

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Council Chambers
82 Brisbane Street
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

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1 Opening of Meeting

The Mayor, Cr Tom Sharp, 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 T J Sharp, Mayor
Cr A J Hay
Cr K R Cryer
Cr S A Moriarty
Cr M J Chalk
Cr D A McInnes OAM, Deputy Mayor

Executive Officers

D Keenan, Chief Executive Officer
W Burgess-Dean, Acting General Manager People and Strategy
L Jensen, Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity
S Gillett, Manager Capital Works and Asset Management /
Acting General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Staff

S Keepence, Governance Officer
M Carter, GIS Officer, Information Services and Technology
A Jeuda, Senior Strategic Planner (Item 11.1)
J Kirkwood, Principal Specialist Development Assessment and Engineering /
Acting Manager Regional Development, Health and Biodiversity (Items 11.2 and 11.3)
S Beck, Team Leader Development Assessment (Item 11.2)
R Michel, Team Leader Development Assessment Planner (Item 11.2)
A Hewitt, Financial Management Coordinator (Item 11.5)
J Sinnamon, Principal Specialist Property Management /
Acting Manager Resources and Sustainability (Item 12.1)
J Jones, Corporate Strategy and Performance Officer /
Acting Manager Customer, Community and Culture (Item 11.6)
J Schmidt, Principal Specialist Regional Prosperity /
Acting Manager Regional Prosperity and Communications (Items 11.7 and 11.8)

3 Apologies

Cr J Sanders

4 Prayers

Cr Stephen Moriarty offered prayers

5 Public Question Time

5.1 Questions from Mr Gary Lindsay on behalf of the Moorang Landholders Group

Question 1

"Are all 'properly made' public submissions always reviewed by Council staff and responses formulated by them, or by the submitter of the application?"

Response

Chief Executive Officer:

"All properly made submissions are reviewed as part of the administrative processing of an application. This includes recording the details of submitters for the purpose of serving the decision and appeal rights.

As part of assessing a public submission, each submission is reviewed and common items raised are summarised in the officer's assessment report for response. In assessing the submission and common items, relevance to the planning scheme and common material, including any response provided by the applicant, is considered."

Question 2

"Are all supporting reports to an application (by external consultants) reviewed in detail by Council staff to ensure technical accuracy of data therein before the conclusions of those reports are adopted as being valid?"

Response

Chief Executive Officer:

"Reports submitted to Council as part of an applicant's material must be prepared by a suitably qualified individual and in accordance with relevant standards and planning scheme requirements relevant to the nature of the matter (for example, noise, traffic, etc).

Council has a duty of care to exercise reasonable care and skill in the development assessment process, that is, in assessing whether the development application complies with the assessment benchmarks. This includes ensuring that Council has the benefit of the views of its officers who have the expertise to review and assess the relevant technical reports provided by an applicant.

Council does not categorically accept a report's findings without applying a review and assessment, either by officers who have the expertise in the relevant areas or through an external peer review.

Notwithstanding, officers do not always require the raw data which informs a report's findings and recommendations for the report to be considered sufficient for assessment purposes.

Under section 226 of the Planning Act 2016, it is unlawful for a person to provide false or misleading material to Council and significant penalties apply to such an action. This includes supporting reports provided by the applicant and as prepared by suitably qualified individuals, for example, by a registered professional engineer of Queensland (RPEQ Engineer)."

Question 3

"Does Council endorse the principle that once a document has been accepted as part of an approved application, it cannot subsequently be altered, after having been used to inform a vote by Council on that application?"

Response

Chief Executive Officer:

"Material provided subsequent to the decision of an application has no bearing on the assessment undertaken or decision of that application."

6 Declarations of Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest by Members

Nil

7 Announcements / Mayoral Minutes

7.1 Mayoral Minute - Vale Peter O'Reilly, Ailsa Rolley and Robert Krause

Cr Tom Sharp:

"Councillors, today we pause to acknowledge the passing of two individuals who have contributed substantially to our region and also extend our condolences to our State Member for Scenic Rim on his family's recent bereavement.

Earlier this month the Scenic Rim lost a pioneering member of the Australian ecotourism industry, Peter O'Reilly, the patriarch of the O'Reilly family more affectionately known as 'Big Pete', who passed away at the age of 91.

