

**MINUTES OF THE NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE EIDSVOLD
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARDROOM ON TUESDAY, 23 AUGUST 2011 AT 9:00AM**

Attendees	Agenda Item 1	Attendees
Councillors	Cr JE Jensen (Mayor) Cr PW Lobegeier Cr P Baker Cr PW Francis Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM Cr FO Whelan Cr PJ Huth	
Officers	Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt Director of Community and Cultural Services, AM Jackson Director of Corporate Services, LD Hotz Director of Development and Environment, RJ Savage Director of Technical Services, RJ Smith Assistant Director of Technical Services, TJ Harvey Administration Officer, SE Seabrook Personal Assistant to the Mayor, TL Wilson Media Officer, B Pennell	
Welcome	Agenda Item 2	Welcome
	Cr JE Jensen welcomed all attendees to the Meeting.	
Apologies	Agenda Item 3	Apologies
	Nil	
Declaration of Interest	Agenda Item 4	Declaration of Interest
	Cr P Baker proposed a declaration of interest in Agenda Item 9.3 – Mt Perry Leopard Tank Dedication of the Director of Community and Cultural Services Report.	
	5.3 Notice of Motion - Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM and P Baker: That in accordance with section 165, the North Burnett Regional Council declares the Office of Deputy Mayor vacant.	
	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That in accordance to 165 of the Local Government Act, Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM be nominated for the position of Deputy Mayor. CARRIED	
	Further, Cr JE Jensen thanked Cr PW Lobegeier for his service and support as previous Deputy Mayor and Congratulated Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM on his successful nomination.	
Confirmation of Minutes General Meeting	Agenda Item 5	Confirmation of Minutes
	5.1 General Meeting – Biggenden – 17 July 2011 – Pages 356-363	
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the minutes of the General Meeting held in Biggenden on 17 July 2011 appearing on pages 356-363 of the minute book as presented be adopted. CARRIED	
Policy and Strategy Meeting	5.2 Policy and Strategy Meeting – Mt Perry – 02 August 2011 – Pages 367-370	
	Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the minutes of the Policy and Strategy Meeting held in Mt Perry on 02 August 2011 appearing on pages 367-370 of the minute book as presented be adopted. CARRIED	
Deputations	Agenda Item 6	Deputations/Petitions
James Corvan	6.1 10:00 am	James Corvan – Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism
Bat Colony Petition	6.2 Petition	Residents of Gayndah – Bat Colony

Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded that Council receive the Residents of Gayndah petition to have the Bat Colony removed and noted that the petition had been included in the North Burnett Regional Councils application to gain a dispersal permit from the Department of Environment and Resource Management to move the bats from the Gayndah township. **CARRIED**

Public Information Session	6.3	2:00pm Public Information Session – Eidsvold Boardroom 2:00 pm Michael Witty - Project Manager for Wavenet International Ltd	
Business Arising	Agenda Item 7	Business Arising	
Mundubbera Sportsground	7.1	Mundubbera Sportsground Lease Resolved: That Director of Corporate Services, LD Hotz to draft a lease for the Mundubbera Sportsground.	CARRIED
Roller Relocation	7.2	Roller Relocation Resolved: That Director of Community and Cultural Services, AM Jackson progress the report on the relocation of the roller to Mundubbera Historical Society and advise on any asbestos issues that may arise.	
CEO	Agenda Item 8	Chief Executive Officer	
		Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Chief Executive Officers Report as presented, be received.	CARRIED
Hospitality and Entertainment	8.1	Hospitality and Entertainment Report Cr P Lobegeier moved and Cr Wendt seconded: That the 2010 – 2011 Hospitality and Entertainment Report as amended be adopted.	CARRIED
Conference Attendance	8.2	Conference Attendance – 2011 National Local Roads and Transport Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr P Huth seconded: That Cr PW Francis and Director of Technical Services, RJ Smith be appointed as delegate to attend the 2011 National Local Roads and Transport Congress to be held in Mount Gambier, South Australia on 16-18 November 2011 with Council meeting the normal cost of attendance.	CARRIED
Grants and Subsidies Program	8.3	Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the North Burnett Regional Council submits an application to the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program	CARRIED
Strategic Alliance	8.4	Strategic Alliance for the Future of Agriculture Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the North Burnett Regional Council supports the Big Wave Connects Monto through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-kind use of the Monto Hall and facilities; and • In accordance with Council's adopted Community Events policy. 	CARRIED
Mundubbera Centenary	8.5	Mundubbera Centenary Celebrations 2012 Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That the North Burnett Regional Council adopts the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mundubbera Centenary Celebrations 2012, as an official event. 2. Endorses the actions taken to date; and 3. Requests the Mundubbera Centenary Celebrations Community Committee to conduct the event on councils behalf. 	CARRIED
		Further, Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Queensland Disaster Heroes plaque be displayed as a part of the Centennial Garden proposed for the Old Train Shed in Mundubbera.	CARRIED

