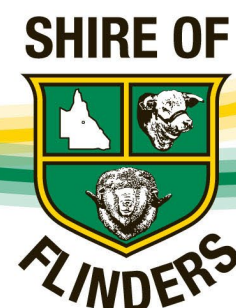


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1. OPENING BUSINESS

Cr Kate Peddle (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 Kate Peddle
Nicole Flute
Kelly Carter
Kerry Wells
Peter Fornasier
Shane McCarthy
Kim Middleton

Staff

Bruce Davidson – Interim Chief Executive Officer
Misenka Duong - Director of Engineering
Melanie Wicks – Director of Corporate & Financial Services
Barbra Smith – Director of Community Services & Wellbeing
Jackie Coleman – Executive Support Officer

School Students

Nil

1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mayor Kate Peddle – Maternity Leave 30/08/2024 – 01/01/2025

Resolution No: 4023

Moved Cr Kelly Carter

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

That Mayor Cr Kate Peddle be granted Leave of Absence from Council duties from 30/08/2024 to 01/01/2025.

CARRIED 6/0

1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 June 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Resolution No: 4024

Moved Mayor Kate Peddle

Seconded Cr Kelly Carter

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 26 June 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

CARRIED 7/0

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and

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 05 July 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

Resolution No: 4025

Moved Cr Kerry Wells

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held 05 July 2024 be taken as read and signed as correct.

CARRIED 7/0

Confirmed Minutes

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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.
 - v.

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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 cannot 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.

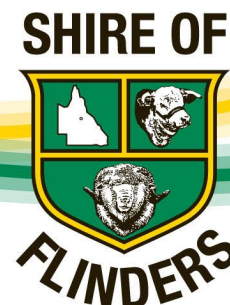
Note: None of the above will be considered, discussed, voted on or made during a closed session.

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

Nil

1.8 RECOGNITIONS

Service Awards:

- Frank (Chubby) Townley – 45 years
- Elton Bounghi – 30 years
- Tegan Johnson – 15 years
- Raechelle Denne – 15 years
- Kevin Lloyd – 10 years
- Sue Lloyd – 10 years
- Cecille Millwood – 5 years

1.9 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Flinders Shire Council would like to acknowledge our Local First Nations People as well as the Yirendali people as the 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 Kate Peddle

- Council Reserve Auction – 27/06/2024
- Local Laws Workshop – 03/07/2024
- NWQROC Meeting – 05/07/2024
- Emergency Services – 05/07/2024
- Special Council Meeting – 05/07/2024
- Copper String Ground Breaking Event – 09/07/2024
- RRG Meeting – 08/07/2024
- Robbie Katter Briefing – 09/07/2024
- Powerlink – 09/07/2024
- NQSF – 22/07/2024

Councillor Kelly Carter

- Budget Workshop – 20/06/2024
- Showgrounds User Group – 20/06/2024
- Budget Workshop – 24/06/2024
- Budget Workshop – 25/06/2024
- Local Laws Workshop – 03/07/2024

Deputy Mayor Nicole Flute

- Council Reserve Auction – 27/06/2024
- Saleyards Master Plan Meeting – 01/07/2024
- Local Laws Workshop – 03/07/2024
- NWQROC – 05/07/2024
- Special Council Meeting – 05/07/2024
- Townsville Enterprise – 08/07/2024
- CopperString Ground Breaking Event – 09/07/2024
- Robbie Katter Briefing – 09/07/2024
- Community Cabinet – 10/07/2024
- NQSF Advisory – 11/07/2024
- Economic Development Meeting – 11/07/2024
- Can – 23/07/2024

Councillor Shane McCarthy

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- Special Council Meeting – 05/07/2024
- CopperString Ground Breaking Event – 09/07/2024
- Robbie Katter Briefing – 09/07/2024
- Economic Development and Business Advisory Group Meetings – 11/07/2024

Councillor Kerry Wells

- Saleyards Master Plan Meeting – 01/07/2024
- Local Laws Workshop – 03/07/2024
- Special Council Meeting – 05/07/2024
- Townsville Enterprise – 08/07/2024
- Economic Development Meeting – 11/07/2024
- Community Development Meeting – 11/07/2024
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- Robbie Katter Briefing – 09/07/2024
- Powerlink – 11/07/2024
- CSIRO Landscape Restoration – 16/07/2024
- QRIDA – 18/07/2024
- Critical Minerals – 22/07/2024

Councillor Peter Fornasier

- Budget Workshop – 20/06/2024
- Showgrounds User Group Meeting – 20/06/2024
- Budget Workshop – 25/06/2024
- Saleyards Master Plan Meeting – 01/07/2024
- Chamber of Commerce – 01/07/2024
- Local Laws Workshop – 03/07/2024
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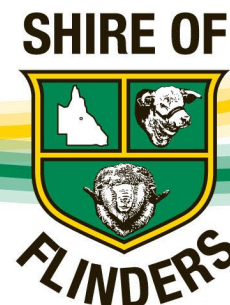
Councillor Kim Middleton

- Budget Workshop – 25/06/2024
- Council Reserves Auction – 27/06/2024
- Local Laws Workshop – 03/07/2024
- Special Council Meeting – 05/07/2024

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2. REPORTS

2.01 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.01.01 WESTERN QUEENSLAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WQLGA)

Background – On Thursday 27 June 2024 a WQLGA Special Meeting was held to make a decision on winding up the Association. Legal advice was sought from King and Co Lawyers on the process to follow and the distribution of cash assets.

Minutes of the WQLGA Special Meeting have been provided advising that it was resolved to wind up the Association and evenly distribute the cash at bank between the 12 member Councils, with each council to receive \$7,154.94.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council receive and note the Western Queensland Local Government Association Special Meeting Minutes as provided.

Noted

Attendance – I Cr Kelly Carter declare that I have a Prescribed Conflict of Interest to item 2.01.02 titled Carter Sheds Pty Ltd (as defined by Section 150EG of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the applicant of the Boundary Relaxation Application and left the meeting at 9:11am taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting

Attendance – Misenka Duong left the meeting at 9:11am for personal reasons

2.01.02 CARTER SHEDS PTY LTD

Background – At Councils Ordinary Meeting held on 12 March 2024 Council resolved to approve the Boundary Relaxation Application submitted by Carter Sheds Pty Ltd for property owned by S & C Wieben, land described as Lot 2-4 Stansfield Street, Hughenden (53 on H2032) with the following conditions:

1. The structure be constructed in accordance with the following plans:
 - a) Plan No. CS270224JW dated 27 February 2024
 - b) Plan No. HUGH02-5071 Rev A
2. The proposed Carport be set back at least 1.5m from the front boundary.
3. Screening Landscaping along the entire interface between the carport and Stansfield Street be planted and maintained using plant species as prescribed in Schedule 6.3 Preferred plant species planning scheme policy. This landscaping is to be at least 1m deep (i.e. front to rear).
4. All vehicle access into the carport is to be via the rear utilising the existing driveway access into the property.

Following an inspection by Council it was noticed that a new concrete driveway crossover had been installed in front of the dwelling and shed which does not meet Condition 4 of the approval. Carter Sheds were advised of this non-compliance on 06 June 2024.

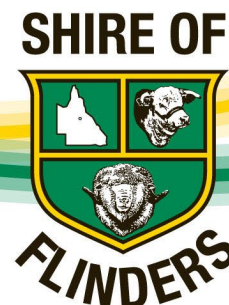
Carter Sheds Pty Ltd have now written to Council acknowledging non-compliance and are seeking consideration for the concrete crossover to remain in the current position as they consider that there would be no danger to entering vehicles from crossing the path of traffic coming from Station Creek.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council receive the letter from Carter Sheds Pty Ltd and advise that the concrete crossover can remain in place as constructed.

