeting dated 20 August 2025 as a true and accurate record of the meeting with identified corrections.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/37
3/2

Cr Ryan and Cr Royes voted in the negative.

The Mayor used his casting vote to vote in favour of the recommendation.

7 BUSINESS ARISING

8 MAYORAL UPDATE

Item No: 8.1

Subject: Mayoral Update August to September 2025

Include Minister's visit document

RESOLUTION

That Council receives the Mayoral Update as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/38
3/1

Cr Royes voted in the negative.
Meeting adjourned at 10.22am and reconvened at 10.45am.

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER - OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Item No: 10.1
Subject: Chief Executive Officer – Briefing Report August 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr Hughes

SECONDED: Cr Carroll

LOST
0/5

All Councillors voted against the motion.

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 10:57am, pursuant to sections 254J 3(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/39
5/0

Council officers vacated the room at 10:58am.
Council officers returned to the room at 12.04pm.

RESOLUTION

Council resolved to re-open the meeting at 12.19pm.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/40
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council receives and notes the Chief Executive Officer Briefing Report.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

LOST
1/4

Cr Royes, Cr Carroll, Cr Tincknell, Cr Ryan voted in the negative.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Accept the resignation of the current Chief Executive Officer, Mark Watt effective close of business 17 September 2025; and
2. Delegate authority to the Mayor in accordance with Section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise all matters associated with the current CEO contract.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Ryan

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/41
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council in accordance with Section 195 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, appoint Ken Timms PSM, as an interim Chief Executive Officer to commence duties on 18 September 2025, with the Mayor being authorised to finalise agreed terms of appointment.

MOVED: Cr Royes

SECONDED: Cr Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/42
3/2

Cr Tincknell and Cr Ryan voted in the negative.

Meeting adjourned at 12.30pm.

Jordan Villaruz joined the meeting at 12.42pm.

Meeting reconvened at 12:43pm.

Item No: 10.2

Subject: Etheridge Ag Precinct Project Manager – Briefing Report July and August 2025

Classification: Open

Author: Jordan Villaruz, Etheridge Ag Precinct Project Manager

RESOLUTION

That Council receives and notes the Etheridge Ag Precinct Project Manager Briefing Report for the periods July and August 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/43
3/2

Cr Royes and Cr Ryan voted in the negative.

The Mayor used his casting vote to vote in favour of the recommendation.

Jordan Villaruz left the meeting at 1.28pm.

Item No: 10.3
Subject: 2025 LGAQ Conference Attendance
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of attendance at the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference being held on the Gold Coast between 20-22 October 2025.

RESOLUTION

That the Deputy Mayor be authorised to attend the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference on the Gold Coast between 20-22 October 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/44
5/0

Item No: 10.4
Subject: Adoption of Disaster Management Plan
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of the adoption of the Etheridge Shire Local Disaster Management Plan – Version 4.3 - July 2025.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 57(1) of the *Disaster Management Act 2003*, Council adopt the Etheridge Shire Disaster Management Plan Version 4.3 - July 2025, including noted amendments.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/45
4/1

Cr Royes voted in the negative.

Item No: 10.5
Subject: Review – ESC-C001 – Administrative Action Complaints Policy
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of a review of the Administrative Actions Complaints Policy ESC – C001.

RESOLUTION

That the Administrative Action Complaints Policy ESC – C001, as presented, be adopted.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

LOST
0/5

All councillors voted against the motion.

RESOLUTION

That the Administrative Action Complaints Policy ESC – C001, be further reviewed and presented at a future meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/46
5/0

Item No: 10.6
Subject: Etheridge Shire Planning Scheme Amendment
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of a report from the RPS Group regarding the proposed Planning Scheme amendment and seeking Council decision to adopt the proposed amendment without change.

RESOLUTION

That Council give notice to the Chief Executive, Department of State Development and Infrastructure and Planning (DSDIP) requesting approval to adopt the proposed amendment, without change, and provide with that an electronic copy of:

- (a) The proposed planning scheme amendment; and
- (b) The consultation report prepared under section 18.4 of the Minister’s Guidelines and Rules.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/47
5/0

Item No: 10.7
Subject: North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of an amended report relating to the funding requirements for the North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project from the QLD Department of State Development Infrastructure and Planning.

RESOLUTION

1. That Council resolve to bring the previously presented matter, being the North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project, off the table from the August General Meeting for consideration.
2. That pursuant to the Project Funding Schedule for the Etheridge Shire Tourism Signage Project (the Project) between Etheridge Shire Council and the QLD Department of State Development Infrastructure, Council resolve to:
 - a) Commit to deliver the Project;
 - b) Be responsible for funding the Project in excess of the Project funding; and
 - c) Maintain the signage for its lifetime.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the motion for the North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project report be laid on the table.

