

General Council Meeting

Meeting of the Central Highlands Regional Council held
in the **Council Chambers, 65 Egerton Street, Emerald**
on

Tuesday, 24 April 2018
Commenced at 2.30pm

COUNCIL MINUTES

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2018

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MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT 2.30PM TUESDAY 24 APRIL 2018 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE

PRESENT

Councillors

Councillor (Crs) K. Hayes (Mayor), G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors (Crs) P. Bell AM, C. Brimblecombe, M. Daniels, A. McIndoe, G. Nixon, C. Rolfe and G. Sypher

Officers

Acting Chief Executive Officer and General Manager Corporate Services J. Bradshaw, General Manager Communities D. Fletcher, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, General Manager Commercial Services M. Webster, General Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S. Hobbs, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris, Minute Secretary M. Wills

Presentations

Presentations were made by Mr Paul Turner, Learning and Development Advisor to eight employees who have recently been nominated for the Queensland Trainee Awards. Details of the nominees and the category that they have been nominated are:

Kaitlyn Archer	Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year Awarded for outstanding achievement by a trainee who has recently completed or is due to complete a traineeship in Queensland.
Zena Bartlett	Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year Awarded for outstanding achievement by a trainee who has recently completed or is due to complete a traineeship in Queensland.
William De Vreede	Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year Awarded for outstanding achievement by a trainee who has recently completed or is due to complete a traineeship in Queensland.
Michelle Doughty	Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year Awarded for outstanding achievement by a trainee who has recently completed or is due to complete a traineeship in Queensland.
John Frisch	Vocational Student of the Year Awarded for outstanding achievement by a student who has recently completed or is due to complete a vocational education and training qualification in Queensland.
	Equity VET Student of the Year Awarded for outstanding achievement in overcoming a significant barrier or disadvantage to effectively participate in vocational education and training.
Jone Kavetani	Harry Hauenschild Apprentice of the Year Awarded for outstanding achievement by an apprentice who has recently completed or is due to complete an apprenticeship in Queensland.

Joel Paulson

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Student of the Year
Awarded for outstanding achievement by an
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student within
the Queensland vocational education and training
sector.

Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
Awarded for outstanding achievement by a trainee
who has recently completed or is due to complete a
traineeship in Queensland.

Tyson Smith

Bob Marshman Trainee of the Year
Awarded for outstanding achievement by a trainee
who has recently completed or is due to complete a
traineeship in Queensland.

APOLOGIES

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

General Council Meeting: 10 April 2018

Resolution:

Cr McIndoe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 10 April 2018 be confirmed.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 001

Carried (9-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions

13 Cr Daniels requested and update requested on the Family Riding Park.

Review of whole list of outstanding meeting actions:

- #17 update requested on the SunWater Charges
- #551 – interpretive trail – project has now been completed
- #728 - Emerald High School parking issues – update to be provided at the next FISC
- #764 – Fairbairn Dam Recreational Dam – proposal to be presented to Council at the next Strategic and Briefing Forum
- An update was requested on the on the Old Blackwater Aquatic Site – GM Communities provided a verbal update to this regard

Review of Upcoming Agenda Items

Acting Chief Executive Officer J Bradshaw advised that budget items on lines #4, 6 & 7 will be included in the budget process.

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST, CONFLICT OF INTEREST, PERSONAL GIFTS AND BENEFITS

Nil

PETITIONS (IF ANY)

Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES

Minutes - Community Consultation Meeting - Capella - 5 March 2018

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That the minutes of the Community Consultation Meeting in Capella meeting held on 5 March 2018 be endorsed.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 002

Carried (9-0)

Cr Sypher thanked the staff for the installation of the grass and playground area at the Capella Aquatic Centre.

