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## 1. OPENING BUSINESS

Cr Jane McNamara (Mayor) opened the meeting with the Council Prayer

Lord,  
Please guide and direct us,  
In that the decisions to be made,  
Will be for the benefit,  
Of our whole community  
Amen

### 1.1 PRESENT

#### **Councillors**

Mayor Jane McNamara  
Kim Middleton  
Kelly Carter  
Clarence Haydon  
Nicole Flute  
Arthur Bode  
Trevor Mitchell

#### **Staff**

Daryl Buckingham - Chief Executive Officer  
Hari Boppudi – Director of Engineering  
Barry Bonthuys – Director of Corporate & Financial Services  
Barbra Smith – Director of Community Services & Wellbeing  
Raechelle Denne – Relieving Executive Support Officer

#### **School Students**

Nil

### 1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

### 1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

### 1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16 February 2021 be taken as read and signed as correct.

#### **Resolution No: 3158**

**Moved** Cr Arthur Bode

**Seconded** Cr Kim Middleton

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 16 February 2021 be taken as read and signed as correct.

CARRIED 7/0

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## 1.5 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

### **1.5.1 Prescribed Conflict of Interest - Sections 150EG, 150EH & 150EI Local Government Act 2009**

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any prescribed conflict of interest on matters to be discussed at a council or committee meeting (other than ordinary business matters).

When dealing with a Prescribed Conflict of Interest, Councillors must abide by the following procedures:

- A Councillor who has notified the Chief Executive Officer of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter to be discussed in a council meeting must also give notice during the meeting.
- A Councillor who first becomes aware of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest in a matter during a council meeting must immediately inform the meeting of the conflict of the interest.
- When notifying the meeting of a Prescribed Conflict of Interest, the following details must be provided:
  - if it relates to a gift or loan given by an entity - state the details of gift or loan
  - if it relates to a sponsored travel or accommodation benefit - state the benefit details
  - if it relates to a contract between the Councillor and Local Government or close associate of the Councillor – state details
  - if it relates to an application or submission - state the subject of the application or submission
  - if it relates to appointment/employment matters of Chief Executive Office position - state conflict details

The Councillor must then leave the place of the meeting, including any area set aside for the public, and stay away while the matter is being discussed and voted on, unless the subject Councillor has written notice from the Minister to participate in the matter.

Once the Councillor has left the area where the meeting is being conducted, the council can continue discussing and deciding on the matter at hand.

### **1.5.2 Declarable Conflict of Interest - Section 150EN Local Government Act 2009**

Councillors are ultimately responsible for informing of any Declarable Conflict of Interest on matters to be discussed at council or committee meetings that might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest (other than ordinary business matters).

A Councillor may raise their personal interests in a matter at the meeting to canvas the view of the other Councillors prior to deciding to declare a conflict of interest. If the other Councillors suspect the personal interest might be a conflict of interest, the Councillor may disclose their suspicion and the processes under section 150EW of the LGA.

When dealing with a Declarable Conflict of Interest, Councillors must abide by the following procedures:

- A Councillor who has notified the Chief Executive Officer of a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter to be discussed at a council meeting must also give notice during the meeting.
- A Councillor who first becomes aware of a Declarable Conflict of Interest in a matter during a council meeting must inform the meeting of the conflict of interest
- When notifying the meeting of a Declarable Conflict of Interest or it could be reasonably presumed that a conflict exists, Councillors should provide sufficient detail to allow the other Councillors to make an informed decision about how best to manage the Declarable Conflict of Interest in the public interest. The following details must be provided:
  - the nature of the Declarable Conflict of Interest
  - if it arises because of the Councillors relationship with a related party:
    - i. the name of the related party to the Councillor
    - ii. the nature of the relationship of the related party to the Councillor
    - iii. the nature of the related party's interest in the matter
  - if it arises because of a gift or loan from another person to the Councillor or a related party:
    - i. the name of the other person
    - ii. the nature of the relationship of the other person to the Councillor or related party
    - iii. the nature of the other person's interest in the matter
    - iv. the value of the gift or loan and the date the gift or loan was made.



