

Minutes

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday, 25 February 2026

Time: 9:00 am

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am
Meeting resumed at 11:00 am

Location: Council Chambers

82 Brisbane Street

BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

Scenic Rim Regional Council
Ordinary Meeting
Wednesday, 25 February 2026
Minutes

1	Opening of Meeting	4
2	Attendance and the granting of leaves of absence	4
3	Apologies	4
4	Prayers	4
5	Public Question Time	5
	5.1 Questions from Gary Lindsay	5
	5.2 Questions from Nigel Waistell re Gallery Walk Car Park.....	6
6	Declarations of Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest by Members.....	7
7	Announcements / Mayoral Minutes	8
	7.1 Mayoral Minute re Council Meeting 28th January 2026 - Behaviour and Conduct.....	8
	7.2 Announcement - Vale Jesse Daniels	8
	7.3 Announcement - Vale Aunty Roslyn Yuke	9
	7.4 Announcement - Recognition of Frank Klan	9
	7.5 Announcement - Service Medal Awards: Danielle Bull ESM and Susan Neale ASM.....	10
8	Reception of Deputations by Appointment / Presentation of Petitions	10
9	Confirmation of Minutes.....	11
10	Business Arising from Previous Minutes	11
	10.1 Correction to Dates for Ordinary Meetings to be held in June and July 2026	11
	10.2 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2026, Item 11.5 - Gold Coast City Council's resolution dated 2 December 2025 re a cableway to Tamborine Mountain.....	12
	10.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2026, Item 12.1 Council of Mayors South East Queensland - Regional Waste Options [Closed s.254J(3)(g)]	12

11	Consideration of Business of Meeting	13
	Executive	13
11.1	Independent Investigation into Gallery Walk Upgrade Project	13
11.2	Operational Plan 2025-2026 Quarter Two Report.....	14
	Planning, Development and Environment	15
11.3	Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025 - Final Report.....	15
	Infrastructure Services	16
11.4	Integrated Transport Plan.....	16
11.5	Tropical Cyclone Alfred Disaster Debrief and Recovery Report.....	17
11.6	Proposed Issue of Lease to Community Organisation - Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc.	18
	Corporate and Community Services	19
11.7	Local Government Remuneration Commission Determination of Maximum Remuneration for Elected Representatives	19
11.8	Council Policy - Ex-Gratia Payments	20
11.9	Council Policy - Internal Audit and Corporate Procedure - Internal Audit Charter	21
	Additional Items	22
11.10	LATE ITEM - Master Plan Committee for Canungra - Progress to Community Consultation	22
11.12	LATE ITEM - Notice of Motion by Cr Stephen Moriarty re Item 11.8 Extension of Road Network - Grahams Dip Road, Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2025	23
11.11	LATE ITEM - Notice of Motion by Cr Jennifer Sanders re Item 11.8 Extension of Road Network - Grahams Dip Road, Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2025	26
11.13	LATE ITEM - Australian Local Government Association Call for Motions for 2026 National General Assembly	26
11.14	LATE ITEM - Local Government Association of Queensland Civic Leaders Summit 2026	28
11.15	LATE ITEM - 2025-2026 December Budget Review.....	29
11.16	LATE ITEM - Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for January 2026.....	30
12	Confidential Matters	31
12.1	Sale of Land For Overdue Rates and Charges Progress [Closed s.254J(3)(i)]	31

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 J Sanders
Cr M J Chalk
Cr D A McInnes OAM, Deputy Mayor

Executive Officers

D Keenan, Chief Executive Officer
L Jensen, Director Planning, Development and Environment
J Bradshaw, Director Corporate and Community Services
J Ruprai, Director Infrastructure Services

Staff

J Pukallus, Coordinator Governance
S Keepence, Governance Officer
M Carter, GIS Officer, Information Services and Technology
S Williams, Internal Auditor (Items 11.1 and 11.8)
T Donaldson, Executive Manager People and Performance (Item 11.2)
J Schmidt, Manager Economic Development and Tourism (Item 11.3)
S Gillet, Coordinator Asset Management / Acting Manager Transport and Assets
(Items 11.10 and 11.12)

3 Apologies

Nil

4 Prayers

Pastor James McCulloch from Harvest Point Church Boonah attended via teleconference and offered prayers

5 Public Question Time

In accordance with Council Procedure - Meetings and Other Forums Administration and Participation, the Chief Executive Officer read out the public questions and the response to each question.