MOVED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/48
5/0

Renee Bester, DCS left the meeting at 2:25pm and returned at 2:27pm.
Anna Kralj, Associate Professor Business School, Griffith University joined the meeting at 2:29pm and left at 2:38pm.

Item No: 10.8
Subject: Expressions of Interest for Design and Construction of Visitor Interpretation (Signage) Growing Regions Project
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of the release of a Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Design and Construction of Visitor Interpretation for Growing Regions Project. The Visitor Interpretation constitutes a key component within three of the key elements of the Growing Regions Project: Cumberland Dam, Einasleigh Activation at Copperfield Gorge, and Our Elders Trail at Heritage Park. The Growing Regions Project is funded by the Australian Government.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 228(3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, Council approve the release of a Request for Expressions of Interest for the Design and Construction of Visitor Interpretation for Growing Regions Project on the following basis and circumstances:

1. It is in the public interest for Council to invite expressions of interest before inviting written tenders;
2. A Tender EOI process will allow for enhanced specification of the details of the Design and Construction of the Visitor Interpretation prior to entering a contract with the successful bidder which will lead to greater capacity to complete the project to the Council's satisfaction within the required timeframe and budget limits;
3. One Tender EOI that integrates all three visitor interpretation requirements of the Growing Regions project improves operational efficiency, ensuring the project is completed within the allocated budget and timeline while facilitating seamless coordination among all visitor interpretation elements;
4. Council is required to provide evidence in support of Milestone # 3 (due December 7th, 2025) of the Growing Regions funding agreement that it has prepared and issued tender processes for the Design and Construction of Visitor Interpretation for Cumberland Dam, Einasleigh Activation at Copperfield Gorge and Our Elders Trail; and
5. A funding payment up to \$1,800,000 from the funding provider to Etheridge Shire Council is conditional on the successful completion of the Milestone # 3 requirements.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/49
5/0

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the motion to consider the North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project report be taken off table.

MOVED: Cr Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/50
5/0

RESOLUTION

1. That Council resolve to bring the previously presented matter, being the North West Queensland Tourism Signage Project, off the table from the August General Meeting for consideration.
2. That pursuant to the Project Funding Schedule for the Etheridge Shire Tourism Signage Project (the Project) between Etheridge Shire Council and the QLD Department of State Development Infrastructure, Council resolve to:
 - a) Commit to deliver the Project;
 - b) Be responsible for funding the Project in excess of the Project funding; and
 - c) Maintain the signage for its lifetime.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/51
5/0

Item No: 10.9
Subject: Expressions of Interest for Ted Elliot Collection Exhibition Fit-Out Tender
Classification: Open
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of the release of a Request for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the Ted Elliot Collection Exhibition Fit Out. The Exhibition Fit-Out forms part of the Terrestrial Centre Expansion and Ted Elliot Mineral Collection Revitalisation element of the Growing Regions project funded by the Australian Government. The Exhibition Fit-Out is necessary for the re-housing the Ted Elliot Mineral Collection in the upgraded Terrestrial Centre Building.

RESOLUTION

That pursuant to section 228(3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, Council approve the release of a Request for Expressions of Interest for Tender for the Ted Elliot Collection Exhibition Fit-Out on the following basis and circumstances:

1. It is in the public interest for Council to invite expressions of interest before inviting written tenders;
2. A Tender EOI process will allow for enhanced specification of the details of the Exhibition Fit-Out prior to entering a contract with the successful bidder which will lead to greater capacity to complete the Fit-Out to the Council's satisfaction within the required timeframe and budget limits;
3. Council is required to provide evidence in support of Milestone # 3 (due December 7th, 2025) of the Growing Regions funding agreement that it has prepared and issued tender processes for Ted Elliot Collection Exhibition Fit-Out; and
4. A funding payment up to \$1,800,000 from the funding provider to Etheridge Shire Council is conditional on the successful completion of the Milestone # 3 requirements.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/52
5/0

11 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES - OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Item No: 11.1
Subject: Director Corporate Services – Briefing Report August 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Renee Bester, Director of Corporate Services

RESOLUTION

That Council receives and notes the Director of Corporate Services Briefing Report

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/3
5/0

Item No: 11.2
Subject: Financial Performance as at 30 August 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Laurie Hawker, Finance Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a monthly finance report is required to be presented to Council stating the progress made in relation to the budget for the period of the financial year as near as practicable to the end of the month before the meeting held.