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After a Councillor has declared a conflict of interest, the Councillor should consider leaving the meeting while the matter is discussed unless they have reasons why their participation would improve making the decision in the public interest.

#### **1.5.3 Procedure if no Quorum for Deciding Matter because of Prescribed Conflicts of Interest of Declarable Conflicts of Interest – Section 150EU Local Government Act 2009**

(1) This section applies in relation to a meeting if:

- (a) a matter in which 1 or more councillors have a prescribed conflict of interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest is to be decided at the meeting; and
- (b) there is less than a quorum remaining at the meeting after any of the councillors mentioned in paragraph (a) leave, and stay away from, the place where the meeting is being held.

(2) The local government must do 1 of the following:

- (a) delegate deciding the matter under section 257, unless the matter can not be delegated under that section;
- (b) decide, by resolution, to defer the matter to a later meeting;
- (c) decide, by resolution, not to decide the matter and take no further action in relation to the matter.

(3) The local government must not delegate deciding the matter to an entity if the entity, or a majority of its members, have personal interests that are, or are equivalent in nature to, a prescribed conflict of interest or Declarable Conflict of Interest in the matter.

(4) A councillor does not contravene section 150EK(1), 150EM(2), 150EQ(2)(a) or (3)(a) or 150ES(5) by participating in a decision, or being present while the matter is discussed and voted on, for the purpose of delegating the matter or making a decision under subsection (2)(b) or (c).

#### **1.5.4 Closed Meeting Discussion Items – Section 254J Local Government Regulation 2012**

Council and standing committee meetings may resolve that a meeting be closed to the public if its Councillors consider it necessary to discuss any of the following matters:

- appointment, dismissal or discipline of the CEO
- industrial matters affecting employees
- the council's budget
- rating concessions
- legal advice obtained by the council, including legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the council
- matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals
- negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the council for which a public discussion could prejudice the interests of the council
- negotiations relating to the taking of land by the council under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
- a matter that the council is required to keep confidential under a law of, or a formal agreement with, the Commonwealth or state.

A Council or committee meeting cannot resolve that a meeting be closed where the meeting is informed of a Councillors personal interest in the matter by another person and the eligible Councillors at the meeting must decide whether the Councillor has a Declarable Conflict of Interest or Prescribed Conflict of Interest in the matter.

Further, the meeting must not be closed if a quorum is lost due to the number of conflicted Councillors who leave the meeting and the council must;

- delegate the matter
- decide by resolution to defer to a later meeting
- decide by resolution to take no further action on the matter.

**Note:** None of the above will be considered, discussed, voted on or made during a closed session.

If a closed session includes attendance by teleconference, the Councillor/s attending by teleconference must maintain confidentiality by ensuring no other person can hear their conversation while in the closed meeting.

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To take a matter into a closed session the council must abide by the following:

- pass a resolution to close the meeting
- the resolution must state the matter to be discussed, an overview of what is to be discussed and why the meeting should be closed while the matter is considered
- if the matter is known in advance, the agenda should clearly identify that the matter will be considered in closed session, and an explanation of why it is deemed necessary to take the issue into closed session must be stated
- not make a resolution while in a closed meeting (other than a procedural resolution).

### 1.6 PETITIONS

Nil

### 1.7 CONDOLENCES

The Family of Janice Mitchell

The Family of Loch Tindall

The Family of Ian Alloway

### 1.8 RECOGNITIONS

Nil

### 1.9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Flinders Shire Council would like to acknowledge the Yirendali people as Traditional Owners and the oldest living culture of the land on which our Council operates, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging

