

## **General Council Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, 26 March 2019**  
**Commenced at 2.30pm**

**COUNCIL MINUTES**

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019**

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**MINUTES – GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
**HELD AT 2.30PM TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019 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, M. Daniels, A. McIndoe, C. Rolfe and G. Sypher

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Communities D. Fletcher, General Manager Corporate Services M. Gatt, General Manager Customer and Commercial Services M. Webster, General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert, Minute Secretary M. Wills, Communications A. Ferris

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors (Crs) C. Brimblecombe and G. Nixon

***Resolution:***

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That a leave of absence as previously granted for Councillors Brimblecombe and Nixon for today’s meeting be recorded.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 001**

Carried (7-0)

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Mayor Hayes acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and he paid our respects to the elders, past, present and emerging.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**General Council Meeting: 12 March 2019**

***Resolution:***

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That the minutes of the previous General Council Meeting held on 12 March 2019 be confirmed.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 002**

Carried (7-0)

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES**

Nil

***Attendance***

General Manager Customer and Commercial Services. M Webster attended the meeting at 2.33pm

**OUTSTANDING MEETING ACTIONS**

Nil

**REVIEW OF UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

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

Cr Rolfe declared that she has a conflict of interest in the item 12.2 Game Plan Advisory Group matter (as defined by section 175D of the *Local Government Act 2009*) as follows: -

- (a) President of the Springsure Agricultural and Pastoral Society;

Cr Rolfe advised that she will be dealing with this declared conflict of interest by leaving the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Bell declared that he has updated his Register of Interest to include the new appointment as the Commissioner on the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission which is statutory position under section 230-233 of the *Local Government Act 2009* for a period of three years. The Commission has the responsibility for providing recommendations to the Ministers for the distribution of the Australian Government Financial Assistance Grants for Queensland.

Cr McIndoe declared that he has a conflict of interest in item 12.2 Game Plan Advisory Group matter (as defined by section 175D of the *Local Government Act 2009*) as follows: -

- (a) Due to McIndoe Park being mentioned in the minutes and that this sporting facility is named after him.

Cr McIndoe determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr McIndoe will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

However, Cr McIndoe acknowledged that the remaining councillors must determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*: -

- (a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (b) If so, whether: -
  - a. Cr McIndoe must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
  - b. If he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

Cr Sypher declared that she has a perceived conflict of interest in item 12.2 Game Plan Advisory Group (as defined by section 175D of the *Local Government Act 2009*) as follows: -

- (a) That she is no longer the Chair of the Central Highlands Science Centre, but she is now an employee of the Central Highlands Science Centre.

Cr Sypher determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead her to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Sypher will best perform her responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter.

However, Cr Sypher acknowledged that the remaining councillors must determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009*: -

- (c) Whether she has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
- (d) If so, whether: -
  - a. Cr Sypher must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or

- b. If she may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter.

**PETITIONS (IF ANY)**

Nil

Attendance

Manager Planning and Environment, K. Byrne attended the meeting at 2.39pm

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason left the meeting at 2.44pm

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason returned to the meeting at 2.45pm

**COMMUNITIES**

**Requesting Budget for Nogoia November 2019**

**Executive summary:**

This report is seeking a resolution to continue the events of Nogoia November for 2019 and leverage off the collaboration with the Central Highlands Regional Resources Use Planning Cooperative Limited (CHRRUP) to ensure the continued success of this community event.

**Resolution:**

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That the Central Highlands Regional Council allocate \$24,000 in the 2019/2020 budget to deliver Nogoia November 2019. Further, that this allocation is subject to the budget adoption process.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 003**

Carried (6-1)

Attendance

Manager Planning and Environment, K. Byrne left meeting at 2.47pm

Sport and Recreation Coordinator, E Walshe and Manager Community Recreation and Facilities J. Bryant attended the meeting at 2.47pm

Conflict of Interest

Councillors Rolfe, Sypher and McIndoe confirmed their previous conflict of interest in the following matter and left the meeting while the matter was being considered. Cr Rolfe left the meeting at 2.47pm

Attendance

Sport and Recreation Coordinator, E Walshe and Manager Community Recreation and Facilities J. Bryant left the meeting at 2.52pm