- myPathway 8.6 myPathway to Better Health
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the myPathway to Better Health sponsored by the Local Government Association of Queensland with Ford Health be received for information. **CARRIED**
- DOCS **Agenda Item 9 Director of Community and Cultural Services**
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Director of Community and Cultural Services Report as presented, be received. **CARRIED**
- No-For-Profit 9.1 Additional Not-For Profit Organisations
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Council approves the organisations to be included in the Not-For-Profit list within Council Policy 113. **CARRIED**
- Loyalty Card Update 9.2 Loyalty Card Program Update
- Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That the Loyalty Card Program Update be received as information. **CARRIED**
- Cr P Baker Cr P Baker declared an interest and withdrew from the meeting 9:40am
- Leopard Tank 9.3 Mount Perry Leopard Tank Dedication
- Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the North Burnett Regional Council financially support the total amount towards the provision of catering costs for the supply of a light luncheon on 10 September 2011 for catering provided by the Mt Perry RSL for invited persons to the Mount Perry Leopard Tank Dedication. **CARRIED**
- Cr P Baker Cr P Baker re-entered the meeting 9:44am
- St Johns Ambulance 9.4 St Johns Ambulance Community Transport Service
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That the St Johns Ambulance Community Transport Service report be received as information.
- Further, Director of Cultural and Community Services, AM Jackson to vigorously pursue the St Johns Ambulance community transport service to ensure improved transport services for the residents of the North Burnett Regional Council. **CARRIED**
- RADF 9.5 Arts and Cultural Development – RADF
- Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Arts and Cultural Development – RADF Report as presented be adopted. **CARRIED**
- Local Buy 9.6 Project Status Report – North Burnett Local Buy 2011
- Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That North Burnett Regional Council employees are to be excluded from entering the North Burnett Local Buy 2011 competition. **CARRIED**
- Resolved: Director of Community and Cultural Services, AM Jackson to focus on utilising local radio and television advertisements for the promotion of the Local Buy 2011 competition.
- Deputations **Agenda Item 6 Deputations/Petitions**
- James Corvan 6.1 10:00am James Corvan - Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism
- James Corvan from Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism entered the meeting at 10:00am to provide an update to Council on recent happenings at Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism. Mayor Cr JE Jensen congratulated Mr Corvan on behalf of Councillors and senior staff for Bundaberg North Burnett Tourism's recent award.

JD Kronk	JD Kronk entered the meeting at 10:17am and withdrew at 10:18am.
Morning Tea	Meeting adjourned for morning tea 10:30am and resumed 11.04am with Manager of Finance, JD Kronk in attendance and J Corvan absent.
DOCS	Agenda Item 10 Director of Corporate Services
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PJ Huth seconded: That the Director of Corporate Services Report as presented, be received. CARRIED
Operational Plan	10.1 2010/2011 4 th Quarter Operational Plan
	Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the 2010-2011 4 th Quarter Operational Plan as presented, be received and adopted. CARRIED
Financial Report	10.2 Financial Report
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the Financial Report as presented be received and adopted. CARRIED
Revenue and Expenditure	10.3 Revenue and Expenditure Report
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the Revenue and Expenditure Report as presented be received and adopted. CARRIED
Asset Position	10.4 Current Asset Position Report
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the current Asset Position Report be received. CARRIED
Over Due Rates & Charges	10.5 Over Due Rates and Charges
	Cr P Baker moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the Over Due Rates and Chargers report as presented, be received and adopted. CARRIED
WHS	10.6 Workplace Health and Safety
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That the Workplace Health and Safety report as presented be received. CARRIED
	Resolved: That the Director of Corporate Services, LD Hotz to amend page four of the report to define 'total' columns of the table as well as prepare a Managers Report to present to Councillors and Directors in the interim.
Bad Debts Write Off	10.7 Financial Report – Bad Debts Write Offs – Closed Session Report
Closed Session	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt 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. CARRIED
TL Wilson	TL Wilson withdrew from the meeting 11.29am and re-entered 11.29am.
Re-opened Meeting	Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That in accordance with Section 72(h) of the Local Government (Operations) regulation 2010, the meeting be re-opened to the public. CARRIED
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the Financial Report – Bad Debts Write Offs report as presented be received and adopted. CARRIED
DODE	Agenda Item 11 Director of Development and Environment
	Cr PW Francis moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the Director of Development and Environment Services Report as presented, be received. CARRIED
	11.1 Development Statistics

Resolved: That the Development Statics Report as presented be received as information.

Hendra Testing

11.2 Hendra Virus Testing

Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Council is not to subsidise any of the cost of veterinarian services for the purpose of taking and testing samples from animals suspected of having Hendra Virus and ongoing monitoring in the event of a positive result.

VOTING FOR THE MOTION

Cr JE Jensen
Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM
Cr PW Lobegeier
Cr PW Francis
Cr JE Jensen
Cr FO Whelan

VOTING AGAINST THE MOTION

Cr P Huth

CARRIED 6/1

Cr PJ Huth moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That the North Burnett Regional Council make direct representation to the premier by the Mayor and/or the Chief Executive Officer for funding assistance for the relocation of the flying fox colony in the Gayndah township.