### 1.10 COUNCILLOR MEETING ATTENDANCE

#### Mayor Jane McNamara

- Japanese Dinner – 16/02/2021
- CEO Briefing – 17/02/2021
- HIPCO Workshop – 17/02/2021
- Media Mortar – 17/02/2021
- WQAC Leadership – 22/02/2021
- CAN – 23/02/2021
- CEO Catch Up – 24/02/2021
- Windlab Briefing – 24/02/2021
- ArTour – 25/02/2021
- IQ-RAP – 25/02/2021
- Tender Workshop – 25/02/2021
- NWMP-SAC – 02/03/2021
- COVID Vaccination – 02/03/2021
- Rural Lands Meeting – 02/03/2021
- LNP LG Advisery- Anneleahy – 02/03/2021
- Catch-up Meeting with CEO – 03/03/2021
- NWQRRTG & NWQROC (Julia Creek – 04-05/03/2021
- 15 Mile – 05/03/2021
- Council Directors – 08/03/2021
- NADC – 8-10/03/2021
- MITEZ – 11/03/2021
- Revised Budget Meeting – 12/03/2021
- Councillor Pre-Briefing – 12/03/2021
- Briefing Day – 15/03/2021

#### Deputy Mayor Kim Middleton

- Catch-up meeting with Mayor – 24/02/2021
- Meeting with Mayor & Councillors – 25/02/2021
- Rural Lands Meeting – 02/03/2021
- ROC Meeting (Julia Creek) – 04/02/2021
- ROC Meeting (Julia Creek) – 04/02/2021
- Grape Farm – 08/02/2021
- Reidies Hay Farm (Read Contract) – 08/02/2021
- 15 Mile with CEO – 11/03/2021
- Revised Budget Meeting – 12/03/2021
- Councillor Pre-Briefing – 12/03/2021
- Briefing Day – 15/03/2021
- Council Meeting – 16/03/2021

#### Councillor Nicole Flute

- Meat Works Meeting – 17/02/2021
- Media Mortar – 17/02/2021
- HIPCO Workshop – 17/02/2021
- CAN – 23/02/2021
- Tenderedge Workshop – 25/02/2021
- Overlanders Way – 04/03/2021
- NQ Sports Foundation – 04/03/2021
- Outback Futures – 08/03/2021
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- FuturBus – 15/03/2021
- Tom Vanderbyl – 15/03/2021
- HIPCO – 16/03/2021
- Council Meeting – 16/03/2021
- ASMTI Greenvale Project (Council) – 16/03/2021
- ASMTI Greenvale Project (Community) – 16/03/2021
- DG – Workshop – 16/03/2021
- SES Community Meeting – 16/03/2021

#### Councillor Kelly Carter

- HIPCO Workshop – 17/02/2021
- Media Mortar – 17/02/2021
- NQRIH (Indigenous Housing) – 19/02/2021
- Procurement – 25/02/2021
- Golf Club (AGM) – 01/03/2021
- NQ Sports Foundation – 04/03/2021
- Mid West Local League (AGM) – 09/03/2021
- Revised Budget Meeting – 12/03/2021
- Councillor Pre-Briefing – 12/03/2021
- Briefing Day – 15/03/2021
- FuturBus – 15/03/2021
- HIPCO – 16/03/2021
- Council Meeting – 16/03/2021
- ASMTI Greenvale Project (Council) – 16/03/2021
- ASMTI Greenvale Project (Community) – 16/03/2021

#### Councillor Clarence Haydon

- Meat Works Meeting – 17/02/2021
- Rural Lands Meeting – 02/03/2021
- Revised Budget Meeting – 12/03/2021
- Briefing Day – 15/03/2021
- Council Meeting – 16/03/2021

- Briefing Day – 15/03/2021
- Council Meeting – 16/03/2021

#### Councillor Arthur Bode

- Media Mortar – 17/02/2021
- Small Towns Meetings (Prairie) – 10/03/2021
- Revised Budget Meeting – 12/03/2021
- Councillor Pre-Briefing – 12/03/2021
- Briefing Day – 15/03/2021
- FuturBus – 15/03/2021
- HIPCO – 16/03/2021
- Council Meeting – 16/03/2021
- ASMTI Greenvale Project (Council) – 16/03/2021
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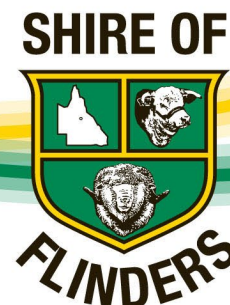
#### Councillor Trevor Mitchell

