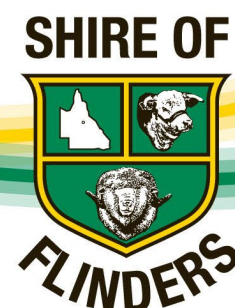


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## 1. OPENING BUSINESS

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  
Shane McCarthy  
Kim Middleton

#### **Staff**

Eddie Jackson – 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**

Lake McDonald, Sean Edgerton, Ryan Newcombe & Vicki Horton (Teacher Aide)

### 1.2 APOLOGIES

Nil

### 1.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Leave of Absence application received from Cr Peter Fornasier for absence from 16/06/2025 to 17/10/2025 inclusive.

**Recommendation** – That Cr Peter Fornasier be granted Leave of Absence from Council duties from 16/06/2025 to 17/10/2025.

#### **Resolution No: 4276**

**Moved** Cr Kerry Wells

**Seconded** Cr Shane McCarthy

That Cr Peter Fornasier be granted Leave of Absence from Council duties from 16/06/2025 to 17/10/2025.

CARRIED 6/0

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**1.4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 May 2025 be taken as read and signed as correct.

**Resolution No: 4277**

**Moved** Cr Nicole Flute

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 28 May 2025 be taken as read and signed as correct.

CARRIED 6/0

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:

- a) appointment, dismissal or discipline of the CEO
- b) industrial matters affecting employees
- c) the council's budget
- d) rating concessions
- e) legal advice obtained by the council, including legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the council
- f) matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals
- g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the council for which a public discussion could prejudice the interests of the council
- h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the council under the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967*
- i) a matter that the council is required to keep confidential under a law of, or a formal agreement with, the Commonwealth or state.
- j) An investigation report given to the local government under chapter 5A, part 3, division 5 of the Act.

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 John Grevsmuhl (Buck)

### **1.8 RECOGNITIONS**

Nil

### **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

- Renewable Energy Forum – 30/05/2025
- DYFA Housing – 03/06/2025
- Gulf Cotton – 04/06/2025
- Rates Workshop – 04/06/2025
- Corporate Plan Workshop – 04 & 05/06/2025
- NWQROC – 06/06/2025
- QCRF Working Group – 12/06/2025
- CUC Opening – 15/06/2025
- Yumba Housing – 17/06/2025
- Budget Workshop – 17/06/2025
- Hon Cameron Dick – 17/06/2025
- REX Administration – 19/06/2025
- LG Leaders Training – 19/06/2025
- CBIF Meeting – 20/06/2025
- MITEZ – 20/06/2025
- Townsville Enterprise – 23/06/2025
- NRGG Workshop – 23/06/2025
- Budget Workshop – 24/06/2025
- Council Meeting – 25/06/2025

#### Deputy Mayor Nicole Flute

- CopperString Camp Site Visit – 29/05/2025
- Rural CAN – 02/06/2025
- New Wave Construction – 03/06/2025
- Rates Workshop – 04/06/2025
- Corporate Plan Workshop – 04 & 05/06/2025
- NWQROC – 06/06/2025
- Caravan Park Site Visit – 10/06/2025
- CUC Opening – 14/06/2025
- Budget Workshop – 17/06/2025
- LG Leaders Training – 19/06/2025
- Hon Cameron Dick – 18/06/2025
- Budget Workshop – 24/06/2025
- Council Meeting – 25/06/2025

#### Councillor Shane McCarthy

- Budget Workshop – 17/06/2025
- Hon Cameron Dick – 18/06/2025
- LG Leaders Training – 19/06/2025
- Budget Workshop – 24/06/2025
- Council Meeting – 25/06/2025

#### Councillor Peter Fornasier

- New Wave Construction – 03/06/2025
- Rates Workshop – 04/06/2025
- Corporate Plan Workshop – 04 & 05/06/2025
- Caravan Park Site Visit – 10/06/2025

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Councillor Kelly Carter

- Corporate Plan Workshop – 28/05/2025
- Renewable Energy Forum – 30/05/2025
- New Wave Construction – 03/06/2025
- Corporate Plan Workshop – 04 & 05/06/2025
- Caravan Park Site Visit – 10/06/2025
- Budget Workshop – 17/06/2025
- LG Leaders Training – 19/06/2025
- Budget Workshop – 24/06/2025
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- Council Meeting -25/06/2025

Councillor Kim Middleton

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## 2. REPORTS

### 2.01 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

#### 2.01.01 LGAQ

##### **Executive Summary**

The 2025 Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference will be held from October 20 -22 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre.

In advance of the conference, LGAQ has called for Councils to submit motions, motions being considered for submission should:

- Relate to a statewide issue or an issue impacting a large portion or segment of the membership.
- Ask for action from the State or Federal Government.
- Not result in a responsibility or cost shift to local government.
- Not relate to a matter considered at a previous Annual Conference in the last five years, unless seeking to alter or update the adopted policy position.