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Attendance – Cr Kerry Wells left the meeting at 9:24am for personal reasons

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Moved Cr Shane McCarthy

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

That Council receive the letter from Carter Sheds Pty Ltd and respond to them to advise that the concrete crossover can remain in place as constructed and remind them of their obligations and compliance under the Planning Scheme.

Section 150FA (2)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*

For a matter to which the prescribed conflict of interest or declarable conflict of interest relates - the name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter, and how each eligible councillor voted.

Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Mayor Cr. Kate Peddle, Deputy Mayor Cr. Nicole Flute, Cr Kerry Wells, Cr. Peter Fornasier, Cr. Shane McCarthy, and Cr. Kim Middleton.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

CARRIED 5/0

Attendance – Cr Kerry Wells returned to the meeting at 9:26am

Attendance – Cr Kelly Carter returned to the meeting at 9:29am

Attendance – Misenka Duong returned to the meeting at 9:29am

2.01.03

15 MILE IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - PROPOSED SALE OF LOT 1 ON SP 307190

Purpose of Report

Lot 1 on SP 307190 is the second lot of the 15 Mile Irrigated Agricultural Development Project for high value agriculture.

Council at its Ordinary Meeting held 16 May 2023, resolved to dispose of the lot by public tender subject to specific development conditions. Whilst tender documentation was developed, no further action was taken.

Given both the time elapsed since that resolution and the election of a new Council, the proposal to sell the lot was again presented to the Council for their consideration at their ordinary meeting held 26 June 2024. At this meeting Council resolved that in preparation for Councils future sale of Lot 1 on SP307190 the Interim Chief Executive Officer is to investigate and report back to Council on the 'defined purposes of use and the water availability'.

This report addresses the issues requested in the 26 June 2024 resolution. It also provides further background and data relating to the 15 Mile Irrigated Agricultural Development Project.

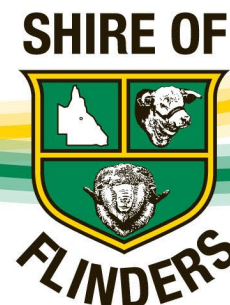
Background

The 15 Mile project is a coordinated project under the Queensland Governments Department of State Development and Infrastructure.

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The objectives and benefits of the Project include:

1. For the Council to be able to promote Flinders Shire as a center for private sector investment in high value agricultural development
2. For the Council to be able to demonstrate leadership in the development of new industry which is crucial to improve the employment prospects for current and future residents of Flinders Shire

The project objectives align with the CSIRO's 2013 report, Agricultural Resource Assessment for the Flinders Catchment as part of the North Queensland Irrigated Agriculture Strategy (NQIAS). The report identified that the Flinders Catchment has potential to support significant areas of irrigated agricultural development however, there is more soil suited to irrigation than there is water to irrigate it.

The documentation on the Coordinator-General's website, available to potential investors in the scheme, provides detailed research data on water availability and land suitability. The data predicted the following employment benefits to Flinders Shire:

- On average 77 ongoing FTE for initial operations
- On average 165 ongoing FTE under full production
- Increases in FTE equivalent to 21% of FSC workforce

Site Development

Council purchased the 918ha site at 15 Mile in November 2015 for \$257,528.00 and subdivided it into two lots:

Area	Size(hectares)	Useable area for irrigation.(Hectares)	Current Use
Lot 1	449.1	180 Est.	Agistment Note -may be terminated with 7 days notice by either party
Lot 2	468.0	130 Est.	Domestic Grapes
Total	917.1	310ha-CG Website	

Council entered into a Deed of Development for lot 2 in November 2018 for the development of vines for domestic grapes. Lot 2 was purchased for \$330,000.00.

At that point in time Council had expended \$1.4m on land purchase, research into water availability, drilling, land suitability assessments, project applications etc. This did not include the later purchase of a GAB license (720ML) for \$1m. The Deed provided for the Developer's estimated costs at approx. \$17m.

Definition of High Value Agriculture

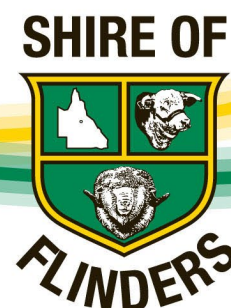
This term is not specifically defined in the Coordinator General's Project approval or the DA for the first Development, however the land suitability reports, water usage analysis and project approvals for the coordinated project refer only to the following 3 crops:

- Table grapes 110 hectares.
- Citrus 150 Hectares.
- Avocados 50 Hectare

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Water Availability

The Coordinator Generals Evaluation Report estimated the total development would require up to 3,395ML per annum and defined the sources of water as follows:

Source	Volume	Reliability
Bores exploiting the shallow alluvial aquifer located more than 1 km from the Flinders River	1,038 ML	High reliability
Direct pumping from the Flinders River or bores exploiting the shallow alluvium located less than 1 km from the river	450 ML	High reliability
Bore 1 exploiting the Hutton Great Artesian Basin (GAB) formation	720 ML	High reliability
		Total high reliability 2,208 ML
Farm dam to harvest overland flow	220-250 ML	Medium reliability
Water-harvesting Flinders River (Stage 1) ring-tank storage	500 ML	Medium reliability
Water-harvesting Flinders River (Stage 2) ring-tank storage	500 ML	Medium reliability
		Total Medium Reliability 1,250ML
Total	3,458ML	

Clause 15.1 of the Development Deed for the Lot 2 Grape Farm provided that Council will provide the following water resources for the ongoing operation of the project:

- Access to 450 ML per annum from Council's current licence with such access to be on an annual basis an extendable by the developer up to a total duration of 15 years.
- Alluvial ground water of up to 1100ML ML per annum as required by the Developer.
- Access up to 500ML per annum from the 720 ML Great Artesian Basin licence currently being applied for by Council.

The Deed provides for the Developer to construct the bore for the GAB water by April 2023 and for Council to have the right to use the bore to access the 220ML balance of the entitlement.

Council obtained the GAB licence for 720ML in April 2020 for \$1m payable over 10 years.

The Developer was required to sink the bore by April 2023. As this deadline was not met Council as the owner of the licence has sought an extension of 6 months. A decision on the application is still pending.

The GAB bore has now been constructed but the water is awaiting testing.

Original approvals advised that GAB water is not always suitable for irrigation and may need to be mixed with alluvial water.

Actual Water Harvested

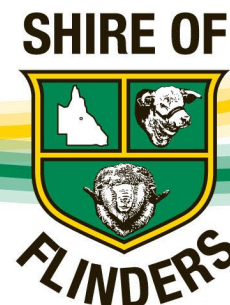
The alluvial aquifer located 1km from the river (1038ml- free water) has not produced the yields predicted by the Hydrologists studies:

- Hydrologists predicted yields—18litres /second
- Initial actual yields-10litres/second
- Current yields 5litres/second

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Developer advises this source of water is supplying only 200ML per annum against the estimated 1038ML per annum.

In September 2022 the Developer wrote to Council highlighting this issue and seeking alternative sources of water.

In September 2023 Council entered into an agreement to provide an additional 500ML from within the 1km radius of the river on a 10 year seasonal licence at \$30 per ML per annum.

The current available maximum supply for lot 2 is 1650ml per annum. Required at full production-320 acres at 6ml per acre is 1920ml per annum.

Water sources for Lot 1

The potential sources for Lot 1 is the 220ML unallocated balance from the GAB licence and the 1250 ml of Off stream Storages nominated in the Coordinator-General's approval.

The economics of the off stream storages for a single investor is questionable as is the reliability of such a source.

The Business case for Council's OSS (WaterBank) sought to provide a reliable source of water for the current development on lot 2 as well as future developments on Lot 1.