- HIPCO Workshop – 17/02/2021
- Joan Tour – 25/02/2021
- Biosecurity – 02/03/2021
- Revised Budget Workshop – 12/03/2021
- Councillor Pre-Brief – 12/03/2021
- Road Inspection (Northern) – 13/03/2021
- Small Towns Meetings (Prairie & Torrens Creek) – 10/03/2021
- Briefing Day – 15/03/2021
- FuturBus – 15/03/2021
- Tom Vanderbyl – 15/03/2021
- HIPCO – 16/03/2021
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## 2. REPORTS

### 2.01 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### 2.01.01 DEPARTMENT OF STATE DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING

**Background** – Letter from the Director-General, Damien Walker advising that the Australian Parliament passed the *Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020* on 10 December 2020.

It is recommended that Council consider the Act carefully and ensure all obligations are met. Key considerations for local government include:

- from 10 March 2021, the Act requires all local governments to notify the Minister for Foreign Affairs of a proposal to enter a non-core foreign arrangement. If the arrangement is entered into, the Minister must also be notified about the arrangement within 14 days.
- The Act also requires all local governments to provide a comprehensive list to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of all existing foreign arrangements (including non-binding arrangements) by 10 June 2021.
- Registration of an arrangement is made via DFAT's online portal accessible at [www.foreigharrangements.gov.au](http://www.foreigharrangements.gov.au).

Responsibility rests with each local government to ensure the impact of the Australian Government's legislation on its current and future foreign arrangements is understood.

**Officer's Recommendation** – For Council information.  
**Noted**

#### 2.01.02 PREMIER – HON ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK Appendix 2.01.02

**Background** – At Councils Ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 16 February, Council resolved to write to the Premier, Hon Anastacia Palaszczuk in relation to the safety of the staff, inpatients, and the residents in the Multi-Purpose Long Stay Nursing Home at the Hughenden Hospital. Copy of letter sent 04 March 2021 is attached.

**Officer's Recommendation** – For Council information  
**Noted**

#### 2.01.03 SMALL TOWNS SURVEY

**Background** – Discussions were held in relation to communications with the Shire (i.e questionnaires, surveys, newsletters), it has been agreed that Community Consultations and monthly newsletters are the best form of communication for our Shire.

It was raised that the needs of the smaller towns within the Shire can differ to the needs of the larger town and discussions with the smaller communities are needed to establish their needs, suggestions and ideas. Preparation on Master Plans and a register to be developed would allow Council to apply for funding when available.



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#### Resolution No: 3159

**Moved** Cr Trevor Mitchell

**Seconded** Cr Nicole Flute

That Council conduct a small towns survey by public meetings and establish a register of social needs and potential development and include this in our planning.

CARRIED 7/0

## 2.02 CORPORATE AND FINANCE SERVICES

### 2.02.01 FINANCIAL REPORT

**Background** – In accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Chief Executive Officer must present a financial report to the Council at its monthly ordinary meeting. Monthly financial reports are presented at the or Statements of financial performance;

- i. Statement of financial position;
- ii. Statement of cash flows;
- iii. Statement of Changes in Equity;
- iv. Income and expenditure statement;
- v. Capital Works Program.

The following is a summary of the financial results as at 28 February 2021:

#### Statement of Comprehensive Income

Total Recurrent Revenue	\$20,597,000	45%
Total Recurrent Expenditure	\$21,440,000	47%
Net Operating Result – Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 843,000)	(183%)
Total Capital Income	\$ 6,505,000	48%
Net Result – Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 5,662,000	40%

#### Statement of Financial Position

Total Current Assets	\$ 21,863,000	89%
Total Non-Current Assets	\$230,552,000	95%
Total Assets	\$252,415,000	95%
Total Current Liabilities	(\$ 2,872,000)	114%
Total Non-Current Liabilities	(\$ 2,842,000)	73%
Total Liabilities	(\$ 5,714,000)	89%
Net Community Assets	\$246,701,000	95%
Asset Revaluation Surplus	\$ 89,444,000	101%
Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)	\$157,257,000	91%
Total Community Equity	\$246,701,000	95%