Resolved: That Council advise the public the estimate cost to disperse the flying fox colony from the Gayndah Township and actual figures when confirmed.

DOTS

Agenda Item 12 Director of Technical Services

Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the Director of Technical Services Report as presented, be received.

CARRIED

Internal Section Report

12.1 Internal Section Report

Resolved: That the Internal Section Report as presented, be received as information.

Gayndah Water Testing

12.2 Gayndah Water Testing

Cr KS Wendt moved and Cr P Huth seconded: That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health, Hon Geoff Wilson MP expressing concerns by the community of Queensland Health's lack of response and the absence of representation at the North Burnett Regional Council Fluoridation Information Seminars. Further, a carbon copy of this letter be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government, Hon Paul Lucas MP and Member for Callide, Mr Jeff Seeny MP.

CARRIED

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That Assistant Director of Technical Services, TJ Harvey prepare a report outlining the estimated cost per household of adding fluoride to the water supply to be tabled at the next General Meeting to be held on the 20th of September, 2011.

CARRIED

NBRC Vehicles

Cr KS Wendt moved and Cr PW Francis seconded: That Director of Technical Services, RJ Smith to prepare a list of surplus vehicles and equipment for sale by Tender and further, provide a report to Council at the next General Meeting to be held in Gayndah on 20 September, 2011.

CARRIED

Qld Infrastructure Program Submission

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr FO Whelan seconded: That Council make a submission to the Queensland Infrastructure Program.

CARRIED

Lunch

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.42pm and resumed 1.32pm with Director of Technical Services, RJ Smith absent.

Councillors Report

Agenda Item 13 Councillors Report

Cr PW Lobegeier moved and Cr P Baker seconded: That the Councillors Report as presented, be received.

CARRIED

Cr JE Jensen

13.1 Cr JE Jensen, Mayor

Cr PW Lobegeier

13.2 Cr PW Lobegeier

Cr P Baker	13.3	Cr P Baker
Cr PW Francis	13.4	Cr PW Francis
Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM	13.5	Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM
Cr FO Whelan	13.6	Cr FO Whelan
Councillor Calendar	13.7	Councillor Calendar
General Business	Agenda Item 14	General Business
Eidsvold Saw Mill		Discussions were held regarding the Eidsvold Saw Mill employees – 13 of these redundant employees have been offered Staff traineeships within the North Burnett Regional Council.
Monto Coal		Resolved: That Monto Coal provide a deputation to Council at the next Informal Briefing to be held Monday 19 September, 10:00am at Mundubbera.
LGAQ		Cr FO Whelan moved and Cr KS Wendt seconded: That Chief Executive Officer, MJP Pitt is to nominate Cr PW Lobegeier for a Certificate of Service from the Local Government Association of Queensland in recognition of his long standing service to the region. CARRIED
LD Hotz		LD Hotz withdrew from the meeting at 1:39pm and returned 1:47pm
RJ Smith		RJ Smith entered the meeting at 1:40pm and withdrew at 1:40pm.
JD Kronk		JD Kronk Withdrew from the meeting at 1:40pm and re-entered at 1:40pm.
MJP Pitt		MJP Pitt withdrew from the meeting at 1:44pm and re-entered at 1:46pm
Deputations	Agenda Item 6	Deputations
Michael Whitty	6.3	2:00pm Michael Whitty – Wavenet Michael Whitty representing Wavenet International Inc. entered the meeting 1:45pm to give a presentation to Council on coal exploration.
Community Information Session	6.4	Community Information Session Due to non attendance from the Eidsvold Community the Community Information Session was not progressed.
RJ Smith		RJ Smith re-entered the meeting at 1:48pm.
Michael Whitty		Michael Whitty withdrew from the meeting at 2:13pm
Micheal Whitty		Cr PW Francis moved and Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM seconded: That the North Burnett Regional Council will support an opt out provision application for an exploration permit for coal 2044 pending: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The written demonstration of support from those properties directly affected; and • That dependent on support received from the landowners, the support provided by the North Burnett Regional Council for an exploration permit for coal 2044 to obtain an opt out provision does not ordain the automatic commencement of mining in the area. CARRIED
MJP Pitt		MJP Pitt withdrew from the meeting at 2:08pm and re-entered at 2:12pm
RJ Smith		RJ Smith withdrew from the meeting at 2:10pm
Donation Boxes		Discussions were held in regards to the placement of donation boxes at Zonhovan and Ceratodus Parks.
Skateboard free CBD		Discussions were held regarding the progress of making Central Business Districts skateboard and bike free zones.

- October P&S Resolved: That the Policy and Strategy Meeting to be held in Mundubbera, 4 October 2011 be cancelled due to the dates clashing with the Local Government Association Queensland Annual Conference.
- Leave of Absence Resolved: That a leave of absence be granted to Cr FO Whelan from 2 November 2011 to 13 November 2011.
- Closure of Meeting **Agenda Item 15 Closure of Meeting**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2:32pm.

Presented to Council at its General Meeting held on Tuesday 20 September 2011, and confirmed.

MAYOR