Without the Water bank project, the only guaranteed water source for Lot 1 –the 2nd stage of the Irrigation for Agriculture Project is the unallocated 220ml from the GAB licence.

Note-The Water Bank project was not proposed as part of the original 15 Mile Irrigation for Agriculture Project.

The Coordinator-Generals report detailed the requirements for the remaining crops of the project as:-

Crop	Area -Hectares	Annual requirement - ML
Citrus	150	1350
Avocado	50	560
Totals	200	1910

It is possible Council may be able to reallocate some of the water planned for the now paused OSS however the Business case shows this is expensive to harvest.

Conclusion

The Coordinated Project specifies high value agriculture -Grapes, Avocados and Citrus.

There is insufficient reliable water supply available to meet the water requirements for these prescribed crops.

The available water for the stage 1 development has been less than originally prescribed and not sufficient to satisfy needs when production is at it maximum.

Officer's Recommendation -

1. That Council not proceed for the time being with the sale of Lot 1 of the 15 Mile Irrigation for Agriculture project due to the shortage of a reliable water supply to fulfill the development conditions prescribed for the project

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2. That the unallocated 220ML of the GAB licence for the sites be held in obedience pending the review of future water requirements for the existing development on Lot 2.
3. That the Interim Chief Executive Officer confer with the Office of the Coordinator General in regard to the possible future uses of Lot 1 given the apparent lack of water for irrigation as originally perceived for the 15 Mile Project

Resolution No: 4027

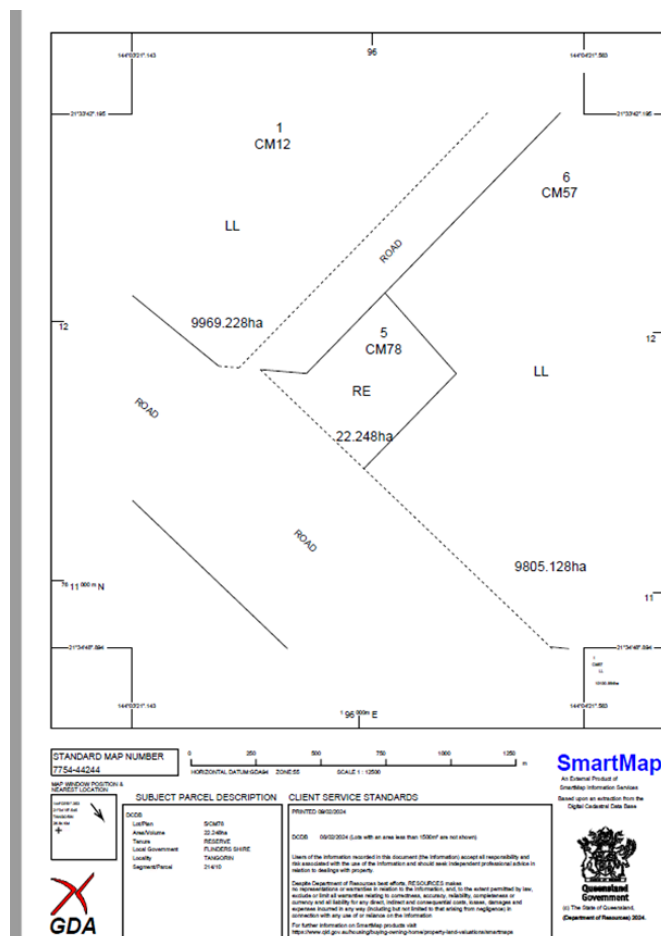
Moved Cr Shane McCarthy

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

1. That Council not proceed for the time being with the sale of Lot 1 of the 15 Mile Irrigation for Agriculture project due to the shortage of a reliable water supply to fulfill the development conditions prescribed for the project
2. That the unallocated 220ML of the GAB licence for the sites be held in obedience pending the review of future water requirements for the existing development on Lot 2.
3. That the Interim Chief Executive Officer confer with the Office of the Coordinator General in regard to the possible future uses of Lot 1 given the apparent lack of water for irrigation as originally perceived for the 15 Mile Project
4. That the Interim Chief Executive Officer investigate the potential uses for Councils other water licences and report back to a future council meeting

CARRIED 7/0

Background - The Department of Resources is offering for Council to take trusteeship of the Reserve Lot 5 on CM78, Tangorin Road. This Lot is a water-purposed reserve with an unknown trustee. Council currently manages the area and bore on this reserve.



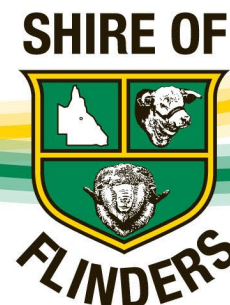
Officer's Recommendation – That Council advise the Department of Resources that they decline the offer to take trusteeship of Reserve Lot 5 on CM78 as it does not correspond with Councils responsibilities and resources and that the upkeep of the region and bore may proceed without the requirement of trusteeship.

CARRIED 7/0

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2.01.05 CONNECTING QUEENSLAND (QCN) – OPTIC FIBRE INSTALLATION

Background – Council has received a Land Access and Activity Notice (LAAN) for an optic fibre build proposed to be constructed in Hughenden between 01 July to 30 November 2024, which is part of the CopperString 2032 Project where QCN is provisioning digital connectivity to the CopperString workers accommodation site.

Proposed Project Location and Details:

- Resolution Street – from Hughenden Railway Station to Moran Street
- Moran Street – between Swanson Street and Flinders Street
- Swanson Street – at the intersection of Moran Street and Alyss Street
- Alyss Street – between Saleyards Road and Swanson Street
- Flinders Street – between Moran Street and Brodie Street
- Brodie Street – between Flinders Street and Gray Street
- Gray Street – between Brodie Street and Hardwicke Street
- Winton Road – between Earl Street and Hardwicke Street
- Un-named Road – between Winton Road and the south-west corner of Lot 26 on RP704798 and Disraeli Street at the south-east corner of Lot 101 on RP704798
- Disraeli Street – from the south-west corner of Lot 126 on RP704798 to un-named haul road at the south-west corner of Lot 134 on RP704798
- Betts Street -between Richmond Hill Drive and Churchill Street
- Churchill Street – between Betts Street and Alyss Street

The construction will involve directional drilling to minimise disruption to residents and existing infrastructure. QNC will be distributing letterbox drops to property owners that will be affected by the works occurring adjacent to their properties and will also provide social media material to inform the wider community about the proposed works.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council receive and note the Land Access and Activity Notice from Connecting Queensland (QCN).

Resolution No: 4029

Moved Cr Nicole Flute

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

That Council receive and note the Land Access and Activity Notice from Connecting Queensland (QCN).

CARRIED 7/0

2.01.06 STREET CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024

Background – In past years the Hughenden Chamber of Commerce has hosted the Hughenden Street Christmas Party with a Council financial donation of \$10,000.00 towards entertainment. The event is to provide for the community to come together and celebrate the festive season, while also encouraging supporting local businesses and buying local.

The Hughenden Chamber of Commerce have advised Council that they are no longer in a position to host this valuable community event due to declining member numbers.

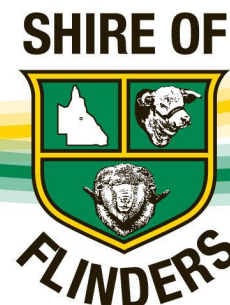
Council consideration to the benefits of this community event needs to be investigated and discussed.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council consider the benefits of the Street Christmas Party to the community and local businesses and investigate the continuance of this event.

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Resolution No: 4030

Moved Cr Kerry Wells

Seconded Cr Kelly Carter

That Council write to the Hughenden Chamber of Commerce to thank them for all their hard work and commitment to running the Christmas Street Party and advise that Council will assume responsibility for the party which will be held on Friday 06 December 2024.