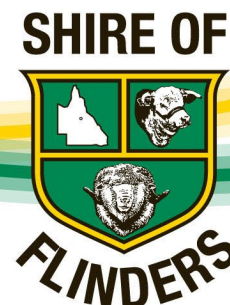
#### Cash Flow Statement

Cash at the beginning of the period	\$ 30,917,000	103%
Total Payments Received	\$ 28,617,000	45%
Total Payments Made	(\$ 39,875,000)	57%
Cash at the end of the period	\$ 19,659,000	87%

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**Officer's Recommendation** – That in accordance with s204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receives and approves the financial report, which include the following statements, for the period ended 28 February 2021 – period 18:

- i. Statements of financial performance;
- ii. Statement of financial position;
- iii. Statement of cash flows;
- iv. Statement of Changes in Equity.

#### Resolution No: 3160

**Moved** Cr Kim Middleton

**Seconded** Cr Trevor Mitchell

That in accordance with s204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receives and approves the financial report, which include the following statements, for the period ended 28 February 2021 – period 18:

- i. Statements of financial performance;
- ii. Statement of financial position;
- iii. Statement of cash flows;
- iv. Statement of Changes in Equity.

CARRIED 7/0

#### 2.02.02

#### 2020/21 REVISED BUDGET

**Background** – The budget for the 2020-2021 financial year has been reviewed and amended and is presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

In accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Council must be presented with the statements set out below that have been prepared on an accrual basis:

- i. The statements of financial position;
- ii. The statements of cash flow;
- iii. The statements of income and expenditure;
- iv. The statements of changes in equity;
- v. The long-term financial forecast;
- vi. The revenue statement;
- vii. The revenue policy;
- viii. The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- ix. The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council approve and adopt the revised budget for the 2020/21 financial year, as presented.

#### Resolution No: 3161

**Moved** Cr Kelly Carter

**Seconded** Cr Nicole Flute

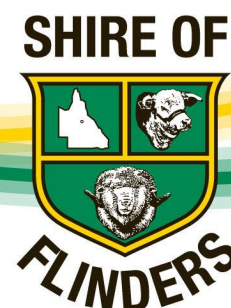
That Council approve and adopt the revised budget for the 2020/21 financial year, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

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#### 2.02.03 PROCUREMENT POLICY

**Background** – The Council considered and adopted its procurement policy at its meeting held on 18 August 2020. Under its policy, Council has approved financial delegations to the following positions:

Position	Delegation (Including GST)
Chief Executive Officer	Unlimited
Director Corporate and Financial Services	\$220,000
Director of Engineering	\$220,000
Director Community Services and Wellbeing	\$220,000
Stores and Procurement Officer (Stock Only)	\$110,000
Works Manager	\$55,000
Project Engineer	\$55,000
Town Foreman	\$55,000
Building Supervisor	\$11,000
Community Care Coordinator	\$11,000
Fleet Manager	\$11,000
Senior Advisor – Legal, Risk and Governance	\$11,000
Rural Lands Manager	\$11,000
HR Manager	\$11,000
Environmental Health Officer	\$11,000

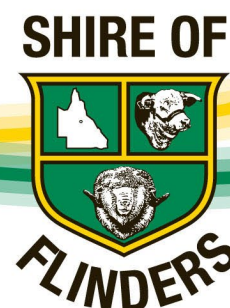
To improve the efficient and effective functioning of Council's operations, it is requested that financial delegations be considered and added to the approved positions:

Position	Delegation (Including GST)
Community Services Coordinator	\$11,000
Road Maintenance Supervisor	\$11,000
Building Supervisor	\$5,500
Construction Supervisor 1	\$5,500
Construction Supervisor 2	\$5,500
Concrete Supervisor 2	\$5,500
Water & Sewerage Supervisor	\$2,200
Parks & Gardens Supervisor	\$2,200