With his brother, Vince, and their respective wives, Lona and Karma, Peter took over the running of the O'Reilly family's guesthouse some 70 years ago and, over the next four decades, saw its growth and development as a tourism icon and a haven for wildlife and nature lovers alike.

Peter was dedicated to introducing visitors to Lamington National Park, designing a world-first treetop walkway to enable visitors to experience the rainforest canopy and also pushed for construction of a wheelchair-accessible track to Python Rock.

During the late 1970s, the brothers Peter and Vince and the O'Reilly family, along with Binna Burra Lodge, Canungra Information Centre and the then Beaudesert Shire Council, embarked on an innovative roadshow promoting tourism in our region throughout shopping centres around south east Queensland and norther New South Wales, which featured demonstrations of abseiling, woodchopping and cross-cut sawing. This led to what was considered the golden age of the 1980s tourist boom for our region.

In 2001, his efforts in promoting our region and sustainable tourism and conservation were recognised with a Medal of the Order of Australia.

Peter's legacy will live on, not only at O'Reilly's but also across our region as ecotourism continues to grow and flourish.

Today we also pay tribute to a much-loved member of our cultural community, Ailsa Rolley, inaugural President of the Scenic Rim Writers' Group, long-term member of the Beaudesert Historical Society and longstanding volunteer at The Centre Beaudesert.

She was as much a lover of history as she was of literature, and combined these interests, writing a series of books and articles, many with a Scenic Rim focus.

Ailsa's first book, in 1994, 'Survival on Ambon', told the story of Beaudesert's Les Hohl, who was a prisoner of war during World War II and who went on to found Hohl Plumbing in 1946.

Her own memories and recollections of a childhood in the 1940s were recounted in 'Technicolour War', in which she vividly described her evacuation south from Cairns along with her mother, aunt and young cousin.

As a highly regarded member of the Beaudesert Historical Society, Ailsa is being remembered as a cherished friend whose commitment, knowledge and enthusiasm, which were infectious.

She will be sadly missed by many in the Scenic Rim and beyond.

Today we also extend our sympathies to our member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, and his family, on the passing at the weekend of his father, Robert.

A fourth-generation dairy farmer, Robert 'Bob' Krause lived most of his life in Marburg and was a key member of his community, contributing to numerous local organisations including as Treasurer of the Marburg Rural Fire Brigade.

He was a member of the Marburg Show Society for 58 years, serving as President for 11 years and in 2022 was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia for his service to the Marburg community.

In closing, our heartfelt condolences to the families of Peter O'Reilly, Alisa Rolley and Robert Krause - these remarkable individuals have left a lasting legacy."

7.2 Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred

Cr Tom Sharp introduced Cr Stephen Moriarty, Chair of Council's Local Disaster Management Group.

Cr Stephen Moriarty:

"Thank you Mayor and just acknowledging that my role in the recent weather event was as the Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group and it was the first time in that role and it was a valuable learning experience.

I would just like to thank all the Council staff, all our emergency services and all the Councillors for their support throughout that and I thought the response generally speaking was very positive and all the decisions that were made in our Local Disaster Coordination Centre were collaboratively made with emergency services, our disaster team in Council and myself and with the sole purpose of keeping everyone in the region as safe as possible and I'm very happy to report there was, to my knowledge, still no serious injuries or deaths as a result of that event.

In summary, everyone will be aware that the cyclone did slow down significantly as it approached the coast and actually weakened so we were very fortunate that across the region there was very few, if any, structural damage to structures. The most significant impact was with loss of electricity and associated loss of communications in some of our region particularly in the east, Tamborine Mountain, Beechmont and some of the valleys close by to there.

Since the event, a lot of advocacy has gone in. We were very fortunate to have a visit by the Governor General of Australia to Tamborine Mountain. Her Excellency Sam Mostyn AC graced us with her presence on Tamborine Mountain and was very supportive and offered her support in any way possible to the region. We have also been advocating at the State level ... to try and improve the resilience of our electricity grid.

Every time we seem to have a storm or severe weather event the loss of electricity through trees across power lines seems to be a major impact and the impact is often for a week or more at a time, but at the same time we acknowledge the outstanding work of Energex in getting us reconnected as soon as possible, but most of the impacts in these events are due to a loss of electricity, so anything that can be done in that space to improve the resilience of the grid will greatly improve outcomes in future events.