Councillors Rolfe, Sypher and McIndoe returned to the meeting at 2.52pm

**Game Plan Advisory Committee Meeting #15 - 21 February 2019**

**Executive summary:**

The Game Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) is an advisory committee of Council, with representation from Councillors, senior staff and community members appointed for the period of development and implementation of the Game Plan. The committee met on 21 February 2019 to conduct their 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Council considered the matter of a quorum and took the following action.*

Cr Godwin-Smith moved “That Central Highlands Regional Council defer this matter to a later General Council Meeting of 16 April 2019.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 004**

Carried 7-0

**Material Personal Interest**

Cr Daniels declared that she may have a material personal interest in the following matter of Community Grants Round 1 2019 report (as defined by section 175B of the *Local Government Act 2009*) as follows: -

- (i) My children attend a facility that is a recipient of a community grant
- (ii) I am a member of Borilla Kindergarten which stand to gain a benefit depending on the outcome of Council’s consideration of this matter;

Cr Daniels left the meeting at 2.54pm

**Attendance**

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Community Development Officer Communities, A. Burton attended the meeting at 2.55pm

**Community Grants, Round 1 2019**

**Executive summary:**

The Central Highlands Regional Council Community Grants Program provides financial assistance to local community groups and organisations that make positive contributions to the quality of life in the Central Highlands. Each year there are two rounds, February and August.

Applications for the first round of 2019 closed on 28 February 2019. There were 40 applications received and evaluated by the Community Grants Assessment Panel on 7 March 2019.

This report puts forward the Community Grant Assessment Panel’s recommendation for council to endorse 21 grant applications, to the total value of \$178,637.19.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the Community Grants Program Assessment Panel recommendation that the 21 applications listed below are deemed successful for Round 1, 2019:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Grant Category</b>	<b>Grant \$</b>	<b>GST (applicable if GST registered) \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
Blackwater State High School P & C	43rd Annual Art Competition and Exhibition	Community Assistance	\$350.00	NA	\$350.00
Borilla Community Kindergarten	Upgrade internal storage facility	Community Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
Capella Pioneer Village	Maintain the 150-year-old Peak Downs Homestead exterior	Community Improvement	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$22,000.00
Central Highlands Cricket Inc	Strengthening CH Cricket Clubs	Sports and Recreation	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00

Comet Sporting and Agricultural Show Society Inc	CSASS upgrade facilities	Community Improvement	\$15,875.00	NA	\$15,875.00
Dingo Race Club Inc	30th Anniversary World Cup Dingo Trap Throwing Competition	Community Assistance	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Dingo Rodeo Club	Kitchen equipment and small appliances	Sports and Recreation	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Dingo State School P & C	Dingo Town Hall catering upgrade	Community Assistance	\$4,995.00	NA	\$4,995.00
Duaranga Golf Club	Replacement of signage	Sports and Recreation	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Emerald Bowls Club	Sun protection for bowlers and spectators	Sports and Recreation	\$2,985.00	\$298.50	\$3,283.50
Emerald Rodeo Association	Amenity block upgrade	Sports and Recreation	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
Emerald Show Society Inc	Grandstands 4 grand events	Community Improvement	\$20,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$22,000.00
Emerald Town Band	Central Highlands Festival of Bands	Community Assistance	\$2,359.00	NA	\$2,359.00
Emerald High State School P & C	ESHS Bites	Community Improvement	\$20,000.00	NA	\$20,000.00
Gemfields Playgroup	Equipment and resources for our community playgroup	Community Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
Rotary Club of Emerald	Rotary Club of Emerald All Abilities Playground	Community Improvement	\$20,000.00	NA	\$20,000.00
Rural Skate Park Development Initiative	Many Mobs Festival Naidoc Week 2019	Sports and Recreation	\$3,734.19	NA	\$3,734.19
Springsure Gun Club Inc	Childrens playground	Community Improvement	\$19,057.00	NA	\$19,057.00
Springsure Jockey Club	Replace boundary fence	Sports and Recreation	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
Springsure RSL Sub Branch	Ceiling replacement at Springsure RSL Hall	Community Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
St Vincent de Paul Society, Capella	Cooler Heads - Capella	Community Assistance	\$4,282.00	\$428.20	\$4,710.20
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$178,637.19</b>	<b>\$7,226.70</b>	<b>\$185,863.89</b>

Total Community Grants Program Round 1, 2019 is \$178,637.19.”

