



# Minutes

## Ordinary Meeting

**Tuesday, 21 March 2023**

**Time: 9.15 am**

**Location: Council Chambers**  
**82 Brisbane Street**  
**BEAUDESERT QLD 4285**

**Scenic Rim Regional Council**  
**Ordinary Meeting**  
**Tuesday, 21 March 2023**  
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## **1 Opening of Meeting**

The Mayor, Cr Greg Christensen, as Chair of the Meeting, declared the Meeting open and acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands of the Scenic Rim Regional Council area. The Mayor paid respect to their elders, past, present and future, and extended congratulations to them on their continued nurturing of their culture.

## **2 Attendance and the granting of leaves of absence**

Cr G R Christensen, Mayor  
Cr J J S McConnell, Deputy Mayor  
Cr V A West  
Cr M J Enright  
Cr M J Chalk  
Cr D A McInnes OAM

### **Executive Officers**

D Keenan, Chief Executive Officer  
C McMahon, General Manager People and Strategy  
D Howe, General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity  
S Osman, Manager Maintenance and Operations / Acting General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability  
O Pring, General Manager Council Sustainability

### **Staff**

S Keepence, Business Support Officer, Office of the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer  
J Pukallus, Principal Specialist Governance and Assurance  
S Oberle, Desktop Support Officer, Information Services and Technology  
M Lohmann, Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity (Item 10.2)  
H Nelson, Principal Specialist Strategic Planning (Item 10.2)  
K Venkatraman, Manager Resources and Sustainability (Item 10.3)  
R King, Senior Property Officer (Item 10.3)

## **3 Apologies**

Nil

## **4 Prayers**

Cr Greg Christensen offered prayers

## **5 Declarations of Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest by Members**

Nil

## 6 Announcements / Mayoral Minutes

### 6.1 Mayoral Announcement - Vale Susan Overell

Cr Greg Christensen:

*"Councillors,*

*Today we pause to mark the passing of one of the leading lights of the Scenic Rim creative community, Susan (Sue) Overell, who was also a pioneer of our region's farmstay tourism operations.*

*Sue passed away on Friday, 10 March, after a long illness, surrounded by her family.*

*A founding member and patron of the volunteer arts organisation BADCAP, Sue will be remembered by many as a kind and gracious woman and for her contribution to the arts, particularly her landmark Arts in the Olives event, which was held annually for some 10 years every Mother's Day.*

*Through her involvement with BADCAP, and its vision to work with Council to enhance the cultural life of our region, Sue leaves a lasting legacy that can be seen in the many sculptures across the Scenic Rim, including Tamborine Mountain, Rathdowney, Beaudesert and the Lake Wyaralong Sculpture Park.*

*Tourism in the Scenic Rim also owes a debt of gratitude to Sue, who, along with Kay Tommerup and others in the Kerry Valley, established the Lost World Tourism Group, sowing the seeds of a larger, united tourism organisation in our region.*

*In partnership with her husband Rob, Sue established one of the Scenic Rim's first farmstays, Worendo Cottages at Darlington, which is now run by her son, Nathan, and his family. Her daughter, Sally, and her family now run Kerry Valley Secret camping.*

*Sue will also be remembered for her focus on the importance of fresh local produce through her Wild Lime Cooking School and her contribution to our region's paddock-to-plate philosophy that is celebrated in Scenic Rim Eat Local Month.*

*May she rest in peace."*

That:

1. Council note with sadness the passing of Susan Overell, and extend our condolences to her family and to all those whose lives have been touched by her contribution to the community; and
2. Council grant Cr Virginia West a leave of absence from 10.00 am this morning, to represent Council at a Memorial Celebration for Susan Overell.