##### **Background**

The conference aims to bring together local government representatives for professional development, networking, and discussions on important issues affecting their communities.

The motions portal is now open for Councils to submit motions for the 2025 LGAQ Annual Conference. The portal will remain open for submissions until Monday 28 July 2025.

Councillors are advised to contact the Advocacy team with any questions – [advocacy@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:advocacy@lgaq.asn.au).

Further information about the conference and its agenda will be presented to Council as it becomes available.

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

1. Authorise the Mayor, another nominated Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2025 LGAQ Conference
2. Submit the motions that were identified in the workshop to the 2025 LGAQ Conference.

##### **Resolution No: 4278**

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Nicole Flute

That Council:

1. Authorise two (2) Councillor and the Chief Executive Officer to attend the 2025 LGAQ Conference
2. Submit the motions that were identified in the workshop to the 2025 LGAQ Conference.

CARRIED 6/0



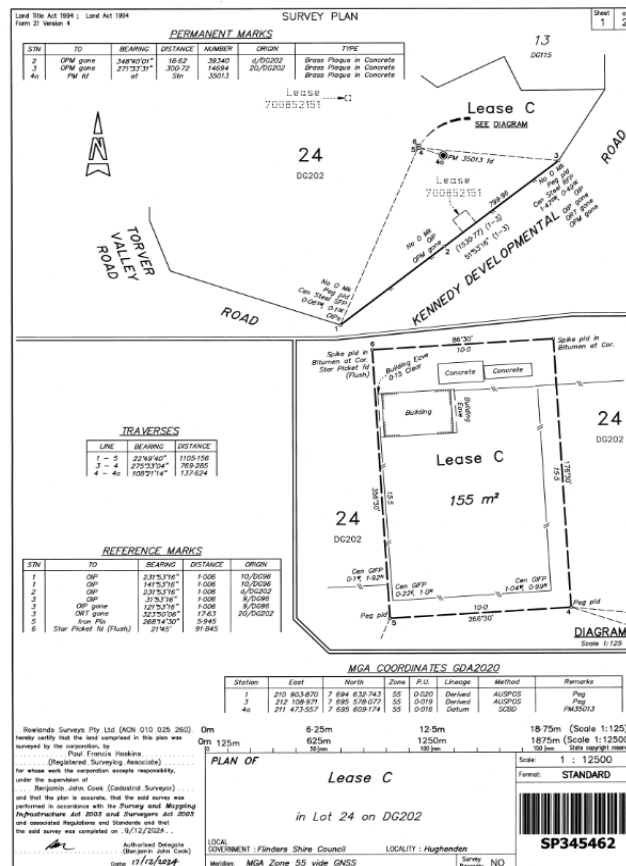
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## 2.01.02 HUGHENDEN AIRPORT REFUELING FACILITY -REQUEST FOR CONSENT

### Background

In February 2025 Council granted IOR Aviation Pty Ltd (IOR Aviation) a ten (10) year lease over Lease C on SP345462 in Lot 24 on DG202 (the Lease) for use as a refueling facility for the Hughenden Airport. A survey plan and aerial image of the Land is below:



IOR Aviation have advised Council of a restructuring that is occurring that will cause a change in the effective control of IOR Aviation which will be deemed to be an assignment under clause 10.4 of the Lease. Such assignment requires Council's prior written consent.

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Under clause 10.2 of the Lease, Council cannot unreasonably withhold its consent if:

1. IOR, at least thirty (30) days before the change, makes a written request for Council's consent together with the following information about the new controlling entity (Stonepeak):
  - a) Full name and address;
  - b) Up-to-date summary of assets and liabilities prepared and signed by an accountant; and
  - c) Any other information Council reasonably requires to establish Stonepeak's financial position;
2. IOR proves to Council's reasonable satisfaction that:
  - a) Stonepeak is respectable, suitably qualified and capable of carrying out the Permitted Use and IOR's obligations under the lease; and
  - b) Stonepeak is of sufficiently substantial financial standing, that a reasonably person would consider that they are able to meet IOR's payment obligations under the lease.

In support of their request for Council's consent, IOR Aviation have provided the following background information in relation to the restructure and the financial standing of the new controlling entity, Stonepeak (Attached):

*IOR is excited to provide you with details about the transaction that the shareholders of SMRM Holdings Pty Ltd and IOR Terminal Holdings Pty Ltd (together referred to as the IOR Entities) have entered into with Stonepeak Texas BidCo (S) Pty Ltd and Stonepeak Texas BidCo (I) Pty Ltd (together referred to as Stonepeak). Stonepeak will, subject to customary conditions, acquire a 75% interest in the IOR Entities (the Transaction).*