RESOLUTION

That Council receives the financial statements for the period ended 31 August 2025 pursuant to, and in accordance with section 204 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/54
5/0

Item No: 11.3
Subject: Closure of Shire Offices, Depot Administration, Workshop, Outside Work Crews, Town Crews, Terrestrial Centre & Little Gems Children's Centre between Christmas and New Year
Classification: Open
Author: Jodi Kernan, Senior Administration Officer (Payroll/HR)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Council has closed the Shire operations over the Christmas and New Year period to allow staff to enjoy the festive season with family and friends, in appreciation of the dedication to Council throughout the year.

RESOLUTION

That Council endorses the closure of:

1. The Shire and Depot Administration Offices, Terrestrial Centre, Little Gems Childcare Centre, Town Crews and Workshop from Saturday 20th December 2025 to 4th January 2026 with the return to work date being Monday 5th January 2026; and
2. The Road and RMPC Crews from Saturday 20th December 2025 to 12th January 2026 with the return to work date being Tuesday 13th January 2026.

Subject to appropriate on call arrangements with senior staff being put into place for emergency matters.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/55
5/0

Renee Bester, Director Corporate Services left the meeting at 2:58pm and returned at 3:02pm.

12 DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - OPEN SESSION REPORTS

Item No: 12.1
Subject: Director Engineering Services – Briefing Report August 2025
Classification: Open
Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services

Due to a conflict of interest in the discussion, Cr Royes left the meeting at 3:04pm and returned at 3:09pm.

RESOLUTION

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

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/56
3/2

Cr Royes and Cr Ryan voted in the negative.

Item No: 12.2
Subject: Eveleigh Road - Cost Estimates
Classification: Open
Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the geotechnical test result of the road materials on Eveleigh Road and options to improve the road condition.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Note and receive the geotechnical test results of the existing pavement on the Eveleigh Road; and
2. Accepts an option to improve a section of the road being 0.5km with gravel mixed with existing road materials; and
3. The DES report the outcome of Item 2 and final costings to complete the remaining 2.2km of the road.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/57
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The meeting adjourned at 3:35pm reconvening at 3:44pm.

Item No: 12.3
Subject: Roads to Recovery (RTR) Projects 2025/26
Classification: Open
Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the proposed 2025 /2026 Roads to Recovery (RTR) Projects.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Approves the following proposed projects under Roads to Recovery Program 2025/26 allocation:

Project name	Road	Location	Amount
Reconstruction and sealing work (chainage 55.2 km to 55.7 km, 6 m wide)	Oak Park Road	Bagstowe	\$246,000
Reconstruction and sealing work (chainage 23.8 km to 25.3 km, 6 m wide)	Oak Park Road	Oak Park Road Homestead	\$600,000
Rehabilitation open drainage and pipe crossings	Hayman Street	Georgetown	\$150,000
Resealing work 26 km to 27.8 km and 57.910 km to 64.110 km	Forsayth Einasleigh Road	Forsayth	\$178,285

2. Report back to Council on Council's responsibilities and implications to planned works regarding driveway access to residential blocks in Hayman Street Georgetown.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Tincknell

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/58
5/0**

13 CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

RESOLUTION

That Council go into closed session at 4:14pm, pursuant to sections 254J (e), (g) and (i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/59
5/0**

RESOLUTION

Council resolved to re-open the meeting at 5:16pm.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/60
5/0**

Item No: 13.1
Subject: Agate Creek Borrow Pit - Legal Opinion
Classification: Closed
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of legal advice relating to the Agate Creek Borrow Pit.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the legal advice relating to the Agate Creek Borrow Pit.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

**LOST
1/4**

Cr Carroll, Cr Royes, Cr Ryan and Cr Tincknell voted in the negative.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That a written apology be forwarded to the landholder extending Council's apology for any inconvenience caused in relation to this matter.

MOVED: Cr Royes

**CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/61
5/0**

Item No: 13.2
Subject: Alleged Breach of Contract - Inclement Weather
Classification: Closed
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of a report into an alleged breach of contract relating to the inclement weather events in June/July 2025.

RESOLUTION

1. That the report be received; and
2. That the following administrative actions arising from the event and requiring improvement be implemented:
 - (a) A review of procedures and processes relating to contractor notification in wet weather events and shut-downs; and
 - (b) A review of onboarding of new supervisors and contract staff for Council operations.

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

LOST
0/5

All Councillors voted against the motion.

Item No: 13.3
Subject: Gulf Developmental Road CN22813 Report - September 2025
Classification: Closed
Author: Allan (Jack) Parry, Infrastructure Services Operations Manager

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (i) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State.

RESOLUTION

That Council receive the Gulf Development Road CN_22813 Report for the period ended 3 September 2025.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

LOST
0/5

All Councillors voted against the motion.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. Receive the itemised actual v estimated expenditure of the Gulf Development Road CN_22813 project for the period ended 3 September 2025; and
2. Future monthly reports to include itemised actual v estimated expenditure, and forecasted works v completed works.