5.1 Questions from Gary Lindsay

Questions from Mr Lindsay dated 21 January 2026:

Question 1:

"Question1: Will the CEO confirm that he will make public the full findings of the Peer Review into MCU 23/131, the Development Application for 8 poultry sheds housing 320,000 birds, proposed for Moorang Lane?"

Response:

"Council will not be making public, the report prepared as part of the independent peer review of MCU23/131. The peer review was commissioned as a learning and business improvement exercise following the submissions from members of the community relating to the quality and accuracy of the development assessment process.

It is noted that this application was subject to an appeal process through the Planning and Environment Court, the judgment of which can be viewed online through the Queensland Courts' 'ecourts' system."

Question 2:

"Will the Council note and acknowledge that the Bremer River crossing, proposed as access for this development and initially approved by council, has been cut on multiple occasions already during heavy rain this season."

Response:

"Access matters, including river crossing and accessibility, formed part of the confidential, without prejudice discussions between Council, the applicant, and the various co-respondents to the Appeal process in 2025. Council is unable to comment on these confidential agreements between the parties that occurred during an alternative dispute resolution conference."

5.2 Questions from Nigel Waistell re Gallery Walk Car Park

Questions from Mr Waistell dated 5 February 2026:

Question 1:

"How much did the land cost?"

Response:

"The original purchase date for the entire site was 7 June 2022, at \$5.85m (ex GST). Council subdivided the 'commercial' portion, and sold it on 17 February 2025 for \$2.6m (ex GST), retaining the balance land for the development of a car park. The net purchase price for the land (excluding holding and administrative costs) was therefore \$3,250,000."

Question 2:

"Who paid for the land: State, Council or both?"

Response:

"Council's investment in the purchase of the land for the car park ended up being \$3.25M."

Question 3:

"How much was paid by each identity?"

Response:

"Funding for the original purchase was from a loan and Council's cash reserves."

Question 4:

"How much is the building of the car park going to cost under the current budget projections?"

Response:

"In accordance with Council's resolution arising from the January Ordinary Meeting, the total allocated cost for completion of the carpark is \$6million."

Question 5:

"Who is paying: State, Council or both?"

Response:

"The delivery is a joint initiative between Council and the Queensland Government via their 2024-2027 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program."

Question 6:

"What is the cost to each identity?"

Response:

"The Queensland Government have funded \$2.1million towards the project. The remaining funding (\$3.9million) is being sourced by Council with the allocation to be finalised through the second quarterly budget review for 2025-2026."

Question 7:

"The Officer's report for the Special Meeting on 4 Feb stated that contractors will deliver the remaining scope, including roadworks, lighting and amenities. Please can you expand on what is covered by roadworks, lighting and amenities? And do amenities include the toilets?"

Response:

"Roadworks include an upgrade to Long Road (approx. 150m), pedestrian crossing and entrance to the carpark. The amenities mentioned within the report, include minor refurbishment work to the toilets and an upgrade to the effluent system."

Questions from Mr Waistell dated 14 February 2026, re the Mayor's announcement of an independent investigation into Gallery Walk Car Park:

- "1. What is the proposed expenditure for this investigation?"*
- 2. What is the proposed timeline for the report to be delivered to Council?"*
- 3. What is the proposed timeline for delivering the results of the investigation to the public?"*
- 4. Why is it necessary to have an independent investigation?"*

Response:

"Your questions are likely to be addressed under Item 11.1, 'Independent Investigation into the Gallery Walk Upgrade Project,' that is on today's Agenda. Any matters not addressed may be deferred to the next Ordinary Meeting."