Attendance

Cr Daniels returned to the meeting at 3.01pm

Manager Connected Communities S. Poulter and Community Development Officer Communities, A. Burton left the meeting at 3.01pm

Manager Community Recreation and Facilities, J. Bryant attended the meeting at 3.01pm

**Old Blackwater Aquatic Centre Amenities and Blackwater Library**

**Executive summary:**

The report considers the reallocation of funds from an existing budget item for the Old Blackwater Aquatic Centre Amenities building refurbishment towards the development of a design for a new Library to the north of the amenities building on a vacant area of land.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Endorse the reallocation of funds from the Old Blackwater Aquatic Centre Amenities and Kiosk Refurbishment budget item towards the development of a design for a new Library for Blackwater;
2. Endorse Council officers conducting community consultation to obtain feedback from the community on the elements which may inform the development of the design for a new Library for Blackwater; and
3. Note the status of planning for the redevelopment of the Old Blackwater Aquatic Centre site and surrounds; and
4. Details regarding the project budget for 2018/2019 will be provided during budget review 3 process.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 006**

Carried (7-0)

**Gemfest Shed Request - Alan King Memorial Park**

**Executive summary:**

Gemfest organisers have requested Council’s permission to erect a new shed at Alan King Memorial Park in Anakie to support Gemfest activities. They are also seeking Council financial support for part of the proposed project.

**Resolution:**

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council consider the request from Gemfest organisers for financial support to construct a new shed at Alan King Memorial Park in Anakie as part of either the 2019/20 financial year budget process or the community grants process.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 007**

Carried (6-1)

**Gemfest Sponsorship Request**

**Executive summary:**

Council has received a request from the Gemfest organising committee, which has been discussed and supported at the Tourism Action Group, to be progressed to the Central Highlands Regional Council to consider supporting the Gemfest 2019 event through a formal sponsorship to the value of \$25,500.



**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. Approve the allocation of \$25,500 plus goods and services tax for the ‘Platinum Sponsorship Proposal’ for the Gemfest 2019 event; and
2. Councils 2018/2019 budget be amended accordingly.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 008**

Carried (7-0)

**Central Highlands Parks and Sports Grounds Irrigation Reductions**

**Executive summary:**

Council Parks Coordinators have been working closely with water and sewer officers to facilitate suitable reductions in parks and sports ground irrigation levels to adhere to Level 2 water restrictions throughout the region.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the report noting the reductions in irrigation activities in Council’s parks and sports grounds throughout the region to adhere to Level 2 water restrictions and further actions being undertaken to communicate and support these activities.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 009**

Carried (7-0)

**Attendance**

Manager Community Recreation and Facilities, J. Bryant left the meeting at 3.38pm

Coordinator Asset Accounting, A. Dias and Coordinator Financial Accounting H. Kirby attended the meeting at 3.39pm

Coordinator Disaster Management and Community Resilience, G. Bell attended the meeting at 3.44pm

Cr Bell AM left the meeting at 3.49pm

Cr Bell AM returned to the meeting at 3.50pm

Coordinator Disaster Management and Community Resilience, G. Bell left the meeting at 3.52pm

## **CORPORATE SERVICES**

**Queensland Disaster Resilience Funding Program**

**Executive summary:**

The Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund Program (QDRF) supports projects to strengthen the resilience of Queensland communities and help them better prepare for disasters. The QDRF is a grants and subsidies program administered in Queensland by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA). The Queensland Government commitment of \$38 million over four (4) years commencing 2018-19, with \$9.5 million available in the first round of funding in 2018–19. The first funding available for the 2018-19 financial year is \$9.5 million and applicants are expected to contribute to the project.