*Stonepeak is a leading alternative investment firm specialising in infrastructure and real assets, with approximately USD \$72 billion of assets under management. Stonepeak has a strong presence in Australia and New Zealand with an expert team on the ground that has deployed approximately USD \$1 billion of capital into high-quality infrastructure investments, including GeelongPort, ZEN Energy's Templers BESS project and AGP Sustainable Real Assets. In IOR, Stonepeak is investing in essential fuel distribution as a critical input into the Australian economy.*

Where consent to the change is granted, clause 10.2 of the Lease provides that such consent will be conditional upon each of the following occurring:

1. Stonepeak providing Council with a guarantee and indemnity signed by the proposed guarantor in favour of Council in the form required by Council;
2. Stonepeak providing Council with a security bond;
3. IOR and Stonepeak complying with Council's reasonable requirements in relation to the documentation, stamping and registration of the intended assignment;
4. any default by IOR under the lease arising up to the date of completion of the proposed assignment being remedied; and
5. IOR paying Council's reasonable legal costs of the giving of its consent.

The purpose of this Report is to recommend that Council grant consent to the change in control of IOR Aviation, subject to IOR Aviation complying with conditions 3-5 as outlined above.

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#### Legal Considerations/Implications

Nil

#### Consultation (Internal/External)

- Preston Law

#### Financial and Resource Implications

There will be costs associated with Council's consideration of IOR Aviation's request including costs to prepare a response to IOR Aviation which will be payable under the terms of the Lease by the Lessee.

#### Risk Management Implications

The proposed change of control as detailed by IOR Aviation appears to simply be a corporate restructuring that will not affect IOR's operations or its capacity as tenant under the Lease and therefore will be low risk for Council.

#### Attachments

- Letter from IOR Aviation requesting consent, including IOR Corporate Structure Plan.

#### Officer's Recommendation – That Council:

1. Consents to the request made by the lessee of Lease C on SP345462 in Lot 24 on DG202 (**the Lease**) in relation to a change of control of the lessee, subject to IOR Aviation complying with conditions 3-5 as outlined above: and
2. Pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate and finalise all matters relating to the grant of such consent on behalf of Council.

#### Resolution No: 4279

**Moved** Cr Shane McCarthy

**Seconded** Cr Kerry Wells

That Council:

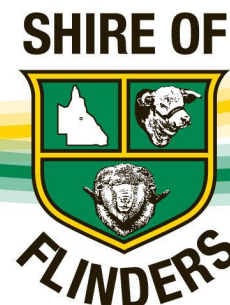
1. Consents to the request made by the lessee of Lease C on SP345462 in Lot 24 on DG202 (the Lease) in relation to a change of control of the lessee, subject to IOR Aviation complying with conditions 3-5 as outlined above: and
2. Pursuant to section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to negotiate and finalise all matters relating to the grant of such consent on behalf of Council.

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#### 2.01.03 CARAVAN PARKING PROVISION

##### Executive Summary

Council has received an email from a local resident in relation to caravans parking in the town center.

##### Background

During peak tourist season, the Shire experiences an increased number of caravanners to our area which creates a demand for suitable parking in the town center zone to allow them to park their vehicle and caravan, so that they can experience the Flinders Discovery Centre and our town center.

Caravans can be large and take up multiple parking spaces when parking in the center zone, also parking near intersections or in areas with limited visibility creates safety hazards for other drivers and pedestrians and can obstruct access to the local businesses and loading zones.

Council is the owner of the vacant land on the corner of Gray and Stansfield Streets (31 Gray Street) and it has been suggested that this block be utilised as a designated caravan parking zone until such time as council plans another use, this would alleviate the parking crowding in Gray and Brodie Streets and surrounding areas.

##### Financial and Resource Implications

- General maintenance of the vacant lot
- Suitable signage required to advertise caravan parking

##### Legal Considerations

- Nil

##### Hazards / Risks

- Caravans parked inappropriately can increase the risk of accidents, especially with pedestrians or other vehicles

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council consent to the use of the vacant lot, described as 31 Gray Street Hughenden, being used for designated caravan parking until council identifies another use for the lot.

##### Resolution No: 4280

**Moved** Cr Kelly Carter

**Seconded** Cr Nicole Flute

That Council consent to the use of the vacant lot, described as 31 Gray Street Hughenden, being used for designated caravan parking until council identifies another use for the lot.

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#### 2.01.04 TOWNSVILLE ENTERPRISE LIMITED (TEL)

##### Executive Summary

Townsville Enterprise is a peak economic development and destination management organisation for Townsville North Queensland. For more than 30 years, Townsville Enterprise has played a critical role in leading the economic progress for the region through strong political advocacy, investment attraction, tourism development, and concentrate on the following key focus areas:

- **Politically Powerful** – *Influence all levels of government as a respected, non-partisan advocate*
- **Economic Leadership** – *Work with regional stakeholders to deliver a shared economic development agenda focused on enabling infrastructure, increasing visitation and investment attraction whilst providing economic information, credible research and insights on North Queensland*
- **Valued Engaged Membership** – *Endure their members are engaged, well informed and proud ambassadors for the region and the organisation*
- **Capable and Accountable** – *Financially sustainable, with a team on high performers who can leverage the passion and capabilities of all Stakeholders to achieve regional growth*

##### Background

Council has been a financial member of Townsville Enterprise Limited for many years, currently holding a 'Connect – Medium' membership, which is one of 9 membership levels that they offer with package prices ranging from \$93,640.00 to \$480.00.