Cr Tom Sharp added that the total cost of \$6 million for the Gallery Walk Car Park, is only for Stage 1.

6 Declarations of Prescribed or Declarable Conflict of Interest by Members

Nil

7 Announcements / Mayoral Minutes

7.1 Mayoral Minute re Council Meeting 28th January 2026 - Behaviour and Conduct

Cr Tom Sharp:

"I wish to address the Council in relation to the Ordinary Meeting for the 28th January 2026 with regard to behaviour and conduct. While I respect and encourage rigorous debate, and there is no doubt that can lead to argument or disagreement, which is welcome and understood, but I refer to conduct.

If councillors wish to ridicule members and conduct themselves in an uncivilised and disrespectful manner they need to remember that their conduct is a reflection of themselves to all who see it and hear it.

The longer it continues unabated and unchallenged it becomes a reflection of this Council and I for one do not accept a reflection of that nature as appropriate to be cast upon the residents of the Scenic Rim.

I ask you all to conduct yourselves in a professional and dignified manner that reflects the honour of this Chamber that we are here to uphold as an example of community leadership."

7.2 Announcement - Vale Jesse Daniels

Cr Stephen Moriarty:

"I extend condolences to the family of Mr Jesse Daniels of Benobble, just outside of Canungra, who passed away peacefully in care on 5 December 2025 at the age of 89.

Jesse's life was deeply interwoven with the history of Benobble, and the generations who shaped this district. His great grandfather purchased the property Benobble in 1867 and the family still hold portions of the original holding. Jesse's family's pioneering legacy, his lifelong commitment to the land, and his involvement in numerous local organisations have left a lasting imprint on the township of Canungra.

Jesse will be fondly remembered for his sharp wit, good humour and the warmth he brought to every gathering. Jesse's contributions - through his friendships, work, and community service, including the Canungra School of Arts Hall as patron, the Canungra Show Society also as patron, Canungra Fire Brigade, Canungra Masonic Lodge, Canungra Bowls Club and the Canungra Creek Waterboard - have strengthened the spirit of Canungra and the Scenic Rim.

We hope that the many memories held by his family bring comfort during this time of loss."

7.3 Announcement - Vale Aunty Roslyn Yuke

Cr Jennifer Sanders:

"On behalf of Scenic Rim Regional Council and the wider community, I extend our deepest condolences to the Mununjali Elders, family and community on the passing of Aunty Roslyn Yuke of Beaudesert, who passed away peacefully on 4th February 2026.

Aunty Roslyn was a respected Elder whose wisdom, strength and generosity of spirit enriched the cultural life of our region. Her involvement in exhibitions and cultural events at The Centre, and her unwavering care for the community, will be remembered with profound respect.

We acknowledge the cultural significance of this loss and the sorrow felt by Elders, the family and the community at this time. Aunty Roslyn's legacy endures through the knowledge she shared, the people she supported, and her steadfast connections to Country. We offer our sincere sympathies as the community comes together to honour her life and her contributions."

7.4 Announcement - Recognition of Frank Klan

Cr Duncan McInnes:

"I would like to recognise this morning Mr Frank Klan of Peak Crossing, who has just celebrated an extraordinary milestone - 60 full years in business in the Scenic Rim.

From very humble beginnings with a single second-hand truck, Frank built a substantial fleet and became involved in a number of other businesses throughout the Fassifern. Those businesses stretched from Harrisville, Aratula, Kalbar, Rathdowney and Boonah, so he has a few fingers in a few pies, let's say.

At the recent celebration marking this achievement, more than 220 people attended, many of them former drivers. It was inspiring to hear how many have since gone on to run their own businesses and how they continue to appreciate the start Frank gave them in the industry.

At the peak of his operations, Frank employed more than 30 drivers and his fleet serviced much of South East Queensland.