Applications for competitive assessment are open and will close on 18 April 2019. This report is seeking Council endorsement of the following proposed project applications to be submitted.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the following project applications for competitive assessment under the Queensland Disaster Resilience Funding:

1. All Hazards-Focused Disaster Risk Management Study - Disaster Risk Assessment and comprehensive Disaster Risk Register	\$150,000
2. Regional Community Safety Education Trailer	\$25,000
3. Regional Disaster bedding supply	\$20,400
4. Bluff Flood Mitigation Concept Feasibility Study	\$120,000
5. Flood Warning Network Asset Management Plan	\$100,000
6. Capricorn Highway (Duaringa-Emerald) – Codenwarra Road to Opal Street; flood immunity, traffic capacity and safety upgrade project - Business Case	\$2,500,000

2019 / 03 / 26 / 010

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Cr Sypher left the meeting at 4.06pm

Cr Sypher returned to the meeting at 4.08pm

**Monthly Financial Report - February 2019**

**Executive summary:**

Operating activities are generally in accordance with forecasts, though there have been some delays in rural roads maintenance, recoverable works, and work on the Yamala Inland Port project, which is partially offset by some Roadworks Performance Contract (RPC) work undertaken for the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Capital works delivery continues to show variances against the original forecast cashflows, though Managers have expressed confidence that the works will be substantially completed within the budget year.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 28 February 2019.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 011

Carried (7-0)

Attendance

Coordinator Asset Accounting, A. Dias and Coordinator Financial Accounting H. Kirby left the meeting at 4.16pm

**CUSTOMER AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**

**Variable Speed Drive Project - Shepton Quarry**

**Executive summary:**

The proposed Variable Speed Drive (VSD) for CR04 Canica crusher otherwise known as the Variable Speed Impact Crusher (VSI) will allow Shepton Quarry to alter the speed on CR04. This is needed to create bottom end fines in road base products to Transport and Main Road (TMR) standards. The ability for Shepton Quarry to procure suitable fines (known as loam) for road base production has become restrictive due to lack of availability of local loam supplies. Installation of this equipment will allow the crusher to operate at lower speed when in aggregate producing mode which will lower the amount of crusher dust produced by the fixed crushing plant. The report seeks Council’s consideration to reallocate Shepton Quarry capital funds to support the acquisition of the required equipment.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council reallocate \$140,000 funding from work order 17510 for the supply and installation of two (2) 160 kilowatt variable speed drives for Shepton Quarry Crusher 4 within the 2018/19 capital budget.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 012

Carried (7-0)

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2019 National General Assembly - Call for Motions - Additional Motion**

**Executive summary:**

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2019 National General Assembly (NGA) is being held in Canberra from 16 - 19 June 2019. ALGA is calling for motions under the theme “Future Focused”. Motions are due to be lodged by 29 March 2019.

Submissions are currently being sought for motions to the ALGA National General Assembly which are required to be lodged by 29 March 2019.

This report is to seek Council’s endorsement of an additional motion for submission.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the additional motion of ‘Technical Resourcing for Sustainable Horticulture’ for inclusion on the agenda for the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) 2019 National General Assembly.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 013

Carried (7-0)

### **Confirmation of Standing Committee Minutes**

**Executive summary:**

Councils current practice is to present the minutes of each of the Standing Committee Meetings to the General Council Meeting on the same day for confirmation which creates timing issues with the preparation of the minutes for consideration as a late agenda item.

It has also been suggested by some councillors for the Leadership and Governance and Communities Standing Committee meetings to start at a different time to allow greater time for reports to be discussed at the Communities Standing Committee Meetings.

This report is seeking Council’s agreeance to changes around confirmation of the Standing Committee minutes and new start times for the Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting and the Communities Standing Committee Meeting.

**Resolution:**

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council agree the following changes regarding Standing Committees:

1. Noting the delegated authority given to the Standing Committees to make decisions on matters before them that the practice of presenting the Minutes from the Standing Committee Meetings to the General Meeting held on that same day cease;
2. That copies of the draft Minutes be distributed to all Councillors no later than 5.00pm on the Thursday after the Standing Committee Meetings;

3. The minutes to be presented to the following General Council Meeting (second meeting of the month) for confirmation;
4. That the Leadership and Governance Standing Committee Meeting to be held from 10.15am – 11.15am; and
5. That the Communities Standing Committee Meeting to be held from 11.30am – 1.00pm.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 014

Carried (7-0)

## **DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

### **Infrastructure and Utilities**

#### **Executive summary:**

The following report provides an update on key activities for the Infrastructure and Utilities department.