Townsville Enterprise Limited has provided council with a proposal to upgrade to a 'Council Partnership Membership' with the following partnership benefits:

- Securing the future of Townsville North Queensland through advocacy
- Inclusion of one Flinders Shire priority within advocacy "Unlock the North" document
- Advocacy support for Unlock the North projects
- Support Council in housing advocacy
- Inclusion in Townsville Enterprise Road trip in FY 26
- Invitations to roundtable events, delegations and trade missions (where applicable)
- Support in securing proactive media coverage around key priority infrastructure needs
- Townsville Enterprise to discuss with Flinders Shire Council political delegations and representations, including delegate attendance where appropriate.
- Biannual meetings with TEL representatives with activity report delivery
- Complimentary invitation to Mayor for all TEL events and forums
- Provision of economic data as available and when requested
- Letters of support when required
- Delivery of a dedicated suite of skills attraction and liveability collateral for business use within Flinders Shire
- Live features on our North Queensland and Invest North Queensland websites
- Advocate to State and Federal governments for intrastate, interstate and international migration (as agreed)
- DAMA application support (if required)
- Access to Townsville Enterprise image and video library
- Regional Growth Plan – continued engagement with Council and key stakeholders to update action plan
- Opportunity for Flinders Shire businesses to attend Secure the Futures Series Forums
- Dedicated login for TEL's project and investment pipeline dashboard



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- Company logo displayed as a Council Partner in Townsville Enterprise's major corporate publications and on website
- Opportunity for promotion through Townsville Enterprise corporate channels and business newsletters
- Voting rights at the Townsville Enterprise Annual General Meeting
- Receive all TEL communications and access to the online community and directory
- Use of Townsville Enterprise Partner logo
- Discounted networking opportunities

Given the level of existing and anticipated investment interest emanating from the CopperString Project, Renewable energy proponents, water availability, agriculture and critical minerals along the north-west corridor, membership of the organisation offers Council a high-profile platform to advocate, lobby and to promote the role of Council in seeking and securing appropriate economic and community investment.

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council receive and consider the proposal, dated 29 May 2025 provided by Townsville Enterprise Limited.

#### Resolution No: 4281

**Moved** Mayor Kate Peddle

**Seconded** Cr Kerry Wells

That Council receive and accept the proposal, dated 29 May 2025 provided by Townsville Enterprise Limited.

CARRIED 6/0

**Attendance** – Ryan Newcombe left the meeting at 9:35 am for personal reasons

#### Resolution No: 4282

**Moved** Cr Kelly Carter

**Seconded** Cr Nicole Flute

Mayor Kate Peddle sought permission to remain in the meeting room to provide background information on Item 2.01.05 as she is a board member of MITEZ but not take part in the debate or decision of the meeting.

#### Councillors Vote:

Cr Nicole Flute, Cr Kelly Carter, Cr Kim Middleton, Cr Shane McCarthy & Cr Kerry Wells all voted in favour of Mayor Kate Peddle remaining in the meeting room.

CARRIED 5/0

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#### 2.01.05 MITEZ INCORPORATING OVERLANDERS WAY TOURISM GROUP (OWTG)

##### Background

The MITEZ Committee is proposing to maximise potential for stakeholders and the Overlanders Way Tourism route by incorporating the OWTG's aims under the MITEZ authority at no additional financial cost to MITEZ bar the allocation of MITEZ staffing resources. MITEZ sees value adding to the 7 existing LG members by offering this additional service.

MITEZ is the ideal conduit to take over the management of Overlanders Way due to:

- Overlanders Way footprint matches that of MITEZ, the route traverses the MITEZ corridor LGAs
- There is an established process through the Office of Fair Trading to dissolve an Incorporated Association (and transfer the assets)
- MITEZ has the resources to facilitate the Group through their existing staff but predominantly the MITEZ Regional Development Officer
- Tourism is one of the MITEZ economic pillars so MITEZ can leverage Overlanders Way as the catalyst to reinvigorate some tourism initiatives in the North West
- A potential cost saving has been identified for all 7 LGAs if MITEZ were to take over the OWTG and eliminate the \$10,000.00 per annum membership fee
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##### Proposed Way Forward

If the OWTG agree to the amalgamation within MITEZ, it would be conditional on the 7 LGA's agreeing to either of the following options:

- a) one final payment from the 7 LGAs of \$2,000 each as working capital for MITEZ post transition, together with the existing cash assets of OWTG this would future sustainability, OR
- b) one final payment from the 7 LGAs of \$5,000 each as working capital for MITEZ post transition, together with the existing cash assets of OWTG this would ensure future sustainability and the continuance of the TV project known as Friday Night Debrief/Margie Ryder expenses and salary for a 12 month period and then a determination made on the future of the TV project at the end of the 12 months.