I also acknowledge the work that has gone into supporting our farmers in the west of the region, many of whom were impacted by heavy rain and/or flooding and the work that went into that to support those people and also in activating hardship grants. Now with regard to grants I know they are always controversial and people question why some areas are included and some aren't. The only advice I can give to anyone who feels that they have been impacted significantly and are unable to access grants is to reach out to Council, reach out to us here and we will do everything we can to connect you with the right grant for your particular situation.

Beyond that, there is obviously, as there always is, there will be a comprehensive debrief after the event in the coming weeks and any learnings from the event will be acted upon to ensure that we are even better prepared for future events."

Cr Tom Sharp thanked Cr Stephen Moriarty, the Local Disaster Management Group, Councillors and Council Officers involved, for their dedication.

7.3 2032 Olympics

Cr Tom Sharp:

"One further announcement or message that I would just like to briefly point on, and there's going to be a lot more about this to come, is the announcement yesterday by the Premier Mr David Chrisafulli, in terms of the venues for the 2032 Olympic Games.

It came as a shock and a disappointment for our region that had previously been slated, as people know, Lake Wyaralong is the home of Rowing Queensland and was previously the preferred venue for the 2032 Olympic Games.

It was announced yesterday that that was to be awarded to Rockhampton on the Fitzroy River. We have seen responses since that time from Rowing Australia, from Rowing Queensland and other world federations that it doesn't measure up on any scale, and it has been a request for decades by Rowing Queensland to find the infrastructure and a home for rowing that will leave a lasting legacy for rowers in this State and this country. Unfortunately Rockhampton will not, does not and won't fit that bill.

We here at the home of Rowing Queensland will continue to support Rowing Australia and Rowing Queensland ... and we will look to work with the Queensland Government into making sure that the appropriate legacy and that event is held here in 2032.

So thank you and we'll see there will be a lot more said and a lot more to come as this all unveils."

8 Reception of Deputations by Appointment / Presentation of Petitions

Nil

9 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 February 2025, be adopted.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes

Seconded: Cr Kerri Cryer

Carried unanimously

10 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

11 Consideration of Business of Meeting

Customer & Regional Prosperity

11.1 Commencement of a Major amendment to the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020: Planning Scheme Policy 5 - Ecological Assessments (Amendment No.10)

Executive Officer: Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That Council resolve to commence the preparation of a Major Amendment to Planning Scheme Policy 5 under the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, (to be known as Amendment No.10) in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and Chapter 3 of the Ministers Guidelines and Rules.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay
Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

Motion


That Council resolve to commence the preparation of a Major Amendment to Planning Scheme Policy 5 under the Scenic Rim Planning Scheme 2020, (to be known as Amendment No.10) in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and Chapter 3 of the Ministers Guidelines and Rules.

Carried unanimously

11.2 MCU24/117 Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Dual Occupancy located at 26-32 Witches Chase, Tamborine Mountain, described as Lot 1 RP172432

Executive Officer: Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments:

1. MCU24/117 - Proposal plans 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council receive and note the report titled "Development Application MCU24/117 Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Dual occupancy located at 26-32 Witches Chase, Tamborine Mountain and 62 Bartle Road, Tamborine Mountain, formally described as Lot 1 RP172432;
2. Council approve development application MCU24/117 and grant a development permit for Material Change of Use for a Dual occupancy, subject to the conditions contained in section 'Recommended Conditions of Approval' of the report; and
3. Council note that any subsequent requests for a negotiated decision notice and/or further change applications to the approval (MCU24/117) will be proceed via delegated authority where the change would not significantly alter the original decision.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay
Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Motion

That:



1. Council receive and note the report titled "Development Application MCU24/117 Development Permit for Material Change of Use for a Dual occupancy located at 26-32 Witches Chase, Tamborine Mountain, formally described as Lot 1 RP172432;
2. Council approve development application MCU24/117 and grant a development permit for Material Change of Use for a Dual occupancy, subject to the conditions contained in section 'Recommended Conditions of Approval' of the report; and
3. Council note that any subsequent requests for a negotiated decision notice and/or further change applications to the approval (MCU24/117) will be processed via delegated authority where the change would not significantly alter the original decision.