MOVED: Cr. Tincknell

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/62
5/0

Item No: 13.4
Subject: Supply and Delivery of Bitumen Services CN22813 Gulf Developmental Road
Classification: Closed
Author: Allan (Jack) Parry, Infrastructure Services Operations Manager

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to the purchase of Bitumen Products for TMR Contract CN-22813 92C Gulf Development Road reconstruction and widening project.

RESOLUTION

That Council pursuant to section 234(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council enter a contract under an LGA arrangement with Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd for the purchase of Bitumen Products to the value of \$330,267.52 (Excl-GST).

MOVED: Cr. Carroll

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION GM2025/63
5/0

Item No: 13.5
Subject: Resealing Work on Various Roads within Etheridge Shire Council ESC-2025-022
Classification: Closed
Author: Raju Ranjit, Director of Engineering Services

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report relates to tender ESC 2025-022 - Resealing works on various roads within the Etheridge Shire Council.

RESOLUTION

That Council pursuant to section 224 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, accepts the tender submitted by Koppen Bitumen Pty Ltd for contract ESC 2025–022 being resealing works on following roads within the Etheridge Shire Council for \$572,070.04.

Road name	Chainage starts	Chainage end	Amount
Einasleyh			
Einasleyh Road	26000	27800	\$77,225.15
Einasleyh Road	57910	64100	\$265,997.74
<i>Sub total</i>			\$343,222.89
Mount Surprise			
Undara Road	3000	6000	\$128,318.40
<i>Sub total</i>			\$128,318.40
Forsayth			
Eighth Street	0	111	\$5,591.18
Forsayth Airstrip Road	0	183	\$6,917.62
Fourth Street	0	592	\$29,819.63
Toilet Access	0	127	\$4,827.22
<i>Sub total</i>			\$47,155.65
Georgetown			
Cemetery Road	0	533	\$39,218.70
Green Street	40	163	\$7,146.62
Greens Park Carpark	0	207	\$7,007.78
<i>Sub total</i>			\$53,373.09
Total (Ex.GST)			\$572,070.04

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

**CARRIED
 RESOLUTION GM2025/64**

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Cr. Ryan voted in the negative.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Royes informed the meeting that she has a previously declared prescribed conflict of interest for:

- Closed Item 13.6 Native Title Determination QUD777/2019 – Gugu Badhun #3 due to her relationship with Bolwarra Enterprises.

Cr Royes left the meeting at 5:12 pm and returned at 5.30 pm

Item No: 13.6
Subject: Native Title Determination QUD777/2019 – Gugu Badhun #3
Classification: Closed
Author: Mark Watt, Chief Executive Officer

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 245J (3) (e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Consideration of a report from Andrew Kerr, Partner – Moray and Agnew regarding Native Title Determination QUD777/2019 Gagu Badhun #3.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

1. notes the contents of the report pertaining to native title claim QUD777/2019; and
2. authorises Moray & Agnew Lawyers to sign a s87/s87A agreement on behalf of Council and to consent to a determination of native title.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Carroll

CARRIED ON THE CASTING VOTE OF THE MAYOR

RESOLUTION GM2025/65

2/2

Cr Ryan and Cr Tincknell voted in the negative.
Cr Royes did not participate in the vote.

Council adjourned the meeting for the day at 5.38pm
Meeting to reconvene on Thursday 18 September 2025 following the Councillor Workshop.

The General Meeting reconvened on Thursday 18 September 2025 at 12:52pm.

In attendance:

Mayor Barry Hughes
Cr Royes
Cr Carroll
Cr Tincknell

Renee Bester, DCS
Raju Ranjit, DES
Jillian Anderson, AEA

Apologies:

Cr Ryan

14 GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Carroll

Carry Over from August:

1. Kidston playground and race reserve maintenance
2. Colin McFarlane's road onto road register

New Business;

1. Shire green waste collection dates (wet season)
2. Forsyth transfer station recycling signage
3. New grave sites found at Kidston

Cr Royes

1. Email - Alexis Macor, Southheads Station access
2. Community disaster mitigation - Flood prone residents Georgetown
3. Email - Lyn French, use of contaminated gravel against Council resolution
4. Repeated failure to action Council resolutions
5. Repeated deliberate action in contradiction of Council resolutions

15 FOR YOUR INFORMATION

16 SUGGESTION BOX

Item No: 16.1

Subject: Suggestions 21 August to 10 September 2025

No suggestions were received.

17 MEETING CLOSE

Meeting closed at 2:29pm.