##### Financial & Resources Implications

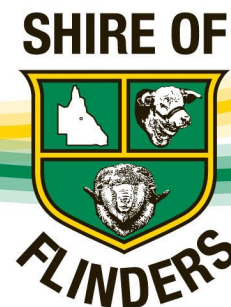
- Current OWTG annual membership of \$10,000 would cease
- One off final payment depending on option chosen

**Attendance** – I Cr Kate Peddle declare that I have a Prescribed Conflict of Interest to item 2.01.05 titled MITEZ Incorporating Overlanders Way Tourism Group (*as defined by Section 150EG of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being a Board Member of MITEZ and left the meeting at 9:44am taking no part in the decision of the meeting

**Attendance** – Ryan Newcombe returned to the meeting at 9:44am

**Officer's Recommendation** – That Council receive the proposal from MITEZ that was emailed to Council on 19 June 2025, consider the proposed options and advise MITEZ of the preferred option.

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**Resolution No: 4283**

**Moved** Cr Nicole Flute

**Seconded** Cr Kerry Wells

That Council choose option (a) as listed above and seek a meeting with the other 6 councils along the MITEZ corridor for further discussion on the Friday Night Debrief.

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:

Deputy Mayor Cr. Nicole Flute, Cr. Kelly Carter, Cr Kerry Wells, 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 Kate Peddle returned to the meeting at 9:57am

**Attendance** – Misenka Duong left the meeting at 9:57am for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 9:59am

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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;

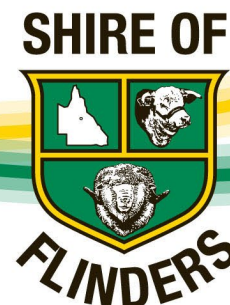
The following is a summary of the financial results as at 31 May 2025:

<b>1. Statement of Comprehensive Income</b>	
Total Recurrent Revenue	28,739,240
Total Recurrent Expenditure	28,482,890
<b>Net Operating Result - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>256,350</b>
Total Capital Income	5,073,702
Total Capital Expense	-
<b>Net Result - Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>5,330,052</b>
<b>2. Statement of Financial Position</b>	
Total Current Assets	46,904,806
Total Non-Current Assets	254,030,186
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>300,934,992</b>
Total Current Liabilities	3,805,428
Total Non-Current Liabilities	9,089,796
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>12,895,225</b>
<b>Net Community Assets</b>	<b>288,039,767</b>
Asset Revaluation Surplus	97,770,997
Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)	190,268,770
<b>Total Community Equity</b>	<b>288,039,767</b>
<b>3. Cash Flow Statement</b>	
Cash at the beginning of the period	38,190,458
Total Payments Received	33,503,300
Total Payments Made	(30,359,335)
Cash at the end of the period	<b>41,334,423</b>

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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 31 May 2025.

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

#### Resolution No: 4284

**Moved** Cr Kim Middleton

**Seconded** Cr Kerry Wells

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 31 May 2025.

- 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** – Cr Kerry Wells left the meeting at 10:03 for personal reasons and returned to the meeting at 10:04am

#### 2.02.02

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES, MANUFACTURING AND REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Background

Letter received from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development dated 24 April 2025, requesting Council's views in relation to the revaluation of our local government area as part of the 2026 revaluation program that will take effect on the 30 June 2026. The Department previously notified Council that the revaluation to be effective 30 June 2025 would not be completed.

**Officer's recommendation** - That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development by the 30 June 2025, that Council is requesting that the revaluations are completed for the Flinders Shire area, effective 30 June 2026.

#### Resolution No: 4285

**Moved** Cr Shane McCarthy

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development by the 30 June 2025, that Council is requesting that the revaluations are completed for the Flinders Shire area, effective 30 June 2026.

CARRIED 6/0



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## 2.03 ENGINEERING

### 2.03.01 HUGHENDEN TEMPORARY PH DOSING UPGRADE

#### **Executive Summary**

Flinders Shire Council currently sources water from underground bores that tap into the Great Artesian Basin. Water extracted from the bores in Hughenden has a pH in the region of 7.5 to 8.5, with the average pH of the raw water being greater than 8. The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) sets the suggested pH range of 6.5 to 8.5 for aesthetic purposes. A pH closer to neutral (pH 7) will result in an improvement in water quality and contribute to more efficient chlorine dosing.

The approximate cost for this temporary pH correction system is \$14,142.92.