CARRIED 7/0

2.01.07 FLINDERS SPAR HUGHENDEN SUPERMARKET

Background – The Flinders Spar Hughenden Supermarket has written to council seeking permission to install a trolley rack on the footpath outside the supermarket, as per the attached letter. The rack specifications will be approximately 5 meters long by 1 meter wide and will be secured to the concrete footpath. The trolleys will be stored in the rack during business hours only.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council offer no objection to the Flinders Spar Hughenden Supermarket installing a trolley rack on the footpath outside the supermarket, as per the location and specifications advised.

Resolution No: 4031

Moved Cr Kerry Wells

Seconded Cr Shane McCarthy

That Council offer no objection to the Flinders Spar Hughenden Supermarket installing a trolley rack on the footpath outside the supermarket, as per the location and specifications advised.

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance – I Cr Kim Middleton declare that I have a Declarable Conflict of Interest to item 2.01.08 titled Hughenden Saleyards Master Plan (as defined by Section 150EN of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to my son Clancy Middleton Jnr being the lease holder of the Hughenden Saleyards and left the meeting at 10:21am taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting

2.01.08 HUGHENDEN SALEYARDS MASTERPLAN

Background – Resulting from a tender process, Council in May 2021 entered into a lease for the management of the Hughenden Saleyards.

Clause 5.4 of the lease provided that:

- the saleyards were important facilities for the economic development of the Flinders local government area.
- That the parties to the lease will cooperate to produce a "Strategic Plan" for the operation and development of the Saleyards thus ensuring the facilities are used for the maximum benefit of Flinders Shire Local Government area.
- The Strategic Plan once completed will form part of the Saleyards Lease.
- Council's obligation to implementing the capital improvements in the Strategic Plan is limited by the expenditure that Council, at its absolute discretion, elects to apply having regard to its annual budget.

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Development of Master Plan

AEC Group Limited were engaged to produce the Hughenden Saleyards Masterplan ((The Strategic Plan)).

Their process followed:

- Stakeholder engagement to understand current issues, challenges, opportunities and risks.
- Understand the current cattle market and compare the performance of the saleyards against competitors including throughputs.
- Concept design and masterplan that supports the vision of the key stakeholders, facility users and Council.

The Masterplan provides a possible list of capital works improvements totaling \$14.7M.

AEC's financial assessment examines the net profitability of the Saleyards over a 20year period using two different scenarios:

- Business as usual with no realisation of the masterplan
- Realisation of the masterplan

A copy of the AEC Masterplan is included for Council's consideration.

Council's 2024/25 Budget Allocations

Council in its previous year's budget had an allocation of \$800,000 (\$500,000 TMR grant, \$300,000 Council own funds) towards improvements at the Saleyards.

The works proposed from these funds included:

- Repairs to existing loading ramp
- Repairs to the dip, associated drainage and shade structures to dip yards
- Drainage to the yards
- Upgrades to railway loading ramp
- Construction of additional large spelling yards
- Construction of a hay shed
- Road construction and sealing
- Concrete pad for length of loading walkway
- An unloading ramp at the new spelling yards

The total project was not completed by 30th June 2024.

A figure of \$405,000 has been recommitted in the 2024/25 budget to complete repairs to the dip, and Items 6-9 above. No further capital funds were committed in the 2024/25 Budget towards any of the works listed in the Masterplan.

The Way Forward

Council needs to determine its approach to the masterplan.

The two financial assessment scenarios are at opposite ends of the spectrum—just maintain existing operations or undertake all improvements.

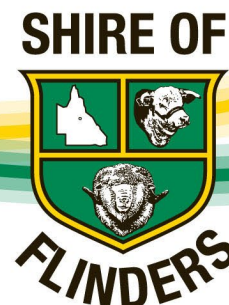
The solution most likely lies somewhere in between - prioritise key items of agreed capital improvements in anticipation of the next grant opportunity.

Note: the Masterplan Financial Assessment Scenario 2 is based on any future capital works being funded - 80% Grant funds with 20% Council Funds.

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Officers Recommendation - That the AEC's Hughenden Saleyards Masterplan be received and that the Plan be referred to a future Council workshop to review and prioritise the proposed list of capital works that could be included in a future grant funding opportunity.

Attendance – Cr Kelly Carter left the meeting at 10:34am for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 10:36am

Attendance – Cr Kerry Wells left the meeting at 10:43am for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 10:45am

Resolution No: 4032

Moved Mayor Kate Peddle

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

That the AEC's Hughenden Saleyards Masterplan be received and that the Plan be referred to a future Council workshop to review and prioritise the proposed list of capital works that could be included in a future grant funding opportunity.

Section 150FA (2)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009

For a matter to which the prescribed conflict of interest or declarable conflict of interest relates - the name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter, and how each eligible councillor voted.

Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Mayor Cr. Kate Peddle, Deputy Mayor Cr. Nicole Flute, Cr. Kelly Carter, Cr Kerry Wells, Cr. Peter Fornasier and Cr. Shane McCarthy.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

CARRIED 6/0

Attendance – Cr Kim Middleton returned to the meeting at 10:50am

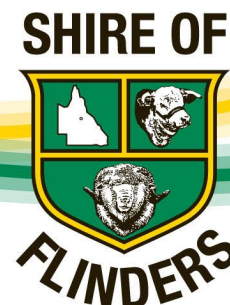
Attendance – Cr Nicole Flute left the meeting at 10:51am for personal reasons

Attendance - Barbra Smith left the meeting at 10:51am for personal reasons

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2.01.09 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Background – As discussed with Councillors at a budget workshop, a review of Council's Functional Structure has been undertaken based on regulatory/compliance requirements and improving operational effectiveness with the following changes being proposed to support these:

- Creation of a Governance and Regulatory Services team under Corporate & Financial Services incorporating:
 - Governance
 - Local Laws Administration
 - Workplace Health and Safety
 - Rural Lands
 - Disaster Management
 - Environmental Health
 - Compliance Administration
- Implementation of a dedicated Training and Development resource under Office of the CEO/HR
- Implementation of a dedicated Media and Grants resource under Community Services & Wellbeing

Council has budgeted for four new positions to support these changes.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council adopt the proposed amended Functional Structure Chart, as presented and published on Council's website.

Attendance – Cr Nicole Flute returned to the meeting at 10:53am

Resolution No: 4033

Moved Cr Kelly Carter

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

That Council adopt the proposed amended Functional Structure Chart, as presented and published on Council's website.

CARRIED 7/0

2.01.10 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL AND HUGHENDEN IRRIGATION PROJECT CORPORATION PTY LTD

Background - Council at a Special Meeting on the 3rd June 2024 resolved:

"That the Interim CEO be requested to report to a future Council meeting in regard to possible mechanisms to facilitate ongoing cooperation between HIPCo and Council."

The objectives of Council and HIPCo seeking to facilitate ongoing cooperation related to the proposal to work collaboratively to research and advocate for optimal economic and community outcomes in harvesting and utilising water resources within the Flinders Shire.

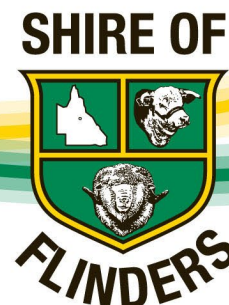
Preferred Mechanism for ongoing cooperation

The preferred mechanism to guide the cooperation between the two organizations is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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The MOU is intended to guide the co-operative arrangements between the parties but does not impose any binding legal obligations on either party.

The proposed MOU is attached for Council's consideration.

The Board of HIPCo have agreed to the proposed wording.

Officer's Recommendation - That Council agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hughenden Irrigation Project Corporation Pty Ltd (HIPCo) and that the Interim Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the provided MOU.