- ❖ Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure - Round Three

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council receive the departmental update report, highlighting key activities for the month of February 2019 for the Infrastructure and Utilities department.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 015

Carried (7-0)

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

### **Cr Sypher**

- Capella Bakehouse Project – Capella Community Reference Group (CRG) project which was endorsed by Council in September 2018. Attended the CRG Meeting last night to be advised that they have engaged a builder to commence the works. Council officers had obtained quotes for this Project which far exceeded the budget that the CRG had obtained. The CRG had come to an agreement to utilise lower quality steel to reduce the cost and that there could be an additional \$70,000 required to finish the project. Cr Sypher requested a report to the next council meeting on the revised budget for the Capella Bakehouse Project with the possible need for a budget adjustment to complete the project. This Project has been on the books for approximately 5 years now and concern exists about the timing of the Project in that quotes have only just been obtained.

### **Capella Bakehouse Project**

#### **Resolution:**

Cr Sypher moved and seconded by Cr Bell “That a report on the Capella Bakehouse Project be provided at the next General Council Meeting including a revised budget for this project for consideration by Council.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 016

Carried (7-0)

Cr Rolfe

- Following the recent presentation by Sojitz and their request for a reduction in curfew hours on the Springsure Streets for the contract with Kalari, Cr Rolfe requested that council provide a letter of support to the Department of Transport and Main Roads for the reduction of the curfew hours
- The presentation that Sojitz provided to the Springsure Community Reference Group (CRG) is the same presentation that they provided to Council on 11 March 2019, which was supported by the CRG for a 45 minutes curfew times of 8.15am – 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm
- The bunching of the trucks is far greater community safety issue

**Letter of Support - Sojitz Meteor Downs Mine – Reduction in Road Curfew Hours**

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council provide a letter of support to Sojitz for the reduction of the curfew hours for Kalari for the transport of product through the township of Springsure to 8.15am – 9.00am and 2.45pm – 3.30pm.

Further that Council provides its support for the following reasons:

1. Improved community safety;
2. Elimination of the bunching of ‘heavy vehicle congestion’; and
3. Consistency with the original Sojitz proposal to the Springsure Community Consultation held in Springsure on 25 September 2017.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 017

Carried (7-0)

Cr Bell AM

- Requested the level 2 water restrictions be reset back to Level 1 to the communities of Emerald, Blackwater, Bluff and Tieri impacted by the Fairbairn Dam
- Further requested for the development of a drought management strategy that is to be rolled out immediately
- We need to have community education and best practice for the strengthening the water sustainability in the Central Highlands if drought conditions persist

**Water Restrictions**

**Resolution:**

Cr Bell moved and seconded by Cr McIndoe “That Central Highlands Regional Council having regard to Resolution #2019/01/22/021 – *Clarification of Level 1 Water Restrictions*, reinstate Level 1 water restrictions (reducing the restrictions from Level 2 to Level 1) for the communities of Emerald, Blackwater and Bluff, on the basis that the inflows to the Fairbairn Dam have increased the storage capacity to 12.64%.

Further, that Level 1 water restrictions are to be interpreted as:

- No impact for households with greywater re-use systems or rainwater tanks, where that is the water source
- No impact for households with functioning bores accessing groundwater, where that is the water source
- No sprinklers on Mondays
- Odd numbered houses can water garden beds and shrubbery by means of micro sprays, drip systems or sprinklers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 7pm and 9am the following day. Lawns can be watered by sprinklers, micro-spray and drip systems between 6am and 8am and between 7pm and 9pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
- Even numbered houses can water garden beds and shrubbery by means of micro sprays, drip systems or sprinklers on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays between the hours of 7pm and 9am the following day. Lawns can be watered by sprinklers, micro-spray and drip systems between 6am and 8am and between 7pm and 9pm on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

Further again, this decision is an operationalization of Council's Drought Management Plan 2009."

2019 / 03 / 26 / 018

Carried (5-2)

Attendance

Coordinator Corporate Communications A. Ferris left the meeting at 5.18pm

## **LATE AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Into Closed Session**

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe "That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 275 (1) (e) (g) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and that Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room."

2019 / 03 / 26 / 019

Carried (7-0)

The meeting was closed at 5.36pm

Attendance

Minute Secretary M. Wills left the meeting at 5.36pm

Manager Planning and Environment K. Byrne attended the meeting at 5.36pm

General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert left the meeting at 5.37pm

Minute Secretary M. Wills and General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities G. Joubert returned to the meeting at 5.38pm

### **Recyclables Processing Service Contract Extension**

#### **Fee waiver - Swarmfarm Application**

Attendance

Manager Planning and Environment, K Byrne left the meeting at 5.51pm

Manager Community Recreation and Facilities, J Bryant attended the meeting at 5.52pm

### **Emerald Aquatic Centre**

Attendance

Manager Planning and Environment, K Byrne returned to the meeting at 6.03pm

### **Emerald Showgrounds Camping Area**

## **Out of Closed Session**

### ***Resolution:***

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

2019 / 03 / 26 / 020

Carried (7-0)

The meeting was opened at 6.41pm

## **Fairbairn Dam Project Pre-feasibility Options Study Report**

### **Executive summary:**

Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) has been engaging with SunWater Limited about a pre-emptive offer to have selected land holdings located at Fairbairn Dam transferred to CHRC ownership. The potential various options have been studied to identify significant risks, liabilities and benefits associated with investing in such a proposal.

The objective of this is to verify the potential to invest further resources in evaluating a preferred option to acquire a deeper understanding of the critical success factors at play which may undermine or support the viability of the development vision. If a case for CHRC to facilitate development as the proponent is evident, then the need to acquire the land, or selected individual areas, could be validated.

*This report was not considered by Council.*

## **Recyclables Processing Service Contract Extension**

### **Executive summary:**

The purpose of this report is to allow council to consider a contractual arrangement pursuant to Section 235 Other exceptions of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for Recyclable Processing Services. The Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) is contracted within the recyclables processing contract to Orora (formerly Amcor) with separate but nearly identical contracts developed by the Central Queensland Local Government Association (CQLGA). The other regional councils contracted include Rockhampton Regional Council (RCC), Livingstone Shire Council and Gladstone Regional Council.

Each of these Councils have received resolutions from their respective Councils this month in support of the contractual arrangement with RCC seeking legal advice in support of this. Due to agenda timing CHRC is the only remaining Council to seek a resolution on this matter.

### ***Resolution:***

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Rolfe “That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the one (1) year agreement to cover the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2021 with a one (1) year extension option with Kriaris for kerbside recyclable processing services.”

2019 / 03 / 26 / 021

Carried (7-0)

## **Fee waiver - SwarmFarm Application**

### **Executive summary:**

The purpose of this report is to support Council’s feedback for a fee waiver for the development application fees for the SwarmFarm. This fee based on current plans (not yet lodged) is \$3,688.66

In accordance with the Commercial and Cost Recovery Fees 2017/18, “A request to waive a fee outside the provisions included in item will require a decision to be made by Council (i.e. at a General Council meeting”.

**Resolution:**

Cr Rolfe moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith “That Central Highlands Regional Council waive the development application fee of \$3,688.66 for a development application for the SwarmFarm.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 022**

Carried (7-0)

**Emerald Aquatic Centre**

**Executive summary:**

Council have received correspondence from the lessees of the Emerald Aquatic Centre seeking consideration of buying back items that they have installed on site.

**Resolution:**

Cr McIndoe moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That Central Highlands Regional Council not support the request to buy back the items noted in the correspondence from the Emerald Aquatic Centre lessees.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 023**

Carried (7-0)

**Emerald Showgrounds Camping Area**

**Executive summary:**

The report provides Council with options for consideration regarding the continued operation of the Emerald Showgrounds Camping area.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Sypher “That Central Highlands Regional Council foreshadows the application of a sunset clause to Council operated Showground Camping areas. And further, that the transition to the permitted uses for these facilities will be considered in a report to a forthcoming meeting of Council.”

**2019 / 03 / 26 / 024**

Carried (7-0)

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 6.50pm

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