#### **Background**

Flinders Shire Council currently operates the water treatment plant on the Hughenden drinking water scheme. The existing plant consists of a sodium hypochlorite dosing system which pumps liquid chlorine into the raw bore water. The chlorine dosing point is located on the raw water pipework at the head of the plant and dosing occurs prior to the treated water entering the storage reservoirs. The proposed temporary pH correction system will be in the same building as the current chlorine dosing setup. A tapping band with injection point will be installed on the raw water inlet in a similar setup to the chlorine dosing injection point. The existing continuous online analyser has the capability to take a pH probe, enabling the pH dosing system to be flow paced plus trim to allow for dosing adjustment based off feedback from the analyser. All parameters will then be integrated into Council's SCADA system for constant monitoring and control.

#### **Discussion**

The raw bore water that feeds the Hughenden drinking water scheme has a pH that is in the upper range of the ADWG's guideline value for aesthetic parameters. In the 2023-24 reporting year, Hughenden raw water pH had a minimum result of 7.97 and maximum result of 8.55, with an average of 8.31. So far in the 2024-25 reporting year, Hughenden raw water pH has a minimum result of 7.76 and maximum result of 8.36, with an average of 8.16. The ADWG states that based on the need to reduce corrosion and encrustation in pipes and fittings, the pH of drinking water should be between 6.5 and 8.5. Additionally, the ADWG states the effectiveness of chlorine disinfection is impaired above pH 8.0.

The primary benefit of pH dosing is the increased effectiveness of chlorination. A pH closer to neutral (pH 7) effects the chlorine by slowing the breakdown of hypochlorous acid which forms once sodium hypochlorite is added to water. Achieving a pH closer to neutral will result in less chlorine demand and therefore the plant will need to dose less sodium hypochlorite to achieve the target free chlorine set point. A neutral pH will also assist in maintaining chlorine residual within the reticulated water network.

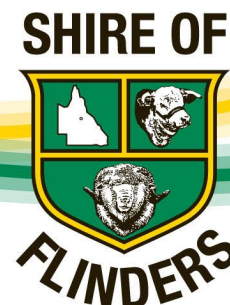
The pH of drinking water in Hughenden impacts overall water quality characteristics. High pH can cause scaling and encrustation problems, resulting in the fouling of pipes and fittings. Oxidation of metals through the pH correction process will assist in reducing the sodium concentration in the bore water. Water quality data collected for the 2024-25 reporting period show the raw bore water in Hughenden exceeds the aesthetic limit for sodium in the ADWG in 10 of the 12 samples collected. High sodium concentrations cause a "salty" taste in the drinking water and contribute to the high corrosivity of the water. Whilst pH correction will not solve this in its entirety, it will contribute to improved taste and feel of the drinking water.

As it is the intention of Council to construct a filtered water treatment plant in Hughenden, it is important to note that pH dosing should form part of the treatment process for optimised

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coagulation/flocculation. Equipment used in the proposed temporary pH dosing system will be utilised if a permanent system is eventually installed.

In summary, the proposed temporary pH dosing system will result in overall improvements in water quality for the Hughenden drinking water scheme. Installation of a temporary system will allow Council to assess cost savings and benefits to water quality prior to installing a permanent dosing setup.

#### **Statutory/Compliance Matters**

*Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG) 2011*  
*Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008*  
*Public Health Act 2005*

#### **Financial / Budget Implications**

Council has received a quote proposal from Austek to undertake the pH dosing upgrade in conjunction with other works in Hughenden and Prairie. Works can be commenced in July/August 2025. The proposal from Austek takes into consideration significant cost savings by eliminating mobilisation costs and the utilisation of existing chlorine dosing infrastructure in Hughenden. All equipment utilised in the temporary installation can form part of a permanent dosing installation if the temporary dosing system proves beneficial.

This funds will be required to come out of the water operations budget. With consideration to the proposed cost savings, the aim is to complete these works in the 2025-2026 financial year. The approximate cost for this temporary pH correction system is \$14,142.92.

#### **Consultation/Engagement**

The proposed temporary pH correction system has been discussed at length with Council's SCADA provider - Austek and during regular meetings of Council's water & sewerage team.

#### **Risk Implications**

A temporary pH dosing system will allow Council to assess any benefits to cost savings and water quality before committing to a permanent installation.

The commencement of pH dosing is likely to increase the formation of precipitates in the treated water, caused by oxidation of metals in the raw water. Whilst the removal of these precipitates will improve the overall water quality, Council staff will need to address the risk of discoloured water events by increasing the frequency of operational flushing from the reservoirs.

**Officer's Recommendation** - That Council endorse the installation of a temporary pH correction system on the Hughenden drinking water scheme at an estimated cost of \$14,142.92.

#### **Resolution No: 4286**

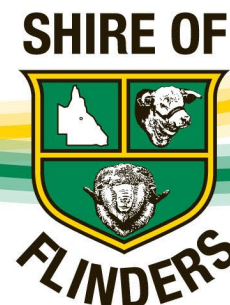
**Moved** Cr Kelly Carter

**Seconded** Cr Kerry Wells

That Council endorse the installation of a temporary pH correction system on the Hughenden drinking water scheme at an estimated cost of \$14,142.92.

