

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE BIGGENDEN  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2012 AT 9:10AM.**

Attendees <b>001-01-2012</b> Councillors	<b>Agenda Item 1</b>	<b>Attendees</b>
		Cr JE Jensen (Mayor) Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM (Deputy Mayor) Cr PW Lobegeier Cr PW Francis Cr FO Whelan Cr PJ Huth Cr P Baker
Officers		Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt Director of Technical Services, K Palmer Director of Cultural and Community Services, AM Jackson Assistant Director of Technical Services, TJ Harvey Personal Assistant to the Mayor, TL Wilson Executive Assistant, NJ Zillman
Welcome <b>002-01-2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item 2</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
		Cr JE Jensen welcomed all attendees to the Meeting.
Apologies <b>003-01-2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item 3</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
		Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That a leave of absence be granted for Director of Corporate Services, LD Hotz and Director of Development and Environment, RJ Savage. <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED 7/0</b></span>
Declaration <b>004-01-2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4</b>	<b>Declaration of Interest</b>
		1. Cr PW Lobegeier and Cr PW Francis proposed a perceived declaration of interest in Agenda Item 9.4 – Rural Fire Levy due to personal involvement in the Rural Fire Brigade.  2. Cr FO Whelan proposed a perceived declaration of interest in Agenda Item 10.1 Grants to Community Organisations due to personal involvement with the Mundubbera Centenary Committee.  Resolved: Council resolved that Councillor's perceived declaration of interest would have no bearing on the resolution outcomes.
Minutes <b>005-01-2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5</b>	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>
		1. Special Meeting – Mundubbera – 29-11-2011 Page No 489  Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the minutes of the Special Meeting held in Mundubbera on 29 November 2011 appearing on page 489 of the minute book as amended, be adopted. <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED 7/0</b></span>  2. General Meeting – Biggenden – 20-12-2011 Page No's 504-512  Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the minutes of the General Meeting held in Biggenden on 20 December 2011 appearing on pages 504-512 of the minute book as amended, be adopted. <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED 7/0</b></span>
Deputations <b>006-01-2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item 6</b>	<b>Deputations / Public Session</b>
		In accordance with a decision made by Council at the meeting held on Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2011, Council will make time available at each General Meeting for public questions/ representations. This is an opportunity for members of the public to make a representation on a matter in which they have an interest on an item which is before the Council for decision e.g. development applications. Other than with approval of the Mayor, individuals will not be allowed to address Council on agenda related matters at any other time during the meeting." Public Question and Statements Time will commence at 2:00 pm.

House Keeping	<b>Agenda Item 7</b>	<b>House Keeping</b>
	Fire protocols and house keeping matters were advised.	
Business Arising <b>007-01-2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item 8</b>	<b>Business Arising</b>
	Resolved: That the Director of Corporate Services Report be presented after lunch.	
CEO Report <b>008-01-2012</b>	<b>Agenda Item 9</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer Report</b>
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Chief Executive Officer Report as presented, be received.	
Local Government Remuneration <b>009-01-2010</b>	9.1 Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal Report 2011	
	Cr PW Francis moved and Mayor, Cr JE Jensen seconded: That in accordance with section 42(5) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010 (the Regulation) North Burnett Regional Council resolves to accept the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal decision and adopt the tribunal Remuneration Schedule.	
	That Council resolves to amend the Councillor Remuneration to provide for Councillor Remuneration to apply as follows from 01 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.	
	Mayor 65% of reference rate Deputy Mayor 37.5% of reference rate Councillor 32.5% of reference rate	
	Where the reference rate is the rate described in the Local Government Remuneration duties described in the Councillor Remuneration and shall be in addition to the amalgamation loading which will cease as at 1 April 2012. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt prepare a letter to LGAQ expressing disappointment in the process of the Remuneration Tribunal and request that a change to the legislation be included as part of the Local Government 10 point policy plan for the State election. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
Gayndah Masonic Lodge <b>010-01-2012</b>	9.2 Gayndah Masonic Lodge Request for Rate Rebate	
	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council donates a 240l Wheelie Bin to the Gayndah Masonic Lodge with the cost of the bin being charged to Waste Gayndah Operating General Ledger. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
<b>011-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the Director of Development and Environment Services, RJ Savage report to Council with options on wheelie bin distribution and the best methodology for distribution on a regional basis. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
<b>012-01-2012</b>	Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council enters into negotiations with the Gayndah Masonic Lodge and the Historical Society to clarify the land tenure arrangements in regard to the historical society building situated on 75 Capper Street, Gayndah. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
Resources Legislation <b>013-01-2012</b>	9.3 Resources Legislation (Balance, Certainty and Efficiency) Amendment Bill 2011 Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded:	
	1. That the North Burnett Regional Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to lodge the draft submission on the Resources Legislation (Balance, Certainty and Efficiency) Amendment Bill 2011 as amended.	
	2. That North Burnett Regional Council invite Ms Bernadette McNevin A/Director Land and Resources Policy, Mining and Petroleum Industry Policy, DEEDI to meet with Council and explain the Resources Legislation (Balance, Certainty and Efficiency) Amendment Bill 2011 ; and	
	3. That Council send a representative to attend a public hearing in Chinchilla, 10 February 2012 on the Resources Legislation (Balance, Certainty and Efficiency) Amendment Bill 2011. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	