Resolution No: 4034

Moved Cr Kerry Wells

Seconded Cr Peter Fornasier

That Council agree to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Hughenden Irrigation Project Corporation Pty Ltd (HIPCo) and that the Interim Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the provided MOU.

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance – Cr Kerry Wells left the meeting at 10:59am for personal reasons

2.01.11 FUNDING FOR COUNCIL'S OFF STREAM STORAGE PROJECT - WATER BANK

Background - On 18 June 2024 Council met with Linda Dobe Director-General Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water to discuss the Council's Water Bank Project.

At an estimated cost of \$60m the State Government had committed \$25.6 m towards construction of the project subject to securing a matching funding commitment from the Australian Government.

The Australian Government in the May 2024 Federal Budget made no provision for the Water Bank funding.

The Director-General has now written to Council advising of the funding gap by the Australian Governments and indicating there did not appear to be a pathway forward for the project to proceed at this time.

Further, with the State Government now embarking upon the Gulf Water Resource Plan Review in conjunction with the Gulf Regional Water Assessment, the Director-General has requested Council provide a formal position on the Water Bank project.

A copy of the Director-General's letter is attached.

Council's Position

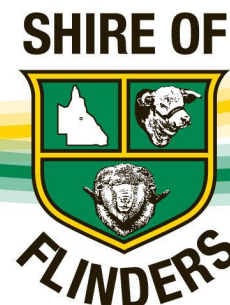
Council is committed to achieving the optimal economic and community outcomes from harvesting and utilising water resources within the Flinders Shire.

To this end it has joined forces with the Hughenden Irrigation Project (HIPCo) for the purposes of researching and advocating in this regard and will be actively engaging with HIPCo in the two State Government water reviews impacting upon the Flinders Shire.

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The Water Bank project remains an option given the existing water allocations held by Council and the progress to date in both design and business cases.

Given the current reviews and the potential to improve how water is allocated and managed in the Gulf region It may not however prove to be the most economical, viable or productive solution.

The Council is open to exploring other possible options to either the HIPCo project or the Water Bank Project but does not have the resources required for such expansive but vital research.

Council would therefore seek the financial support from the State that would enable Council in partnership with HIPCo to undertake research to develop the optimum outcomes for this Shire and its community emanating from the efficient harvesting and use of the water resources.

Officer's Recommendation - That the Director-General be advised of Council's position on the Water Bank project and the objectives generally in regard to water resources, as detailed in the Interim Chief Executive Officers report.

Resolution No: 4035

Moved Mayor Kate Peddle

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

That the Director-General be advised of Council's position on the Water Bank project and the objectives generally in regard to water resources, as detailed in the Interim Chief Executive Officers report.

CARRIED 6/0

Attendance – Cr Kelly Carter left the room at 11:01am for personal reasons

Attendance – Cr Kerry Wells returned to the meeting at 11:01am

Attendance – Bruce Davidson left the meeting at 11:01am for personal reasons

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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 meetings. Monthly financial reports consist of:

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

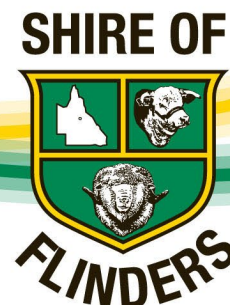
The following is a summary of the financial results as at 30 June 2024:

1. Statement of Comprehensive Income	
Total Recurrent Revenue	28,448,927
Total Recurrent Expenditure	34,869,351
Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	(6,420,424)
Total Capital Income	4,381,979
Total Capital Expense	-
Net Result - Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,038,446)
2. Statement of Financial Position	
Total Current Assets	43,028,014
Total Non-Current Assets	275,785,956
Total Assets	318,813,970
Total Current Liabilities	5,305,180
Total Non-Current Liabilities	8,525,209
Total Liabilities	13,830,389
Net Community Assets	304,983,582
Asset Revaluation Surplus	116,783,769
Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)	188,199,812
Total Community Equity	304,983,582
3. Cash Flow Statement	
Cash at the beginning of the period	45,232,658
Total Payments Received	33,365,028
Total Payments Made	(40,751,636)
Cash at the end of the period	37,846,051

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Officer's Recommendation – That in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receives and approves the financial report, which includes the following statements, for the period ending 30 June 2024.

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

Resolution No: 4036

Moved Cr Kerry Wells

Seconded Cr Shane McCarthy

That in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council receives and approves the financial report, which includes the following statements, for the period ending 30 June 2024.

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

CARRIED 6/0

Attendance – Bruce Davidson returned to the meeting at 11:04am

Attendance – Cr Kelly Carter returned to the meeting at 11:04am

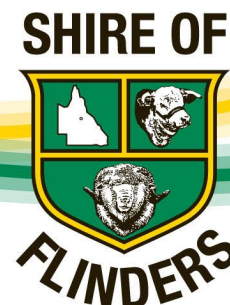
Attendance – Barbra Smith returned to the meeting at 11:10am

Attendance – Bruce Davidson left the meeting at 11:19am for personal reasons

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2.03 ENGINEERING

2.03.01 WINDLAB – PRAIRIE WIND FARM – MET MONITORING MAST

Background – At Council's Ordinary Meeting held on 17 January 2023, Council offered no objection to Windlab to erect a temporary wind monitoring mast on Lot 7 on WOU838244, Glentor, Prairie Road, Prairie. Windlab are now seeking Council's consent to erect three temporary met masts for the Wongalee Wind Farm on Lot 4 on WNG27 - 32161 Kennedy Developmental Road, Porcupine.

These masts will be used to assess the suitability of developing a wind farm in this area. The masts will consist of a guyed lattice structure not exceeding 150m in height. Guy wires will be attached at 12m intervals up the tower and be tethered to anchor points concreted in the ground. The 150m mast will be essentially the same with an additional 10, 3 metre sections.

The mast is initially proposed for wind farm investigations for a period up to 3 - 5 years. Should the site prove viable, a Development Approval aligned with State Code 23 will be submitted to the State Assessment Referral Agency (SARA) for the wind farm. This request may include the retention of the masts for operational monitoring purposes.

Frank Andrews, Town Planner advised that a Council Development Application was not required provided there were no state government referrals. The Department of Resources advised that based on the data supplied to him, he has confirmed that if the clearing is less than 2ha in a category B area containing least concern or grassland regional ecosystems, not involve the clearing of essential habitat and over 100m from a watercourse or drainage feature, the clearing qualifies as exempt development.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council consent for Windlab to erect three temporary wind monitoring masts on Lot 4 on WNG27 - 32161 Kennedy Developmental Road, Porcupine.

Attendance – Bruce Davidson returned to the meeting at 11:21am

Resolution No: 4037

Moved Cr Kelly Carter

Seconded Cr Shane McCarthy

That Council consent for Windlab to erect three temporary wind monitoring masts on Lot 4 on WNG27 - 32161 Kennedy Developmental Road, Porcupine.