CARRIED 6/0

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**2.04 COMMUNITY SERVICES AND WELLBEING**

**2.04.01 COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM – EVENT STREAM**

**Background**

The objectives of the Flinders Shire Council's Community Grants Program – Events 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.

**Budget implications**

Council has budgeted \$150,000 in 2024/25 towards Events, Infrastructure and Equipment and has \$11,973.61 remaining within the budget as of 16 June 2025.

**Application Overview**

Organisation	Event description	Event Request Type	Amount Requested
St Francis Catholic School Hughenden FACE	<p>St Francis Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish Fete –</p> <p>The St Francis Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish Fete is a much-anticipated annual event that brings the Hughenden community together for an evening of family-friendly fun. Designed to cater to all ages, the fete features a wide variety of stalls, rides, activities, and entertainment, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. Attendees can enjoy delicious meals, sweet treats, and a licenced bar while engaging in games and browsing local offerings. As a major fundraiser for both the school and the parish, the event plays a vital role in supporting educational resources, parish initiatives, and strengthening community connections.</p>	Support	\$2,500.00
Hughenden State School P & C	<p>Hughenden State School NAIDOC Celebrations –</p> <p>In its second year, the Hughenden State School will be holding a community event in celebration of NAIDOC Week. The event will be held at the school with a day of activities including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancers, cultural activities, colour run and radio broadcast with 4K1G. Local schools, Hughenden C &amp; K and</p>	Development	\$10,000.00

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	<p>schools from Richmond and Pentland will be in attendance along with the wider community.</p> <p>The funding requested is to cover costs for the Torres Strait Islander Dancers, Radio Broadcast, Gail Mabo (Indigenous Storyteller) and Les Tanner (Indigenous Artist).</p>		
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**Officer's Recommendation** - That the applications for the following organisations be approved, as presented:

- St Francis Catholic School Hughenden FACE – St Francis Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish Fete - \$2,500.00
- Hughenden State School P & C Association – Hughenden State School NAIDOC Celebrations - \$10,000.00

and;

As the total funding requested exceeds the remaining Event Stream budget, Council approve an allocation of \$11,973.61 from the Event Stream budget and an allocation of \$526.39 from the Donations budget to cover the applications.

#### Resolution No: 4287

**Moved** Cr Kerry Wells

**Seconded** Cr Kelly Carter

That the applications for the following organisations be approved, as presented:

- St Francis Catholic School Hughenden FACE – St Francis Catholic School and Sacred Heart Parish Fete - \$2,500.00
- Hughenden State School P & C Association – Hughenden State School NAIDOC Celebrations - \$10,000.00

and;

As the total funding requested exceeds the remaining Event Stream budget, Council approve an allocation of \$11,973.61 from the Event Stream budget and an allocation of \$526.39 from the Donations budget to cover the applications.

CARRIED 6/0

**Attendance** – I Cr Kelly Carter declare that I have Prescribed Conflict of Interest to item 2.04.02 titled Kennedy Energy Park Community Benefit Fund – Round 1 Reopened (*as defined by Section 150EG of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being an executive member of the Hughenden Golf Club Inc. and left the meeting at 10:14am taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting

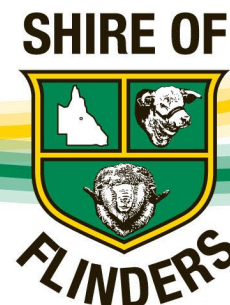
**Attendance** – I Cr Shane McCarthy declare that I have Prescribed Conflict of Interest to item 2.04.02 titled Kennedy Energy Park Community Benefit Fund – Round 1 Reopened (*as defined by Section 150EG of the Local Government Act 2009*) due to being an executive member of the Hughenden Golf Club Inc. and left the meeting at 10:14am taking no part in the debate or decision of the meeting



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#### 2.04.02 KENNEDY ENERGY PARK COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND – ROUND 1 REOPENED

##### Background

The Kennedy Energy Park Community Benefit Fund aims to leave a positive legacy in the region, through sustainable development initiatives that align with local needs. The objectives of the Kennedy Energy Park Community Benefit Fund Program, Infrastructure and Equipment Stream, is to provide assistance to local community groups/organisations to encourage and assist them in the development and upgrading of existing facilities and access funding for the purchase of equipment that is integral to the operations, sustainability and growth of the group/organisation.

Round 1 was reopened due to \$5,000.00 remaining in the budget after the initial opening of the round. 3 applications were received, and Council's recommendations forwarded to KEP Community Benefit representatives for approval. All 3 applications were approved with the amendment of Hughenden Golf Club's sponsorship amount request.