Rural Fire Levy Policy 9.4 Rural Fire Levy Policy  
014-01-2012

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Rural Fire Levy Policy be received for information until further liaison and consultation is sought from Rural Fire Brigades.  
**CARRIED 7/0**

DCCS Report  
015-01-2012

**Agenda Item 10 Director of Community and Cultural Services Report**

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the Director of Community and Cultural Services Report as presented, be received.  
**CARRIED 7/0**

Community Grants  
016-01-2012

10.1 Grants to Community Organisations

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That – of the total requests received – cash grants amounting to \$13,075 as well as In-kind grants of \$14,455 as listed below be distributed to community organisations with the remaining balance of \$23,470 for the financial quarter to be held for future assessment:

Budget Balance carried over from previous quarter	N/A
Total Recommended grants for approval	\$27,530
Remaining balance to be held for future assessment	\$22,270

Organisation	Requested Cash Amount	Suggested \$ Donations for approval	In-kind Estimate
RSL Mundubbera	\$995	\$995	
Andrew Seabrook	\$300	\$250	
Lions Club Gayndah	\$999	\$999	
Friends of RM William ABLC	\$3,761	\$3,761	
QISEA	\$500	\$250	
Mundubbera Cricket Ass			\$900
Wide Bay Volunteers	\$850	\$850	\$315
Cania Dam Fish Stocking Ass	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$600
Mt Perry Show Society			\$1000
Gayndah Swimming Club	\$500	\$500	
Mundubbera Centenary Committee	\$2,200	\$2,200	\$11,290
Biggenden Lions Club	\$770	\$770	\$350
	<b>\$15,875</b>	<b>\$13,075</b>	<b>\$14,455</b>

**CARRIED 7/0**

ALG Helicopter  
017-01-2012

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council support the Action Rescue Helicopter by means of an annual donation of \$1 per head of population from the Community Donations General Ledger and this amount be donated annual upon request.

Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved: That the North Burnett Regional Council support the Action Rescue Helicopter with an annual donation of \$5, 000 from the Community Donations General Ledger.  
**MOTION LAPSED**

Amendment

Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr Baker seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council support the Action Rescue Helicopter with an annual donation of \$10,000 from the Community Donations General Ledger.