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**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council approve financial delegations for the following positions and these positions be added to the approved positions in its procurement policy:

Position	Delegation (Including GST)
Community Services Coordinator	\$11,000
Road Maintenance Supervisor	\$11,000
Building Supervisor	\$5,500
Construction Supervisor 1	\$5,500
Construction Supervisor 2	\$5,500
Concrete Supervisor 2	\$5,500
Water & Sewerage Supervisor	\$2,200
Parks & Gardens Supervisor	\$2,200

#### Resolution No: 3162

**Moved** Cr Trevor Mitchell

**Seconded** Cr Arthur Bode

- That Council approve financial delegations for the following positions and these positions be added to the approved positions in its procurement policy:

Position	Delegation (Including GST)
Community Services Coordinator	\$11,000
Road Maintenance Supervisor	\$11,000
Building Supervisor	\$ 5,500
Construction Supervisor 1	\$ 5,500
Construction Supervisor 2	\$ 5,500
Concrete Supervisor 2	\$ 5,500
Water & Sewerage Supervisor	\$ 2,200
Parks & Gardens Supervisor	\$ 2,200

- That Council amend the following position titles to reflect the current organisational structure, the delegated amount to remain as currently listed:

- Works Manager – to be changed to – Senior Civil Works Coordinator
- Town Foreman – to be changed to – Senior Operational Works Coordinator

CARRIED 7/0

#### 2.02.04

#### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES

Appendix 2.02.04

**Background** – The *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* (section 4) sets out the way in which a local government is constituted and the nature and extent of its responsibilities and powers. The Act requires for Council's actions to be consistent with the following local government principles:

- transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest; and
- sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services; and
- democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement; and
- good governance of, and by, local government; and
- ethical and legal behaviour of councillors and local government employees.



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These legislated principles, together with Council's corporate values, form the basis of Council's Code of Conduct for its employees. They apply to all employees and guide their thinking, actions and decision-making. The Council's Code of Conduct for its employees has been reviewed and is presented for Council's consideration and adoption.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council approve and adopt the Code of Conduct for employees, as presented.

#### Resolution No: 3163

**Moved** Cr Kelly Carter

**Seconded** Cr Clarence Haydon

That Council approve and adopt the Code of Conduct for employees, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

## 2.03 ENGINEERING

2.03.01

### BUILDING OUR REGIONS – ROUND 5 - HUGHENDEN AQUATIC CENTRE PLANT ROOM AND EQUIPMENT UPGRADE

**Background** – Council applied for and was successful for the Building our Regions - Round 5 for the Hughenden Aquatic Centre Plant Room and Equipment Upgrade. As a requirement of the funding guidelines, the funding body requires a Council Resolution for the following:

- confirms a budget for Council's financial contribution of \$100,000.00 to the Hughenden Aquatic Centre Plant and Equipment Upgrade project
- confirms it is committed to delivering the Project, and
- acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors' change

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council confirm:

- A budget has been allocated for Council's financial contribution of \$100,000.00 to the Hughenden Aquatic Centre Plant and Equipment Upgrade project
- Council is committed to delivering the Project, and
- Council acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors' change

#### Resolution No: 3164

**Moved** Cr Arthur Bode

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

That Council confirm:

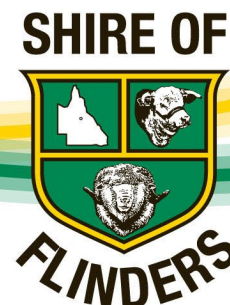
- A budget has been allocated for Council's financial contribution of \$100,000.00 to the Hughenden Aquatic Centre Plant and Equipment Upgrade project
- Council is committed to delivering the Project, and
- Council acknowledges responsibility for any funding shortfall if costs or other contributors' change

CARRIED 7/0

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#### 2.03.02 NORTH QUEENSLAND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

**Background** – The Australian Government's 'After the flood: A strategy for long-term recovery' (the Strategy) sets out a blueprint for a prosperous and secure future for North and North-West Queensland. The Strategy aims to guide investment in actions that support the long-term recovery and prosperity of the affected communities, strengthen their preparedness for future challenges and help the regions adapt and transform in an ever-changing environment. The scheme's objective is to fund eligible projects that trial and adopt new technologies or upgrade existing technologies that improve access to reliable and cost-effective telecommunications connectivity or energy supply.