COMMUNITIES

Smart City Conferences 2018

Executive summary:

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief overview of three upcoming smart city conferences in 2018 with relevance to Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC). Additionally, this report aims to recommend attendance at these events by relevant Councillors as representatives of CHRC.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That the Central Highlands Regional Council authorise:

1. Councillor Daniels to attend the Australian Smart Communities Conference which is held in Melbourne between 9 – 11 May 2018 as its representative; and
2. Councillors Daniels and Godwin-Smith to attend the LGAQ Future Cities, Smart Communities Summit which is held in Cairns between 11 – 13 July 2018.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 003

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Consultant Corporate Services W. Jensen and Manager Asset Management M. Gatt attended the meeting at 3.09pm

CORPORATE SERVICES

Monthly Financial Report - March 2018

Executive summary:

A Financial Report which summarises the financial performance and position of the Central Highlands Regional Council is presented each month to provide a snapshot on Council’s financial performance. While this report complies with statutory obligations, it is also intended to provide additional information to keep Councillors informed in relation to relevant financial matters of Council.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 March 2018.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 004

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Consultant Corporate Services W. Jensen and Manager Asset Management M. Gatt left the meeting at 3.18pm

Manager Governance C. Dendle attended the meeting at 3.18pm

Operational Plan 2017-2018 Q3 Performance Report

Executive summary:

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires a written assessment of the organisation’s progress towards implementation of the annual Operational Plan be presented to a meeting of the council at regular intervals of no more than three months.

This report is to advise council of the organisation’s performance in delivering the Operational Plan activities and services during the third quarter for 2017-2018.

Resolution:

Cr Brimblecombe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Operational Plan Performance Report for the third quarter ending 31 March 2018 in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 005

Carried (9-0)

Attendance

Manager Governance C. Dendle left the meeting at 3.23pm

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CHDC from Paddock to Port Tour

Executive summary:

The Central Highlands Development Corporation Paddock to Port Tour is jointly supported by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, Central Highlands Development Corporation, Central Highlands Regional Council, CQ Inland Port, GrainCorp, North Queensland Bulk Ports (Mackay) and Lowes Petroleum.

The Tour is being conducted in Townsville, Mackay and Gladstone from 29 April to 2 May 2018.

Resolution:

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse Deputy Mayor Cr Godwin-Smith to attend the Central Highlands Development Corporation Paddock to Port Tour from 29 April to 2 May 2018 as Council’s representative.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 006

Carried (9-0)

GENERAL BUSINESS

(Verbal matters raised by Councillors either as a question, acknowledgement and or additional follow-up by officers)

Banking Update

- Cr Rolfe advised that the ANZ Bank in Moura will be closing today. There is now no banking services between Biloela and Emerald.
- General Manager CHDC advised that they have had further conversations with another financial institution, and are arranging a mutually convenient time to meet.
- Township of Clermont has also been affected with the closure of their only bank
- Cr Nixon advised that the Commonwealth Bank in Tambo was announced for closure.
- Cr Bell advised that the Queensland Country Credit Union will also be closing their Tieri branch in June.
- Cash banking facilities are still required for small towns and businesses, and Council will continue to explore further opportunities for the region.

CLOSED SESSION

Into Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 275 (1) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 007

Carried (9-0)

The meeting was closed at 3.30pm

Attendance

General Manager Community Services D. Fletcher, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, general Manager Central Highlands Development Corporation S Hobbs, Coordinator Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 3.32 pm

QTC Regional Airports Proposal

Attendance

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert attended the meeting at 3.40pm
General Manager Commercial Services left the meeting at 3.40pm

Regional Job Investment Package (RJIP) Update

Out of Closed Session

Resolution:

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That the meeting now be re-opened to the public.”

2018 / 04 / 24 / 008

Carried (9-0)

The meeting was opened at 3.51pm

QTC Regional Airports Proposal

Executive summary:

Council has been considering options for the management and operation of Emerald Airport to ensure ongoing financial sustainability. This report provides an update for Councillors in regard to discussions with Queensland Treasury Corporation.

Considered by Council

Regional Job Investment Package (RJIP) Update

Executive summary:

The Department of Industry, Innovation and Science (the department) is responsible for administering the \$220 million Regional Jobs and Investment Package (RJIP) funding program on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development, according to the requirements of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines.

Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) has been successful in a grant funding application under the \$30 million Bowen Basin Regional Jobs and Investment Package (RJIP) - Local Infrastructure, namely for the delivery of enabling infrastructure for the Central Queensland Intermodal Terminal and Industrial Access Road. The report outlined the progress of application to date.

Considered by Council.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 3.52pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE