

Attendees	Agenda Item 1	Attendees
Councillors	Cr DG Waugh, Mayor Cr FO Whelan, Deputy Mayor Cr JF Dowling Cr PW Lobegeier Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM Cr PW Francis Cr WJ Bowen	
Officers	Acting Chief Executive Officer, B Pearce General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar Media / Grants Officer, T L Wilson	
Welcome	Agenda Item 2	Welcome / Housekeeping
	The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:03am and welcomed all attendees to the meeting.	
	Biggenden School Chaplain, Moira Thompson led the meeting in prayer.	
Public Gallery	The Public Gallery was attended by BIEDO representative, Rachael Chambers and Central and North Burnett Times – Biggenden Journalist, Erica Murree.	
Apologies	Agenda Item 3	Apologies
	3.1 Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt	
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That an apology be received for the Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt. CARRIED 7/0	
Declaration	Agenda Item 4	Declaration of Interest
	Nil	
Deputations	Agenda Item 5	Deputations/Petitions
	5.1 10:00 – Congratulatory Morning Tea for Miss Show Girl, Sophie Hughes and Rural Show Ambassador, Sheree Beddows at the Biggenden Memorial Hall.	
Minutes	Agenda Item 6	Confirmation of Minutes
General Meeting	6.1 12 – December – General Meeting – Minutes – Mt Perry	
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the minutes of the General Meeting held in Mt Perry on the 12 December 2014 appearing on pages 225-232 of the minute book be adopted. CARRIED 7/0	
Governance	Agenda Item 7	Governance Report
Contact Centre	7.1 Contact Centre Establishment Update	

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Cr JF Dowling moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Contact Centre Report be received as information.
CARRIED 7/0

Public Gallery

Central and North Burnett Times – Biggenden Journalist, Erica Murree entered the meeting at 9:09am.

Council Meeting Dates

7.3 Council Meeting Dates for 2015

Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr PW Francis seconded:

That Council conducts the following Council Meetings during 2015 commencing at 9:00am at the Office Meeting Room of the locations nominated with the following amendments:

1. Standing Committee Meeting to be held on 3 February 2015 in Mundubbera to commence at 1pm.
2. Cr JF Dowling to videoconference with the Standing Committee Meeting to be held on 3 March 2015 in Mt Perry.

DATE	LOCATION	MEETING
20 January	Biggenden	General
17 February	Eidsvold	General
17 March	Gayndah	General
28 April	Mundubbera	General
19 May	Mt Perry	General
23 June	Monto	General
21 July	Gayndah	General
18 August	Eidsvold	General
15 September	Gayndah	General
13 October	Mundubbera	General
17 November	Mt Perry	General
15 December	Monto	General

Mundubbera Workshop
13 February
13 March
24 April
15 May
19 June
17 July
14 August
11 September
09 October
13 November
11 December

DATE	LOCATION	MEETING
03 February	Mundubbera	Standing Committee
03 March	Mt Perry	Standing Committee
07 April	Monto	Standing Committee
05 May	Gayndah	Standing Committee
02 June	Eidsvold	Standing Committee
07 July	Biggenden	Standing Committee
07 July	Biggenden	Special Budget
04 August	Mundubbera	Standing Committee
01 September	Mt Perry	Standing Committee
06 October	Monto	Standing Committee
04 November	Biggenden	Standing Committee
01 December	Eidsvold	Standing Committee

CARRIED 7/0

D Wiskar	General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar left the meeting at 9:15am and re-entered the meeting at 9:16am.	
L Benham	Manager Finance, L Benham entered the meeting at 9:16am.	
Financial Report	7.2	Financial Report
	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr JF Dowling seconded: That the Financial Report as presented be received. CARRIED 7/0	
Infrastructure	Agenda Item 8	Infrastructure Report
Water & Wastewater	8.1	Water and Wastewater Report
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Water and Wastewater Report as presented be received. CARRIED 7/0	
Buildings & Facilities	8.2	Buildings and Facilities Report
	Cr JF Dowling moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Buildings and Facilities Report as presented be received. CARRIED 7/0	
	Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Pearce organise Technical Services staff to liaise with Gayndah Police Officer, Josh Ryan regarding the monitoring of CCTV cameras at Gayndah Skatepark.	
Flood Restoration	8.3	Flood Restoration Report
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Flood Restoration Report as presented be received. CARRIED 7/0	
Social	Agenda Item 9	Social Report
Australia Day Ambassador	9.1	2015 Australia Day Ambassador Program
	Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the 2015 Australia Day Ambassador Program report as presented be received. CARRIED 7/0	
Morning Tea	The meeting adjourned at 9:57am for a Congratulatory Morning Tea for Miss Show Girl, Sophie Hughes and Rural Show Ambassador, Sheree Beddows at the Biggenden Memorial Hall.	
Resume Meeting	The meeting resumed at 11:20am with BIEDO representative, Rachael Chambers in attendance.	
Australia Day	9.2	Australia Day 2015 Update
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the Australia Day 2015 Update Report as presented be received. CARRIED 7/0	
Economic	Agenda Item 10	Economic Report
Building Stats	10.1	Building Statistics November

10.2 Building Statistics December

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That the November and December Building Statistics Reports as presented be received. **CARRIED 7/0**

Environmental **Agenda Item 11** **Environmental Report**

Nil

Councillor Reports **Agenda Item 12** **Councillor Reports**

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Councillor Reports as presented be received. **CARRIED 7/0**

General Business Resolved: That General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar organise a key to allow Cr PW Lobegeier access to the Monto Administration Office.

L Benham Manager Finance, L Benham entered the meeting at 11:39am.