Telstra are considering the below sites for improved Mobile coverage.

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|----|-----------------|----------|
| 1. | Mt Sturgeon     | Flinders |
| 2. | Boonderoo RT    | Flinders |
| 3. | Limbri Downs RT | Flinders |

The recommendation is to nominate Mt.Sturgeon as the priority location. Telstra is taking the lead on the funding application process and ongoing operations and maintenance of the asset. Telstra has requested for Council contribution, and Council to contribute \$10,000 towards the project.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council nominates Mount Sturgeon as the priority location to build a cell tower for better Mobile coverage along the Kennedy Developmental Road and contribute \$10,000 for the project.

#### Resolution No: 3165

**Moved** Cr Kim Middleton

**Seconded** Cr Arthur Bode

That Council nominates Mount Sturgeon as the priority location to build a cell tower for better Mobile coverage along the Kennedy Developmental Road and contribute \$10,000 for the project. Further a thank you letter be written to Rachel Cliff and John New from Telstra thanking them for their efforts in the matter.

CARRIED 7/0

**Attendance** – Cr Arthur Bode declared a Prescribed Conflict of Interest to item 2.03.03 Detour Roads (as defined by Section 150EG of the Local Government Act 2009) due to being a landholder to which the road crosses and left the meeting at 10.05am taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting.

#### 2.02.03 REQUEST FOR DETOUR ROAD

**Background** – Council has received a letter from a landholder requesting a detour road be established to their property.

Engineering to arrange a 'Roads Workshop' to be set within the next 2-3 weeks with this being an item of topic to establish plans, guidelines and costings.

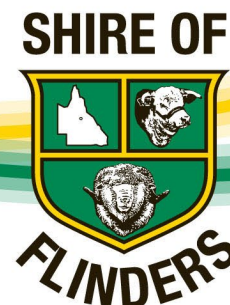
**Noted-** Information only

**Attendance** – Cr Arthur Bode returned to the meeting at 10:20am

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## 2.04 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND WELLBEING

### 2.04.01 MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING GRANT FUNDING (QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT)

**Background** – Queensland Government has released one-off mental health and wellbeing grant funding to support eligible Queensland councils, which includes Flinders Shire. This funding is part of the \$46.5 million Mental Health and Wellbeing Package under Queensland's Economic Recovery Strategy. Queensland Health have advised that \$75,000 (ex GST) is available to Flinders Shire Council to work with the community to delivery tailored, mental Health measures.

Council has been in discussions with Outback Futures to utilise funding to implement the HeadYakka program in the Flinders Shire. The Head Yakka program aims to strengthen community mental health and wellbeing, prevent suicide through an intergenerational approach, assist participants to care for self and others and connect people with mental health and wellbeing options. The program will include event-based community education, on property engagement, training and education opportunities within workplaces and sporting clubs, and alcohol and other drugs partnerships and referral.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council apply for the Queensland Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing Package Funding for the implementation of Outback Futures, HeadYakka program in the Flinders Shire.

#### Resolution No: 3166

**Moved** Cr Nicole Flute

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

That Council apply for the Queensland Government's Mental Health and Wellbeing Package Funding for the implementation of Outback Futures, HeadYakka program in the Flinders Shire.

CARRIED 7/0

### 2.04.02 HUGHENDEN STATE SCHOOL – BEAUTIFICATION

**Background** – Council received an email from the Hughenden State School asking for Council to consider creating a garden on the School's side of the Zebra Crossing on Moran Street.

Councillors to raise this topic at the next celebrative School's Meeting that is held to discuss a design and plan.