**Voting For the Motion**

Cr JE Jensen  
Cr PW Francis  
Cr P Baker  
Cr PJ Huth

		<b><i>Voting Against the Motion</i></b> Cr PW Lobegeier Cr FO Whelan Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM <b><i>CARRIED 4/3</i></b>
Original Motion	Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr Baker seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council support the Action Rescue Helicopter with an annual donation of \$10,000 from the Community Donations General Ledger.	<b><i>Voting For the Motion</i></b> Cr JE Jensen Cr PW Francis Cr P Baker Cr PJ Huth Cr PW Lobegeier Cr FO Whelan <b><i>Voting Against the Motion</i></b> Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM <b><i>CARRIED 6/1</i></b>
Monto Airport	10.2 Monto Airport Request	
<b>018-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That the letter be received and content noted and a Customer Request be submitted tasking Technical Services to proceed with the requirements noted in the Monto Airport letter.	<b><i>CARRIED 7/0</i></b>
<b>019-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt correspond with the RAAus Committee acknowledging their letter and requests and advising their comments would be considered as part of the Airport Strategic Review.	<b><i>CARRIED 7/0</i></b>
Morning Tea	Meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:35am and resumed at 11:00am.	
DODE Report	<b>Agenda Item 12 Director of Development and Environment Report</b>	
<b>020-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Director of Development and Environment Report as presented be received.	<b><i>CARRIED 7/0</i></b>
Development Stats	12.1 Development Statistics	
<b>021-01-2012</b>	Resolved: That the Director of Development and Environment Report Agenda Item 12.1 Development Statistics be received for information.	
Pet Registration	12.2 Cat and Dog Registration	
<b>022-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That Council approves a change to its Cat and Dog registration year from 1 July – 30 June to 1 October – 30 September annually and that registrations currently expiring on 30 June 2012 be extended until 30 September 2012 at no cost to owners, ensuring that adequate notice of the registration changes is provided to the community.	<b><i>CARRIED 7/0</i></b>
Illegal Dumping	12.3 Illegal Dumping and Littering Reporting System	
<b>023-01-2012</b>	Cr P Baker moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Director of Development and Environment Report Agenda Item 12.3 Illegal Dumping and Littering Reporting System be received for information.	<b><i>CARRIED 7/0</i></b>
Cat and Dog Policies	12.4 Cat and Dog Policies	
<b>024-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the Deceased Cats and Dogs/Cats and Dogs Removed from Region – Refunds Policy be returned to Director of Development and Environment, RJ Savage for further consultation including the following items:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarterly refunds; and</li> <li>• Feasibility of refunds</li> </ul>	<b><i>CARRIED 7/0</i></b>

- 025-01-2012** Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the Pro Rata Registration for New Cats and New Dogs as presented, be adopted. **CARRIED 7/0**
- 026-01-2012** Cr P Baker and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Rebate for Desexed Cats and Dogs as presented be adopted. **CARRIED 7/0**
- 027-01-2012** Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt submit an agenda item to the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisations of Council (WBBROC) in regards to reciprocal licensing of dogs and cats being recognised throughout the state of Queensland. **CARRIED 7/0**
- DOTS Report **Agenda Item 13 Director of Technical Services Report**
- 028-01-2012** Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the Director of Technical Services Report as presented, be received. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Internal Report 13.1 Technical Services Internal Section Reports
- 029-01-2012** Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Director of Technical Services, K Palmer create a flyer to be distributed to Gayndah residents informing the community of the reasons for the current water restrictions and the processes involved in restoring the water services. **CARRIED 7/0**
- 030-01-2012** Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Director of Technical Services, K Palmer convene a meeting with the Monto Golf Club Management Committee, Cr PW Lobegeier and Cr PW Francis to discuss the future use of grey water. **CARRIED 7/0**
- DCCS Director of Community and Cultural Services, AM Jackson withdrew from the meeting at 11:32am and re-entered at 11:34am.
- 031-01-2012** Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Director of Technical Services, K Palmer convene a meeting with the Monto Garden Focus Group, Cr PW Lobegeier and Cr PW Francis to discuss plans for 2012.
- Further, that Council continue to hold informal focus group meetings with Director of Technical Services, staff, Monto residents and Councillors with the next meeting to be held in the first week of February 2012. **CARRIED 7/0**
- DCCS Director of Community and Cultural Services, AM Jackson withdrew from the meeting at 11:48am and re-entered at 11:50am.
- Verbal Report  
**032-01-2012** Resolved: Assistant Director of Technical Service TJ Harvey presented a verbal report on the outcome of the meeting with SunWater held at the Biggenden Office 17 January 2012 at 8:00am.
- Councillor Reports **Agenda Item 14 Councillor Report**
- 033-01-2012** Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Councillor reports as presented, be received. **CARRIED 7/0**
- Premier's Correspondence  
**034-01-2012** 14.1 Signed Letter from the Premier
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Signed Letter from the Premier be received for information and the contents noted. **CARRIED 7/0**
- 14.2 Cr FO Whelan
- 14.3 Cr PW Lobegeier
- Christmas Lights  
**035-01-2012** Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Council seek Community feedback from the four (4) North Burnett Regional towns involved in the annual Christmas lights competition with regards to the future of the project. **CARRIED 7/0**
- 14.3 Cr P Baker
- Transport Meeting  
**036-01-2012** Action: Mayor, Cr JE Jensen and Cr FO Whelan presented a verbal report on the Transport Meeting with BIEDO and St Johns held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