Carried unanimously

11.3 Change Representations for RAL23/040 - Approval to Reconfigure two lots into 171 lots at Hoya Road, Boonah at Lot 5 RP140139 and Lot 1001 SP334754

Executive Officer: Acting General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Attachments:

1. Updated Plan of Subdivision 
2. Draft Conditions - NDN RAL23/040 V5 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council receive and note the report titled "Change Representations for RAL23/040 - Approval to Reconfigure two lots into 171 lots at Hoya Road, Boonah at Lot 5 RP140139 and Lot 1001 SP334754";
2. Council agree in part with the applicant's Change Representations for RAL23/040, and issue a negotiated decision, subject to the conditions outlined in this report and Draft Conditions - Negotiated Decision Notice RAL23/040 V5; and
3. Council note any subsequent requests for minor or administrative changes to the approval (RAL23/040) will be processed via delegated authority where the changes would not significantly alter the original decision.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk

Seconded: Cr Kerri Cryer

Motion

That:

1. Council receive and note the report titled "Change Representations for RAL23/040 - Approval to Reconfigure two lots into 171 lots at Hoya Road, Boonah at Lot 5 RP140139 and Lot 1001 SP334754";
2. Council agree in part with the applicant's Change Representations for RAL23/040, and issue a negotiated decision, subject to the conditions outlined in this report and Draft Conditions - Negotiated Decision Notice RAL23/040 V5; and
3. Council note any subsequent requests for minor or administrative changes to the approval (RAL23/040) will be processed via delegated authority where the changes would not significantly alter the original decision.




Carried unanimously

Asset & Environmental Sustainability

11.4 Policy Review - Tree Management on Council Controlled Land

Executive Officer: Manager Capital Works and Asset Management /
Acting General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Attachments:

1. Tree Management on Council Controlled Land Policy (as adopted on 15 December 2009) 
2. Council Policy Tree Management on Council Controlled Land 
3. Corporate Procedure Tree Management on Council Controlled Land 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council adopt the Tree Management on Council Controlled Land Policy, to replace the former Council Policy WI02.05CP: Tree Management on Council Controlled Land; and
2. Council endorse the attached Tree Management on Council Controlled Land Procedure for forwarding to the Chief Executive Officer for approval to operationally support the Council Policy and replace Attachments A and B of the former Council Policy WI02.05CP: Tree Management on Council Controlled Land.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay
Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Motion

That this item be deferred from this Agenda and be resubmitted as an agenda item at a future Ordinary Meeting.

Carried unanimously

Council Sustainability**11.5 Council Monthly Financial Report for February 2025**

Executive Officer: Acting General Manager Council Sustainability

Attachments:

1. Monthly Financial Report February 2025 

Recommendation

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for February 2025.

Moved: Cr Kerri Cryer
Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Motion

That Council receive the Monthly Financial Report for February 2025.


Carried unanimously

Additional Items

11.6 LATE ITEM - Draft Corporate Plan 2025-2030 - Community Consultation

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Corporate Plan 2025-2030 - Consultation Draft March 2025 

Recommendation

That:

1. Council endorse the draft Corporate Plan 2025-2030 for the purpose of community consultation on the plan during April and May 2025;
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor grammatical and formatting changes to the draft Corporate Plan 2025-2030, if required, after its endorsement, and prior to publishing on the Let's Talk Scenic Rim website for public access, noting any such changes will be advised to Councillors prior to publishing; and
3. Council note that should the final version of the Corporate Plan 2025-2030 be adopted later this year, it will replace both the Community Plan 2011-2026 and Council's current Corporate Plan, Scenic Rim 2026.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes
Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

Motion

That:

1. Council endorse the draft Corporate Plan 2025-2030 for the purpose of community consultation on the plan during April and May 2025;
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to make minor grammatical and formatting changes to the draft Corporate Plan 2025-2030, if required, after its endorsement, and prior to publishing on the Let's Talk Scenic Rim website for public access, noting any such changes will be advised to Councillors prior to publishing; and
3. Council note that should the final version of the Corporate Plan 2025-2030 be adopted later this year, it will replace both the Community Plan 2011-2026 and Council's current Corporate Plan, Scenic Rim 2026.

Carried unanimously

Motion

That, in accordance with clause 4.2 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings Council Policy, Council accept the following reports as late items, to be considered at this Ordinary Meeting and be included in the Minutes of this Meeting:

11.7 2025 The Long Sunset - Update;

11.8 2024-2025 Regional Events Sponsorship Program - Application from 2025 Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular.