**Noted** – Information only

### 2.04.03 TOURISM PRODUCT PROPOSAL – HUGHENDEN FOSSICKING SITE

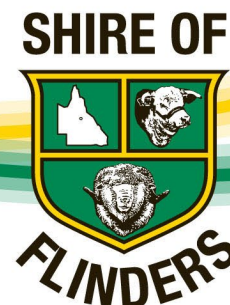
**Background** – Due to the impact of Covid-19, Outback Queensland is expecting an increase in visitor numbers for the 2021, particularly from travelling families. Council has been working hard to identify additional tourism product opportunities within Hughenden and surrounding areas of the Shire to encourage visitors to stay in the region for longer.

Council has been offered a generous donation from the Wieben family for the tailings from their Gypsum quarry. The tailing is rich with moonrocks, gypsum crystals and cretaceous fossils. It is proposed that Council utilise this donation to establish a fossick site within Hughenden township. The proposed location for the fossick site is behind the Hughenden Showgrounds. The budget for the project for transportation of materials, site clean-up and signage is \$5000, which is within existing Council operations budget.

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This proposed project ties in with our positioning and marketing as one of the three destinations on the Australian Dinosaur Trail.

Ongoing monitoring of the site will occur to evaluate the project, and review whether it is achieving the desired outcome.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council to approve the location of the fossick site for the 2021 Tourist Season behind the Hughenden Showgrounds, and the project budget of \$5,000.00 to pay for the transportation of materials, site clean-up and signage.

#### Resolution No: 3167

**Moved** Cr Arthur Bode

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

That Council to approve the location of the fossick site for the 2021 Tourist Season behind the Hughenden Showgrounds, and the project budget of \$5,000.00 to pay for the transportation of materials, site clean-up and signage. Further a thank you letter be written to Wieben Earthmoving for their generous offer.

CARRIED 7/0

#### COMMUNITY CARE – FEES AND CHARGES

**Background** – Concerns from the Community Care clients and their families have been raised in relation to the rise in package fees. They seem higher compared to other service providers in the Western Queensland region. The ACQSC (Commission) has reviewed Council's Fees & Charges and process and have advised that they meet the requirements.

**Noted** – Information Only

#### HUGHENDEN STATE SCHOOL - STUDENTS

**Background** – The question has been raised in relation to when the Senior Students from Hughenden State School will be able to attend the Council Meetings again. Discussion held.

**Noted** – Information only

#### PREVIOUS AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNER

**Background** – A member of the public has written to Council raising concern that a previous Australia Day Award winner now has a criminal conviction, and will Council revoke their awards. Discussion held.

**Noted** – Information only



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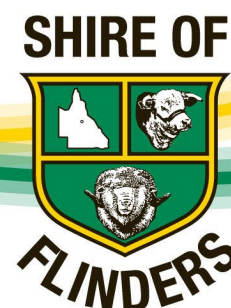
Nil Items tabled

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#### 4. PROPOSED MEETING CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	MEETING VENUE	TOPIC
Monday 18 January 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	DEC Meeting Room	Briefing
Tuesday 19 January 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	DEC Meeting Room	Council Meeting
Monday 15 February 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	DEC Meeting Room	Briefing
Tuesday 16 February 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	DEC Meeting Room	Council Meeting
Monday 15 March 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	DEC Meeting Room	Briefing
Tuesday 16 March 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	DEC Meeting Room	Council Meeting
Monday 19 April 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	DEC Meeting Room	Briefing
Tuesday 20 April 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	DEC Meeting Room	Council Meeting
Monday 17 May 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Thursday 20 May 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting
Monday 14 June 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Tuesday 15 June 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting
Monday 19 July 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Tuesday 20 July 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting
Monday 16 August 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Tuesday 17 August 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting
Monday 20 September 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Tuesday 21 September 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting
Monday 18 October 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Tuesday 19 October 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting
Monday 15 November 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Tuesday 16 November 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting
Monday 13 December 2021	9:00am – 2:00pm	McNamara Boardroom	Briefing
Tuesday 14 December 2021	9:00am – 12:30pm	McNamara Boardroom	Council Meeting

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The meeting closed at 10.55am

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Jane McNamara  
Mayor  
Flinders Shire Council

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