CARRIED 7/0

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2.03.02 REQUEST TO OBTAIN GRAVEL – TOWNLEY CONTRACTING PTY LTD

Background – Council has received a Business and Investors Incentives Application from Townley Contracting Pty Ltd requesting an allocation of gravel, up to a total of 5,000 tonnes to support the development of a shed to accommodate plant and equipment for their business on a block that was recently purchased at 66 Swanson Street, Hughenden.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council approve the request from Townley Contracting Pty Ltd to obtain gravel subject to the following conditions:

- Must only be utilised for a level gravel base at 66 Swanson Street, Hughenden
- Gravel must be taken from within the bounds of the Aerodrome Pit as given in Flinders Shire Council's Quarry Management Plan
- The landholder is responsible for all work involved with the winning and cartage of the gravel from the pit to their property
- The maximum amount of gravel to be taken is 5,000 tonnes. Any unused gravel to be returned to Council at landholders expense
- The landholder must keep a record of weighbridge dockets tallying the total amount of gravel taken and provide to Council upon completion
- Statutory declaration to be signed to agree not to on-sell gravel

Resolution No: 4038

Moved Cr Shane McCarthy

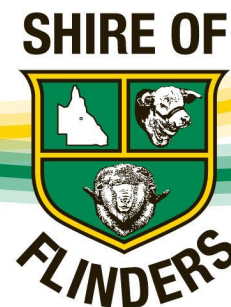
Seconded Cr Kelly Carter

That Council approve the request from Townley Contracting Pty Ltd to obtain gravel subject to the following conditions:

- Must only be utilised for a level gravel base at 66 Swanson Street, Hughenden
- Gravel must be taken from within the bounds of the Aerodrome Pit as given in Flinders Shire Council's Quarry Management Plan
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- Statutory declaration to be signed to agree not to on-sell gravel

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2.03.03 REQUEST TO OBTAIN GRAVEL – FOURTEEN HOLDINGS PTY LTD

Background – Council has received a Business and Investors Incentives Application from Fourteen Holdings Pty Ltd requesting an allocation of gravel up to a total of 5,000 tonnes to level industrial blocks to allow for commencement of fencing, power and access as the blocks need to be levelled to allow for development. The business will be on blocks on Lot 33 – 35 Sharkey Street, Hughenden.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council approve the request from Fourteen Holdings Pty Ltd to obtain gravel subject to the following conditions:

- Must only be utilised for a level gravel base on Lots 33 – 35 Sharkey Street, Hughenden
- Gravel must be taken from within the bounds of the Aerodrome Pit as given in Flinders Shire Council's Quarry Management Plan
- The landholder is responsible for all work involved with the winning and cartage of the gravel from the pit to their property
- The maximum amount of gravel to be taken is 5,000 tonnes. Any unused gravel to be returned to Council at landholders expense
- The landholder must keep a record of weighbridge dockets tallying the total amount of gravel taken and provide to Council upon completion
- Statutory declaration to be signed to agree not to on-sell gravel

Resolution No: 4039

Moved Cr Kim Middleton

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

That Council approve the request from Fourteen Holdings Pty Ltd to obtain gravel subject to the following conditions:

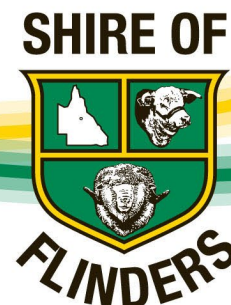
- Must only be utilised for a level gravel base on Lots 33 – 35 Sharkey Street, Hughenden
- Gravel must be taken from within the bounds of the Aerodrome Pit as given in Flinders Shire Council's Quarry Management Plan
- The landholder is responsible for all work involved with the winning and cartage of the gravel from the pit to their property
- The maximum amount of gravel to be taken is 5,000 tonnes. Any unused gravel to be returned to Council at landholders expense
- The landholder must keep a record of weighbridge dockets tallying the total amount of gravel taken and provide to Council upon completion
- Statutory declaration to be signed to agree not to on-sell gravel

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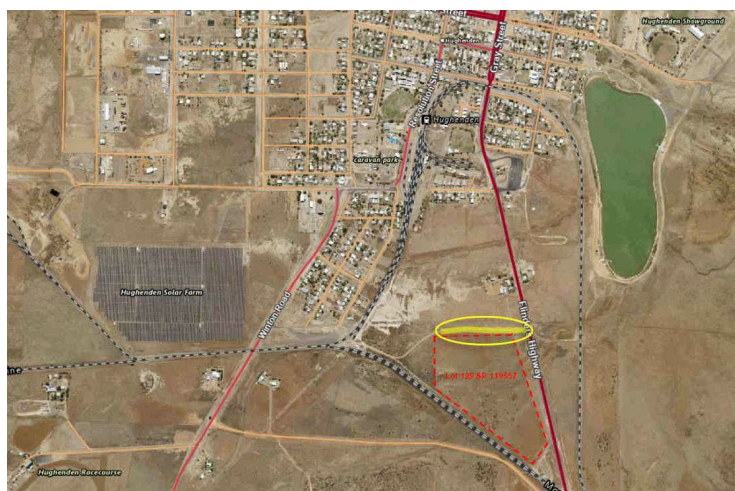
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2.03.04 NAMING OF NEW ACCESS ROAD – LOT 129 ON SP119557

Background – The site for the Temporary Workers Camp for the CopperString 2032 project is Lot 129 on SP119557 which required a new access road to be constructed to this site.

This road is currently unnamed. Council has been liaising with the CopperString 2032 office to select a suitable name for this access road, both parties are in agreeance that the road be named 'Yirendali Road' after the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Flinders Shire Council local government area.



Officer's Recommendation: That Council agree to name the access road to Lot 129 on SP119557 'Yirendali Road' after the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Flinders Shire Council local government area.

Resolution No: 4040

Moved Cr Kelly Carter

Seconded Cr Kim Middleton

That Council agree to name the access road to Lot 129 on SP119557 'Yirendali Road' after the Traditional Owners and Custodians of Flinders Shire Council local government area, as advised by CopperString in consultation with the Yirendali people.

CARRIED 7/0

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2.03.05 COST RECOVERY FEES & COMMERCIAL CHARGES 2024-2025

Background – Following the adoption of Council's Cost Recovery Fees & Commercial Charges 2024-2025 on the 05 July 2024 the following amendments, as shown below in green print are being proposed:

FLINDERS SHIRE COUNCIL – COST RECOVERY FEES & COMMERCIAL CHARGES 2024-2025				
TYPE OF CHARGE	CURRENT UNIT OF MEASURE	CURRENT AMOUNT	Officers Recommendation	Officers Comments/Notes
EQUIPMENT HIRE				
TABLES AND CHAIRS - FROM SHOWGROUNDS - HIRE SEPERATELY				
Chairs	Per Chair / Per Week	\$2.50	\$ 2.50	
Hire Tables	Per Table / Per Week	\$10.50	\$ 10.50	
Deposit on Chairs and/or Tables	Per Occasion	\$ 124.00	\$ 124.00	

NOTE:

- * 1 Week Maximum - If hire for more then one week another Fee applies, deposit must be paid for private hiring's.
- * Delivery and Pick up of tables and chairs is not included in hire fee, this is the Hirer's responsibility. Delivery and pick up can only be arranged with prior approval and is at full cost to the hirer
- * Incorporated and Local Organisations are exempt from Bond Only.
- * Failure to pay replacement chair fess may result in no further hiring allowed.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

DUMPING OF WASTE - COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC ASBESTOS AND ASBESTOS CONTAMINATED WASTE ONLY

Domestic	Per m3	\$25.00	\$ 25.00	\$25.00 minimum charge for less than 1m3
Commercial	Per m3	\$24.00	\$ 300.00	Comparable to other Councils of our size in the region

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LIQUID WASTE DISPOSAL CHARGE

Private Contractor Liquid Waste Disposal at STP - Domestic	Per L	\$0.25	\$ 0.10	Comparable to other Councils of our size in the region
Private Contractor Liquid Waste Disposal at STP - Commercial	Per L	\$0.25	\$ 0.15	Comparable to other Councils of our size in the region

Officer's Recommendation – That Council adopt the Cost Recovery Fees & Charges 2024-2025 with amendments as discussed.

Resolution No: 4041

Moved Cr Shane McCarthy

Seconded Cr Peter Fornasier

That Council adopt the Cost Recovery Fees & Charges 2024-2025 with amendments as discussed.

CARRIED 7/0

2.04 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND WELLBEING

2.04.01

SIGNAGE AUDIT AND NWMP GRANT APPLICATION

Background – The Department of State Development and North West Minerals Provenance has grant funding available for the replacement and new signage within the Shire. Applications are due by end of August.