Frank's contribution to the community has been just as significant. He was a Charter Member of the Harrisville Lions Club in 1982 and remains an active member today. His long-standing support of the Fassifern Rugby League Football Club, the Bombers, spans more than thirty years, with financial contributions reaching into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

I will also add that Frank was also a Councillor on Moreton Shire Council when forced amalgamation with Ipswich; he did not seek re-election, so he did approximately 18 months as a Councillor there.

Small businesses like Frank's are the backbone of the Scenic Rim. Without the involvement and generosity of operators like him, our region would be a much poorer place."

7.5 Announcement - Service Medal Awards: Danielle Bull ESM and Susan Neale ASM

Cr Tom Sharp:

"It was not that long ago that we celebrated Australia Day here within the Scenic Rim, but acknowledged on the national stage as part of the Australia Day Awards, I would like to talk to Mrs Danielle Bull from Division 5, who was awarded the Emergency Services Medal.

Council also recognises Mrs Danielle Bull of Bunburra, who has been awarded the Emergency Services Medal for outstanding service to the Queensland State Emergency Service, who this year are celebrating their 50 year anniversary, and those celebrations have been enjoyed and recognised throughout this month in our region.

Mrs Bull has served with the SES since 2006 and has demonstrated exceptional leadership during major emergency operations, including her role in incident control during the 2025 North Queensland floods. She is also a co-founder of the Scenic Rim Mountain Goats, a specialist land-search unit renowned for its capability in rugged terrain and its innovative use of advanced training and drone technology.

Her dedication exemplifies the highest standards of emergency service, and Council congratulates her on this well-deserved national honour.

I also recognise Ms Susan Neale from Division 4 who was awarded the Ambulance Service Medal.

Ms Susan Neale of Gleneagle, who has been awarded the Ambulance Service Medal for exceptional service to the Queensland Ambulance Service.

Ms Neale has served as an advanced care paramedic, responding to countless high-acuity incidents with professionalism and composure. Her commitment was particularly evident during the response to Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred in 2025, where she voluntarily extended her service hours to ensure continuity of care for her community.

Her dedication reflects the very best of our emergency services personnel, and Council proudly recognises her contribution and this distinguished honour.

Councillors, these matters remind us of the depth of character within our community - of the Elders and the pioneers whose legacies guide us, and of the dedicated individuals whose service strengthens the resilience of the Scenic Rim. I extend Council's gratitude, respect and condolences where they are due, and our heartfelt congratulations to those recognised for exemplary service."

8 Reception of Deputations by Appointment / Presentation of Petitions

Nil

9 Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2026, be adopted.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Carried unanimously

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 4 February 2026, be adopted.

Moved: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Carried unanimously

10 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

10.1 Correction to Dates for Ordinary Meetings to be held in June and July 2026

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That Council note the correction to the following dates for Ordinary Meetings to be held in June and July 2026, as referred to in Item 11.1 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 2025:

- Wednesday, ~~22~~ 24 June 2026; and
- Wednesday, ~~23~~ 22 July 2026.

Moved: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Motion

That Council note the correction to the following dates for Ordinary Meetings to be held in June and July 2026, as referred to in Item 11.1 of the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 24 September 2025:

- Wednesday, ~~22~~ 24 June 2026; and
- Wednesday, ~~23~~ 22 July 2026.

Carried unanimously

10.2 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2026, Item 11.5 - Gold Coast City Council's resolution dated 2 December 2025 re a cableway to Tamborine Mountain

Cr Amanda Hay:

"... my motion and the resolution of the 2nd of December 2025 re the identification of a proposed route connecting to Springbrook or Tamborine Mountain from Gold Coast in relation to the cableway and the resolution was that the CEO would write to the City of Gold Coast. Can we have confirmation that that letter has been sent and if so, could Councillors be provided with a copy please?"