Lunch	Meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:25pm and resumed at 1:25pm with Manager of Financial Services, JD Kronk in attendance.	
<b>DOCS Report</b>	<b>Agenda Item 11</b>	<b>Director of Corporate Services Report</b>
<b>037-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the Director of Corporate Services Report as presented, be received. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
Financial Report	11.1	Financial Report
<b>038-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Director of Corporate Services Report Agenda Item 11.1 Financial Report as presented, be adopted. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
Revenue Report	11.2	Revenue and Expenditure Report
<b>039-01-2012</b>	Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the Director of Corporate Services Report Agenda Item 11.2 Revenue Expenditure Report as presented, be adopted. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
Asset Report	11.3	Current Asset Position
<b>040-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That the Director of Corporate Services Report Agenda Item 11.3 Current Asset Position as presented, be received. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
Half Yearly Budget	11.4	Half Yearly Budget Review
<b>041-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the proposed 2011/2012 Half Yearly Budget including Statement of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cash flow and Statement of Changes in Equity as presented, be adopted.	
	Adoption of 2011/2012 Half Yearly Budget Statements including:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statement of Comprehensive Income</li> <li>• Balance Sheet</li> <li>• Cash Flow Statement</li> <li>• Statement of Changes in Equity</li> </ul>
		<b>CARRIED 7/0</b>
<b>042-01-2012</b>	Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Mayor, Cr JE Jensen and Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt organise to meet with the Grants Commission with regards to North Burnett Regional Council's Federal Assistance Grants reduced allocation. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
<b>043-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That in accordance with Section 72(h) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010, 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. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
<b>044-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That in accordance with Section 72(h) of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010, the meeting be re-opened to the public. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
	11.5	Rates Write-Off
<b>045-01-2012</b>	Cr P Baker moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That Council write-off an amount of \$127.92 from assessment number 31095-11000-000. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	
General Business	<b>Agenda Item 15</b>	<b>General Business</b>
<b>046-01-2012</b>	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Director of Corporate Services, LD Hotz liaise with the Monto Historical and Cultural Society Advisory Committee on the 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2012 to formalise a committee and advise on the requirements to obtain insurance coverage for volunteers. <b>CARRIED 7/0</b>	

**047-01-2012**

Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Director of Technical Service, K Palmer contact SunWater and Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) in regards to the release of the southern side of Jones Weir. **CARRIED 7/0**

Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM withdrew from the meeting at 2:00pm and re-entered at 2:03pm

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JD Kronk withdrew from the Meeting at 2:06pm

**048-01-2012**

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt liaise with Bundaberg Regional Council and submit an application for the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program - Cyclone and Flood Warnings Subsidy and include the projects planned 3 year operational costs. **CARRIED 7/0**

Closure of Meeting

**Agenda Item 16          Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2:11pm

Presented to Council at its General Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 February 2012, and confirmed.

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**MAYOR**