An audit of signage within the Shire has been undertaken, to identify signage which requires refresh, in addition to wayfinding signage improvements within the Hughenden Township.

Summary of identified areas for improvement from within the audit include:

Current signage	Proposed update
Reidies Hay farm	Replace with Flinders Discovery Centre and VIC sign
Good Neighbour Program Signage x 3	Replace with Hughenden Recreational Lake sign
Porcupine Gorge sign (Winton to Hughenden approach)	Update imagery and reprint
Welcome to Hughenden (approach from North)	Update imagery and reprint
No fuel sign (Northbound towards Porcupine Gorge)	Update

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Hughenden Industrial Estate Sign	Update imagery and reprint
Free RV camp sign (near Driver Reviver)	Update with directional sign to FDC & VIC
Old Business Signage on Eastern Approach	Write to businesses and encourage to apply for Council Business Incentive Program to remove and/or replace
Robert Gray Park Signage	Update
Flinders River Signage	Update
Prairie Floods Signage	Update skins for Prairie Floods historical signage; outcome of 2020 Flood Recovery project
Machinery at the lake	New signage
Public art trail signage at lake	New signage
Mural information plaques x 2	New signage
Eco Walk – Bioregions Signage	Update imagery and reprint
Windmill Blade signage (Robert Gray Park, Prairie & others)	Update imagery and reprint
Other wayfinding and other signage in Hughenden	<p>Brodie Street – new signage</p> <p>Dump point sign: needs to be put back up – on the corner of Gray and Moran Street</p> <p>Train Station: needs a sign put up</p> <p>Pool and Gym – new signage</p> <p>Australian Dinosaur Trail Sign (on the Winton sign – replacement signage)</p> <p>Services Australia/Centrelink Sign – replacement signage</p> <p>Saleyards – new signage</p> <p>Hughenden Fossick Site</p> <p>Old Richmond road tourist drive – new sign</p> <p>Driver Reviver - replacement</p>

Officer's Recommendation - Council to review list of proposed signage replacement and additions across the Shire and advise the Director of Community Services and Wellbeing of endorsed list for application to funding opportunities.

Attendance – Misenka Duong left the meeting at 11:52am for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 12:02pm

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Resolution No: 4042

Moved Cr Peter Fornasier

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

That Council adopt the list above of the proposed signage replacement and additions across the Shire, with the following amendments:

- Add – Replace skin at Library
- Delete – Machinery at Lake new sign
- Delete – Replacement of Reidies Hay Farm
- Add – Reidies Hay Farm (Page & Co) to the 'Old Business Signage on Eastern Approach' list

CARRIED 7/0

2.04.02 TEQ FESTIVAL OF OUTBACK SKIES REPORT

Attendance – Mayor Kate Peddle left the meeting at 12:03pm for personal reasons

Background - The 2024 Festival of Outback Skies received funding from the Queensland Destination Events Program, through Tourism and Events Queensland. Inclusive in the funding agreement was the inclusion of an evaluation report on the social and economic benefits of the Festival.

At a glance, the report found the following:

- Across the 3 days Festival of Outback Skies attracted 1,216 individuals who attended or participated in one of the Festival of Outback Skies events.
- Festival of Outback Skies generated direct and incremental expenditure of \$325,115 attributable to the Flinders Region economy and \$725,917 attributable to the Queensland economy
- Festival of Outback Skies was responsible for generating 2,180 visitor nights in Flinders Region. The majority of these nights were generated by intrastate visitors (1,955)
- In total, \$487,622 was spent by overnight visitors who stayed more than 40km from their normal place of residence.

Attached is a copy of the Festival of Outback Skies Infographic.

Officer's Recommendation - For Council Information.

Noted

Attendance – Mayor Kate Peddle returned to the meeting at 12:12pm

Attendance – Bruce Davidson left the meeting at 12:18pm for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 12:20pm

Attendance – Cr Kerry Wells left the meeting at 12:20pm for personal reasons

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2.04.03 OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION 2024-25 MEMBERSHIP

Background - Council received a letter from OQTA dated 01 July 2024, acknowledging ongoing commitment of the Council to tourism in outback Queensland and partnership with OQTA.

OQTA is the regional tourism organisation for Outback Queensland, and in 2023/24 has undertaken a series of events and conferences, targeted marketing and PR campaigns and industry development initiatives. They also work to lobby and advocate to Governments to drive product development and visitation. The attached partnership agreement outlines the benefits of membership in more detail.

OQTA have advise that membership fees from 2024/25 will apply a 3.4% CPI adjustment. The 2024/25 Membership fee is \$ 16,850.00 (ex GST).

Officer's Recommendation – That Council authorise the Interim Chief Executive Officer to sign the OQTA 2024-25 Partnership Agreement and pay membership invoice of 16,850.00 (ex GST).

Attendance – Cr Kerry Wells returned to the meeting at 12:22pm

Resolution No: 4043

Moved Cr Peter Fornasier

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

That Council defer payment of membership and invite the Chief Executive Officer of OQTA, Denise Brown to meet with council to provide an update on their Tourism and Industry Development Initiatives.

CARRIED 7/0

2.04.04 NORTH QUEENSLAND SPORTS FOUNDATION

Background - Founded by North Queensland Local Government Authorities, the North Queensland Sports Foundation (NQS F) has operated for over 40 years. Over this time the NQS F has matured into a unique and dynamic organisation that connects North Queensland communities by delivering a portfolio of events and projects to the region including the NQ Games, NQ Sportstar Awards and Movelt NQ.

NQSP have written to Council to advise that of the 2024-25 membership renewal of \$438.21 (ex GST). In addition, they have requested Council update their delegation form and provide details of two Council representatives. Current Council delegates are Cr Niki Flute (Primary) and Cr Kelly Carter (Secondary).

Officer's Recommendation - That Council authorise the Director of Community Services and Wellbeing to pay the membership invoice of \$438.21 (ex GST) and nominate two Council representatives as delegates.

Resolution No: 4044

Moved Cr Kim Middleton

Seconded Cr Kelly Carter

That Council authorise the Director of Community Services and Wellbeing to pay the membership invoice of \$438.21 (ex GST) and nominate Cr Nicole Flute and Cr Kelly Carter as Council delegates.

CARRIED 7/0

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2.04.05 COMMUNITY CARE POLICY SUITE

Background - Community Care have a suite of policies required to support our delivery of aged and disability support services. These policies are reviewed every three years unless a review is prompted prior. Included within the suite are the following policies:

- a) Client Choice and Independence Policy
- b) Client Rights Policy
- c) Client Service Charter
- d) Customer Service and Engagement Policy
- e) Diversity and Cultural Inclusion Policy
- f) Filing and Record Management Policy
- g) Care and Service Planning Policy
- h) Risk Management Policy
- i) Infection prevention and control Policy
- j) Medication Management Policy
- k) Advance Care Planning Policy
- l) Daily Living Services and Support Policy
- m) Client wellbeing and connection policy
- n) Community Care Accommodation Policy
- o) Community Care Housing Eligibility Policy
- p) Complaints Management Policy
- q) Open Disclosure Policy
- r) Abuse, Neglect and Harm Prevention Policy
- s) Clinical Governance Policy
- t) Clinical Governance Framework
- u) Quality Management and Continuous Improvement Policy
- v) Financial Management Policy
- w) Regulatory Compliance Policy

Officer's Recommendation - That Council adopt the Community Care Policy Suite and document attachments A-W, as presented.