Director Planning, Development and Environment:

"The letter was forwarded to the CEO of Gold Coast City Council during the period that I was Acting. I haven't heard and am not aware of a response back from the Gold Coast City Council at this point in time."

Cr Hay:

"And can Councillors be provided with a copy please?"

Director Planning, Development and Environment:

"I am sure that can be made available."

10.3 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 January 2026, Item 12.1 Council of Mayors South East Queensland - Regional Waste Options [Closed s.254J(3)(g)]

Cr Amanda Hay:

"Has Council entered into an MOU with the Council of Mayors SEQ for the SEQ Residual Waste Project as yet?"

Director Infrastructure Services:

"I can confirm that Scenic Rim Regional Council has now signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Council of Mayors for South East Queensland pertaining to Regional Waste Options."

At 9:25 am, Cr Tom Sharp advised that the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Infrastructure Services had left the Chambers due to potential conflicts of interest in Item 11.1.

11 Consideration of Business of Meeting

Executive

11.1 Independent Investigation into Gallery Walk Upgrade Project

Executive Officer: Director Planning, Development and Environment /
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Draft Terms of Reference - Project Investigation - Gallery Walk Upgrade Project

Recommendation

That:

1. Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to engage a suitably qualified independent auditor to conduct an investigation into the Gallery Walk Upgrade Project that would report directly to the Audit and Risk Committee in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference; and
2. Council endorse an increase of \$50,000 to the budget of the Internal Audit Section to fund this activity, which will be incorporated into Council's budget at the next budget review.

Moved: Cr Tom Sharp
Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Motion

That:

1. Council direct the Chief Executive Officer to engage a suitably qualified independent auditor to conduct an investigation into the Gallery Walk Upgrade Project that would report directly to the Audit and Risk Committee in accordance with Section 3.1 of the Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference; and
2. Council endorse an increase of \$50,000 to the budget of the Internal Audit Section to fund this activity, which will be incorporated into Council's budget at the next budget review.

Carried unanimously

At 9:44 am, the Chief Executive Officer, Director Corporate and Community Services and Director Infrastructure Services returned to the Chambers.

11.2 Operational Plan 2025-2026 Quarter Two Report

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Quarter Two Operational Plan Report 2025-2026 (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
2. Quarter Two Service Delivery Report 2025-2026 (under separate cover) [⇒](#)

Recommendation

That:

1. Council approve the Quarter Two 2025-2026 Operational Plan Progress Report; and
2. Council approve the Quarter Two 2025-2026 Service Delivery Report.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

That:

1. Council approve the Quarter Two 2025-2026 Operational Plan Progress Report; and
2. Council approve the Quarter Two 2025-2026 Service Delivery Report.

Carried unanimously

Planning, Development and Environment

11.3 Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025 - Final Report

Executive Officer: Director Planning, Development and Environment /
Acting Chief Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025 (under separate cover) [⇒](#)
2. Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2026 Action status report

Recommendation

That:

1. Council note the completion of the Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025 and acknowledge the initiatives undertaken and outcomes delivered to the benefit of the Scenic Rim region; and
2. Council acknowledge the commencement of the Scenic Rim Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk
Seconded: Cr Kerri Cryer

Motion

That:

1. Council note the completion of the Scenic Rim Regional Prosperity Strategy 2020-2025 and acknowledge the initiatives undertaken and outcomes delivered to the benefit of the Scenic Rim region; and
2. Council acknowledge the commencement of the Scenic Rim Economic Development Strategy 2026-2030.