##### Budget Implications

KEP has budgeted \$50,000 in 2024/25 towards Events, Infrastructure and Equipment and Administration fees. KEP Community Benefit Fund has \$5000 remaining within the budget as of 16 June 2025.

##### Application Overview

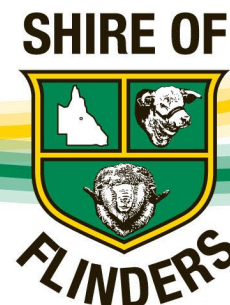
Organisation	Event description	Event Request Type	Amount Requested
Flinders Hack and Pony Club Inc.	We would like funding to do maintenance and upgrade our riding field. The grounds have cracked open and swelled due to changes in the weather. The surface then become too dangerous for the riders and horses to work on. To have a safe riding area for both animals and humans the surface needs to be smoothed and the cracks filled in. Were possible we would then apply some sand cover to the worse affected areas.	Equipment and Infrastructure	\$1,000.00
Hughenden Golf Club Inc.	To construct a new barbeque facility including a new concrete slab and shelter and the purchase of a new barbeque.	Equipment and Infrastructure	\$3,000.00
Hughenden Golf Club Inc.	Hughenden Golf Club Open. This is an annual event that attracts competitors from all over north and central Queensland. Some of these players come from neighbouring clubs including Richmond, Muttaborra and Winton and provides opportunities for old friendships to reconnect, for junior players and for those looking to accumulate points and play in bigger events and represent our region abroad at individual and team events.	Event Sponsorship  Please note: The original request was \$3,000.00 but due to budget limitations, \$1,000.00 of sponsorship has been offered and accepted by	\$1,000.00



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**Officer's Recommendation** - That the applications for the following organisations be approved as presented:

- Flinders Hack and Pony Club Inc. – Ground maintenance and upgrade - \$1,000.00
- Hughenden Golf Club Inc. – Construct a new BBQ facility and sponsorship for the Hughenden Golf Club Open competition – Total of \$4,000.00.

#### Resolution No: 4288

**Moved** Cr Kim Middleton

**Seconded** Cr Kerry Wells

That the applications for the following organisations be approved as presented:

- Flinders Hack and Pony Club Inc. – Ground maintenance and upgrade - \$1,000.00
- Hughenden Golf Club Inc. – Construct a new BBQ facility and sponsorship for the Hughenden Golf Club Open competition – Total of \$4,000.00.

#### 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 and Cr. Kim Middleton.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

CARRIED 4/0

**Attendance** - Cr Kelly Carter returned to the meeting at 10:18am

**Attendance** - Cr Shane McCarthy returned to the meeting at 10:18am

## 2.04.03

### JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – FESTIVAL OF THE OUTBACK SKIES

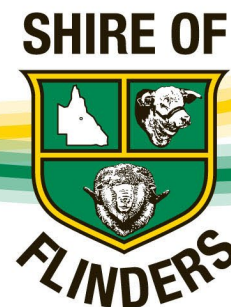
#### Background

The festival has demonstrated significant success, with recent reports highlighting its growth and potential for further expansion. However, this year's festival stretched our current staff and volunteers to their limits. To ensure the festival's sustainability and expansion, an increase in human and financial resources is essential.

Therefore, it is recommended that the Council:

1. Commit to the 2026 Festival: Continue hosting the annual festival, marking the fourth consecutive year. This will emphasize its importance for sustained community recognition and involvement.
2. Maintain Annual Schedule: Avoid transitioning to a biennial event, as a break in 2026 could hinder our progress. Sustaining a minimum of five consecutive years is generally necessary for the festival to gain a lasting position in calendars.
3. Address Resource Challenges: Acknowledge operational challenges and focus on effective resource management to safeguard staff wellbeing.

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4. Encourage Community Involvement: Consider establishing a collaborative governance model to enhance community participation in planning and executing the 2026 festival.
5. Develop a Joint Festival Committee: Direct the CEO to create a framework for establishing a Joint Festival Committee. This should include council members, relevant staff, and community members, aimed at assisting in the planning, coordination, and delivery of the 2026 festival.
6. Framework Details: The proposed framework should encompass:
  - The committee's purpose and terms of reference.
  - Transparent selection criteria and processes for community members.
  - Clearly defined roles and responsibilities.
  - Communication, decision-making, and reporting mechanisms.

**Motion for Resolution**

That the Council directs the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the establishment of a Joint Consultative Committee for the Outback Skies Festival and present a framework to the Council for consideration and endorsement.

**Resolution No: 4289**

**Moved** Cr Kerry Wells

**Seconded** Cr Nicole Flute

That the Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to investigate the establishment of a Joint Consultative Committee for the Festival of Outback Skies and present a framework to the Council for consideration and endorsement.

CARRIED 6/0

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**3. CLOSED BUSINESS**

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

- Nil to Report

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The meeting closed at 10:33am

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**Kate Peddle**  
**Mayor**  
**Flinders Shire Council**

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