Resolution No: 4045

Moved Cr Kerry Wells

Seconded Cr Kelly Carter

That Council adopt the Community Care Policy Suite and document attachments A-W, as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

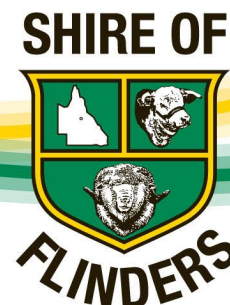
Attendance – I Cr Shane McCarthy declare that I have a Prescribed Conflict of Interest to item 2.04.06 titled Community Grant Program – Event Stream – Event Support (as defined by Section 150EG of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the Captain of the Hughenden Gold Club and left the meeting at 12:37pm taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting

Attendance – I Cr Kelly Carter declare that I have a Prescribed Conflict of Interest to item 2.04.06 titled Community Grant Program – Event Stream – Event Support (as defined by Section 150EG of the *Local Government Act 2009*) due to being the treasurer of the Hughenden Golf Club Inc and left the meeting at 12:37pm taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting

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2.04.06 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM – EVENT STREAM – EVENT SUPPORT

Background – The objectives of the Flinders Shire Council's Community Grants Program – Events/Program Stream, is designed to build relationships with community organisations to provide benefits to the Flinders Shire residents and visitors by ensuring Flinders Shire is a vibrant active community.

This program aims to support community organisations in Flinders Shire by:

- Providing mentoring opportunities to community organisations to strengthen their organisation and develop their future events.
- Promoting community awareness and value of cultural and community events and festivals.
- Enhancing the profile and appeal of the region and attracting new visitors to the region by a diverse events and festivals program.
- Facilitating community interaction and stakeholder relationships with Flinders Shire Council.
- Generating local economic activity and development

As of 01 July 2024, Council have increased the funding available through Event/Program Support from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Council's recent grant round closed on 12 July 2024. A review of all applications has been completed against the funding guidelines. Below is a summary of all applications received.

Council received six conforming applications as detailed below:

Organisation	Sporting Event	Amount Requested
Flinders Classic Challenge and Campdraft Association Inc.	Flinders Classic Challenge and Campdraft.	\$2500.00
Hughenden Golf Club Inc.	Hughenden Golf Club Open Championships	\$2500.00
Hughenden Campdrafters Association Inc.	Hughenden Campdraft	\$2500.00
Hughenden Bowls Club Inc.	Flinders Invitational Triples	\$2500.00
St Francis School, Hughenden	St Francis Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish Fete	\$2500.00
Stamford Race Club Inc.	Stamford Races	\$2500.00

Officer's Recommendation – That Council approve the six abovementioned sponsorship requests totalling \$15,000.00.

Resolution No: 4045

Moved Cr Kim Middleton

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

That Council approve the six abovementioned sponsorship requests totalling \$15,000.00.

Section 150FA (2)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009

For a matter to which the prescribed conflict of interest or declarable conflict of interest relates - the name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter, and how each eligible councillor voted.

Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

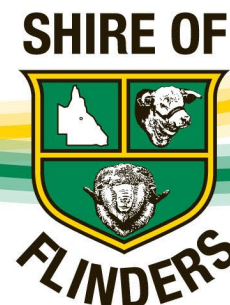
Mayor Cr. Kate Peddle, Deputy Mayor Cr. Nicole Flute, Cr Kerry Wells, Cr. Peter Fornasier and Cr. Kim Middleton.

How each eligible councillors voted:

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Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

CARRIED 5/0

Attendance – Cr Shane McCarthy returned to the meeting at 12:38pm

2.04.07 HUGHENDEN HEALTH AUXILIARY - FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Background – Council received a letter from the Hughenden Health Auxiliary on 1 July 2024 requesting a Council donation to waive fees of hiring equipment required for the Christmas in July event on Saturday 13 July 2024. The total value of the donation request is \$420 for the equipment plus delivery and pick up costs.

Council's Community Grant's policy requires organisations to be incorporated to be eligible for funding under this program. The Hughenden Health Auxiliary would be ineligible for funding due to not being incorporated.

Council has discussed alternative options for accessing Council's Community Grants program with the Hughenden Auxiliary, including option for application to be submitted by charity Brighter Lives, on behalf of the Auxiliary. However, this is not possible at this time.

Officer's Recommendation – That Council provide an exemption for the requirements for incorporation in this instance and approve the Hughenden Health Auxiliary's request for donation of \$500 funding through the Quick Response Donations program, subject to application being submitted via SmartyGrants.

Resolution No: 4046

Moved Cr Shane McCarthy

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

That Council provide an exemption for the requirements for incorporation in this instance and approve the Hughenden Health Auxiliary's request for donation of \$500 funding through the Quick Response Donations program, subject to application being submitted via SmartyGrants.

CARRIED 6/0

2.04.08 KENNEDY ENERGY PARK - COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND

Background - Flinders Shire Council has been working with Kennedy Energy Park Pty Ltd on the establishment of a Community Benefit Fund. This fund will be available to community groups in the Shire and will provide a pool of \$250,000 in funding across 5 years. The fund aims to support applications for community projects with an emphasis on capacity-building within the community and focus on the following areas:

- Health and wellbeing
- Liveability
- Economic development and tourism
- Environmental initiatives
- Renewable energy/recycling

Council will provide administrative support and management of the grant program. The Community Benefit Fund Draft Agreement provides details on the grant guidelines and eligibility criteria, funding allocation by year and assessment and approval process.

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Officer's Recommendation - That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Community Benefit Fund Agreement and enter into an agreement with the Kennedy Energy Park Pty. Ltd. for the administration of the Community Benefit Fund.

Attendance – Cr Kelly Carter returned to the meeting at 12:45pm

Resolution No: 4047

Moved Cr Kerry Wells

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

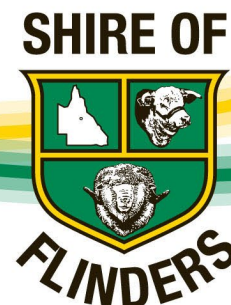
That Council authorise the Interim Chief Executive Officer to sign the Community Benefit Fund Agreement and enter into an agreement with the Kennedy Energy Park Pty Ltd for the administration of the Community Benefit Fund.

CARRIED 7/0

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3. CLOSED BUSINESS

That Council close the meeting to the public at under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012.

Resolution No: 4048

Moved Mayor Kate Peddle

Seconded Cr Nicole Flute

That in accordance with Section 254J(3)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Ordinary Meeting was closed to the public at 12:47pm for discussion on the following matter:

- Contract arrangements – Hollimans Pty Ltd

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance – Cr Kelly Carter left the meeting at 1:11pm for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 1:14pm

Resolution No: 4049

Moved Mayor Kate Peddle

Seconded Cr Shane McCarthy

That in accordance with Section 254J(3)(e) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Ordinary Meeting was reopened to the public at 1:28pm for the taking of resolutions.

CARRIED 7/0

3.01 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3.01.01 HOLLIMANS PTY LTD

Background – Discussion on contract arrangements. Confidential report not for public dissemination. Report to be discussed at meeting.

Officer's Recommendation – For Council discussion.

Resolution No: 4050

Moved Mayor Kate Peddle

Seconded Cr Kerry Wells

That Council invite Ben North from Hollimans Pty Ltd to meet with council to discuss the funding for the development of Lots 41 to 43 on SP307180.

CARRIED 7/0

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4. INFORMATION PAPERS

Chief Executive Officer

- Rural Lands Report
- Safety Systems Report

Director of Corporate and Financial Services

- Governance Report

Director of Engineering

- Senior Civil Works Coordinator Report
- Operational Works Coordinator Report
- Fleet Services Report

Director of Community Services and Wellbeing

- Community Development Report
- Library Report
- Tourism Report
- Community Care Report

Council notes the reports presented

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The meeting closed at 1:34pm

Kate Peddle
Mayor
Flinders Shire Council

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