Moved: Cr Tom Sharp

Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Carried unanimously

11.7 LATE ITEM - 2025 The Long Sunset - Update**Recommendation**

That:

1. Council approve a Category 2 event sponsorship total of \$150,000 for The Scenic Rim Trail and The Long Sunset 2025, in accordance with the Regional Events Sponsorship Council Policy and Corporate Procedure;
2. The sponsorship is to be conditional upon:
 - (a) Queensland Music Festival utilising \$20,000 of this funding to improve integration and presentation of local Scenic Rim performers and artists, and to provide appropriate weather resistant stall infrastructure for Scenic Rim producers and makers;
 - (b) Elysian Fields (Aquis Farm) being secured as the 2025 event venue for The Long Sunset; and
 - (c) Queensland Music Festival providing a Scenic Rim Trail proposal for 2025 to Council including further detail on the proposed 2025 trail of events and an update on headline artist negotiations, ticket pricing, and planning for The Long Sunset.

Moved: Cr Kerri Cryer

Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Motion

That:

1. Council approve a Category 2 event sponsorship total of \$150,000 for The Scenic Rim Trail and The Long Sunset 2025, in accordance with the Regional Events Sponsorship Council Policy and Corporate Procedure;
2. The sponsorship is to be conditional upon:
 - (a) Queensland Music Festival utilising \$20,000 of this funding to improve integration and presentation of local Scenic Rim performers and artists, and to provide appropriate weather resistant stall infrastructure for Scenic Rim producers and makers;
 - (b) Elysian Fields (Aquis Farm) being secured as the 2025 event venue for The Long Sunset; and
 - (c) Queensland Music Festival providing a Scenic Rim Trail proposal for 2025 to Council including further detail on the proposed 2025 trail of events and an update on headline artist negotiations, ticket pricing, and planning for The Long Sunset.

Carried unanimously

11.8 LATE ITEM - 2024-2025 Regional Events Sponsorship Program - Application from 2025 Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular**Recommendation**

That Council approve a Category 2 event sponsorship of \$25,000 for the 2025 Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular, in accordance with the Regional Events Sponsorship Council Policy and Corporate Procedure, as follows:

- (a) a cash amount of \$16,020;
- (b) in-kind support of \$3,980 towards the provision of waste bins (by Council); and
- (c) in-kind support to the value of \$5,000 of marketing and public relations services.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty
Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Motion

That Council approve a Category 2 event sponsorship of \$25,000 for the 2025 Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular, in accordance with the Regional Events Sponsorship Council Policy and Corporate Procedure, as follows:

- (a) a cash amount of \$16,020;
- (b) in-kind support of \$3,980 towards the provision of waste bins (by Council); and
- (c) in-kind support to the value of \$5,000 of marketing and public relations services.

Carried unanimously

12 Confidential Matters

At 10:34 am, Council resolved into closed session, with the following motion:

That, in accordance with Council's Standing Orders for Council Meetings Policy and the provisions of Section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council close the meeting to public to discuss confidential items, as follows:

12.1 Consideration for the purchase of land for future strategic purposes [Closed s.254J(3)(g)]

as discussions will be held about the purchase of land.

Moved: Cr Tom Sharp

Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

Carried unanimously

At 11:05 am, following discussion in closed session, Council resumed in open session for the proposal of resolutions.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Carried unanimously

**12.1 Consideration for the purchase of land for future strategic purposes
[Closed s.254J(3)(g)]**

Executive Officer: Manager Capital Works and Asset Management /
Acting General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability

Recommendation

That:

1. Council authorise the commencement of negotiations to acquire the parcel of land as provided for in the report for future strategic purposes;
2. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to settle negotiations and finalise acquisition of the parcel of land as provided for in the report. The delegation will end once the negotiations have been finalised; and
3. Council authorise the budget allocation for the purchase from existing Council funds and this be reflected as part of the March 2025 Budget Review.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty
Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

Motion

That Council not endorse the purchase of the identified land for future strategic purposes, at this time.

Carried unanimously

The Ordinary Meeting ended at 11:06 am.

To be confirmed on 30 April 2025.

Cr Tom Sharp

Mayor