Moved: Cr Greg Christensen

Seconded: Cr Jeff McConnell

Carried unanimously

## 6.2 Mayoral Announcement - Sacred site Whinpullin (Minto Crag) back in hands of traditional owners and custodians

Cr Greg Christensen:

*"Councillors,*

*Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023, was a truly remarkable and historic day for our region.*

*It was on this day that traditional landowners from Boonah's south-west, the Dhagun Yumba Aboriginal Corporation (DYAC), took freehold title of 26 hectares of land at Whinpullin - also known as Minto Crag.*

*The land transfer means that Dhagun Yumba Aboriginal Corporation hold the land as inalienable freehold - it can't be bought, sold or mortgaged - and is held in perpetuity for the benefit of the Aboriginal people connected to that land.*

*I think I speak on behalf of everybody here today in saying that this decision aligns with our belief in the importance of respecting the cultural traditions of our region.*

*Council is delighted with the listening and wisdom shown in this decision, and is excited to celebrate it with our community."*

That Council note this historic date and outcome and extend our congratulations to the Dhagun Yumba Aboriginal Corporation on this milestone for our traditional landowners, and acknowledge the importance of preserving this important cultural site.

Moved: Cr Greg Christensen

Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

Carried unanimously

## 7 Reception of Deputations by Appointment / Presentation of Petitions

Nil

## 8 Confirmation of Minutes

### Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7 March 2023, be adopted.

Moved: Cr Virginia West

Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Carried unanimously

## 9 Business Arising from Previous Minutes



Nil

## 10 Consideration of Business of Meeting

### Customer & Regional Prosperity

#### 10.1 2022 Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Board Meetings Update

**Attachments:**

1. NRJO Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes 19 August 2022 
  2. NRJO Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes 2 December 2022 
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### Recommendation

That:

1. Council note the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation Ordinary Board Meeting Minutes for meetings held in August 2022 and December 2022; and
2. Council note the activities and initiatives being undertaken by the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation as they pertain to the Scenic Rim region.

Moved: Cr Jeff McConnell

Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

That the General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity's recommendation be adopted

Carried unanimously

**10.2 Strategic Planning Program and Growth Management Strategy Implementation 2022-2027**

**Executive Officer:** General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

**Attachments:**

1. Strategic Planning Program 2022-2027 
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**Recommendation**

That:

1. Council endorse the Strategic Planning Program 2022-2027; and
2. Council consider the Strategic Planning Program 2022-2027 to inform future budgets and Operational Plans.

Moved: Cr Virginia West  
Seconded: Cr Michael Enright

That the General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity's recommendation be adopted




Carried unanimously

## Asset & Environmental Sustainability

### 10.3 Council consent to new trustee lease over reserve land at Lot 163 SP310614

**Executive Officer:** General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

**Attachments:**

1. Aerial photo 2021 showing current camp grounds and extended reserve 
2. Registered plan - SP258926 
3. Registered plan - SP310614 

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## Recommendation

That:

1. Council acknowledge the need to create a new trustee lease as a result of a road realignment and road closure activities adjoining Lot 163 on SP310614, consents (as trustee) to the surrender of the existing trustee lease, dealing number 714687916, over Reserve 1247 described as part Lot 163 on SP310614;
2. Council, as trustee, resolve to consent to dispose of the whole of Lot 163 on SP310614 as a valuable non-current asset in accordance with the exemption provisions of section 236(1)(c)(iv)(A) to (D) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Disposal is to be in the form of a new trustee lease on similar terms and conditions as the existing trustee lease with amendments for the increased lease area as a result of the areas of closed road, and *Land Regulation 2020* requirements. The new trustee lease commencement date is to be the day following the surrender date of the existing trustee lease referred to in Recommendation 1 above; and
3. The applicant is to reimburse costs associated with the surrender of the existing trustee lease and creation of a new trustee lease.

Moved: Cr Jeff McConnell

Seconded: Cr Virginia West

That the General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability's recommendation be adopted

Carried unanimously



**11 Confidential Matters**

Nil

The Ordinary Meeting ended at 9.50 am.

To be confirmed on 4 April 2023.

**Cr Greg Christensen**

**Mayor**