Additional Bins Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Pearce liaise with Environmental Services staff to provide public refuse bins at the corner of Mt Perry and Burnett Highway following completion the upgrade of the Monto-Mt Perry Road in the later part of 2015.

Yarrol Road Ventnor Road – Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Pearce liaise with Technical Services staff to investigate drainage issues associated with the creek crossing on Yarrol Road near the Ventnor School and further, present a report at a future Council Meeting.

Public Gallery Central and North Burnett Times – Biggenden Journalist, Erica Murree entered the meeting at 11:45am.

Overhanging Trees Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Pearce liaise with Technical Services staff to investigate the issues of tree limbs overhanging roads and tree clearance heights above roads throughout Council's road network in general and further, present a report with options to address these issues at a future Council Meeting. **CARRIED 7/0**

L Benham Manager Finance, L Benham left the meeting at 11:45am and re-entered the meeting at 11:53am.

Crossings Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Pearce liaise with Technical Services staff to present a report at a future Council Meeting in regard to damage caused to Council's road infrastructure following the rain event that occurred in the Monto area on and around 12 December 2014 and to ensure that the rectification of this damage is promptly addressed by Council staff. **CARRIED 7/0**

Water Leak Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, Brendan Pearce liaise with Technical Services staff to further investigate an apparent water leak located at the corner of Rutherford and Spencer Street's, Monto that has resulted in a section of the road being closed off and provide advice as to when it will be repaired.

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CNBT – E Murree Central and North Burnett Times – Biggenden Journalist, Erica Murree addressed Councillors with a request to provide information on a twelve month 'wish list' of approximately 2-300 words to be provided to local CNBT journalists by the second week in February.

Confidential Reports **Agenda Items 13** **Confidential Reports**

Closed Session Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to allow discussion regarding other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage. **CARRIED 7/0**

Lunch The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30pm and resumed at 1:31pm.

Open session Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be re-opened to the public. **CARRIED 7/0**

R Chambers BIEDO Representative, R Chambers re-entered the meeting at 1:51pm.

Rates Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr WJ Bowen seconded: That the Rates Report as presented be received. **CARRIED 7/0**

Centrelink Services Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar liaise with the Department of Human Services to progress the provision of Centrelink Services in the areas of Monto, by North Burnett Regional Council on a cost neutral basis. **CARRIED 7/0**

Youth Services Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar prepare an application for Youth Service funding for the Monto, Eidsvold and Mt Perry Communities to improve services in the North Burnett region. This work is to be undertaken in a cost neutral manner for Council. **CARRIED 7/0**

Mundubbera Land Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar progress and negotiate a positive outcome for the land swap with Mark Postle in Mundubbera. **CARRIED 7/0**

General Business **Agenda Item 14** **General Business**

Cr JF Dowling Cr JF Dowling discussed the following items:

- Zonhoven Lithographs - \$1,183 for 8 frames to display at Gayndah Art Gallery.
- Tourism Brochures – draft provided for Councillors to view
- Meet and Greet for new residents in Gayndah
- Bench seats in front of Gayndah Courthouse
- Street Numbers on houses – householder responsible

Resolved: That General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar identify staff to support 'Meet and Greet' functions throughout the North Burnett.

Resolved: That Council support a 'Meet and Greet' function in each town.

WJ Bowen

Cr WJ Bowen discussed the following items:

- Maintenance at Ban Ban Springs Rest Area over Christmas
- Parthenium located on the Monto-Mt Perry Road
- Road Grade for orchardists at Benyenda
- Deb Ball – 21 March in Mt Perry – proceeds to Skate Park

Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, B Pearce provide a report on maintenance of both sides of the Ban Ban Springs rest area to a future Council Meeting.

Resolved: Councillors report the location of Parthenium or other pests to Council's Natural Resources Management Officer, Lee Harper and record on InfoXpert for follow up.

Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, B Pearce liaise with Technical Services staff to progress the grading of Back Benyenda and Yenda Benyenda Roads for orchardists prior to picking season.

Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, B Pearce liaise with Technical Services staff to progress the floor polishing of the Mt Perry Community Hall prior to Saturday, 21 March 2015.

Cr PW Francis

Cr PW Francis discussed the following items:

- TMR Monto 'Business Centre' sign
- Kenny Russell Statue
- RMWABC Advisory Meeting – Possible name change and RMW merchandise
- Deputation for road funding for B Double National Regulatory Guidelines
- Election Commitments – Report due mid February
- Leave

Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, B Pearce liaise with the Department of Transport and Main Roads to progress the relocation of a Monto 'Business Centre' sign due to it being poorly located in relation to an overhanging tree.

Resolved: That General Manager of Corporate and Community Services, D Wiskar email an update to all Councillors on the progress of the Kenny Russell statue in Monto.

Resolved: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, B Pearce follow up the letter forwarded to Federal Member for Flynn, Ken O'Dowd MP (in December 2014) regarding a proposed series of meetings in Canberra to discuss a range of issues with Federal Ministers and Senators.

Cr WJ Bowen moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That a leave of absence be granted for Cr PW Francis from 23 May 2015 to 18 June 2015. **CARRIED 7/0**

Cr PW Lobegeier

Cr PW Lobegeier discussed the following item:

- Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism Meeting 11am at Cania Recreation Facility in Monto.

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That Acting Chief Executive Officer, B Pearce advise the Department of Transport and Main Roads on the poor condition of the Isis Highway from Rocky Creek to Coalstoun Lakes. **CARRIED 7/0**

Closure of Meeting **Agenda Item 15** **Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:48pm.

Presented to Council at its General Meeting held 17 February 2015 and confirmed.

Mayor

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