Carried unanimously

Infrastructure Services

11.4 Integrated Transport Plan

Executive Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachments:

1. Integrated Transport Plan (under separate cover) [⇨](#)
2. Active Transport Plan (under separate cover) [⇨](#)
3. Active Transport Plan Appendix A: Walking Network Plan (under separate cover) [⇨](#)
4. Active Transport Plan Appendix B: Walking Trails Scoping Study (under separate cover) [⇨](#)
5. Active Transport Plan Appendix C: Bethania to Beaudesert Rail Trail (under separate cover) [⇨](#)
6. Active Transport Plan Appendix D: Cycle Network Map (under separate cover) [⇨](#)
7. Road Network Plan (under separate cover) [⇨](#)
8. Beaudesert Principal Cycle Network Plan Development (under separate cover) [⇨](#)

Recommendation

That Council adopt the Integrated Transport Plan inclusive of the Active Transport Plan, Walking Network Plan and the Road Network Plan, to guide strategic decision-making and funding for integrated transport planning for the Scenic Rim region.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay

Procedural Motion

That this item be deferred to a future Ordinary Meeting.

Carried unanimously

11.5 Tropical Cyclone Alfred Disaster Debrief and Recovery Report

Executive Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachments:

1. Tropical Cyclone Alfred Disaster Management and Recovery Review After-Action Report prepared by Capire
-

Recommendation

That Council accept and endorse the Tropical Cyclone Alfred Disaster Management and Recovery Review After-Action Report.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Motion

That Council accept and endorse the Tropical Cyclone Alfred Disaster Management and Recovery Review After-Action Report.

Carried unanimously

**11.6 Proposed Issue of Lease to Community Organisation -
Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc.**

Executive Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachments:

1. Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc. - Locality Map
2. Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc. - Aerial Map
3. Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc. - Indicative Lease Area Plan

Recommendation

That:

1. Council resolve that the exception under section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed grant of lease to Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc, for premises situated at Lease Area F, Lot 14 on RP904762, 14-16 Beacon Road, Tamborine Mountain;
2. Council endorse a freehold lease on standard terms as issued by Council for Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc expiring 31 December 2030; and
3. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise and execute a lease agreement to Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Motion

That:

1. Council resolve that the exception under section 236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed grant of lease to Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc, for premises situated at Lease Area F, Lot 14 on RP904762, 14-16 Beacon Road, Tamborine Mountain;
2. Council endorse a freehold lease on standard terms as issued by Council for Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc expiring 31 December 2030; and
3. Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 257(1) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to finalise and execute a lease agreement to Tamborine Mountain Triathlon Club Inc.

Carried unanimously

Corporate and Community Services

11.7 Local Government Remuneration Commission Determination of Maximum Remuneration for Elected Representatives

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments:

1. Letter from Local Government Remuneration Commission
2. Local Government Remuneration Commission Annual Report 2025

Recommendation

That:

1. Council receive the Local Government Remuneration Commission's Annual Report 2025; and
2. Council adopt the Local Government Remuneration Commission's Remuneration Schedule for Scenic Rim Regional Council, effective from 1 July 2026, for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.

Moved: Cr Kerri Cryer

Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Motion

That:

1. Council receive the Local Government Remuneration Commission's Annual Report 2025; and
2. Council adopt the Local Government Remuneration Commission's Remuneration Schedule for Scenic Rim Regional Council, effective from 1 July 2026, for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors.

For: Crs Tom Sharp, Kerri Cryer, Stephen Moriarty, Jennifer Sanders, Marshall Chalk and Duncan McInnes

Against: Cr Amanda Hay

Carried 6/1

11.8 Council Policy - Ex-Gratia Payments

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments:

1. Draft Council Policy - Ex-Gratia Payments Policy
2. Draft Corporate Procedure - Ex-Gratia Payments Procedure

Recommendation

That:

1. Council adopt the Council Policy - Ex-Gratia Payments Policy;
2. Council endorse that the Council Policy - Ex-Gratia Payments Policy will be finalised through the governance process to be included with Council's standard policies and uploaded to Council's systems and website; and
3. Council note the related Ex-Gratia Payments Procedure, which has been endorsed by the Executive Team for approval by the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

That:

1. Council adopt the Council Policy - Ex-Gratia Payments Policy;
2. Council endorse that the Council Policy - Ex-Gratia Payments Policy will be finalised through the governance process to be included with Council's standard policies and uploaded to Council's systems and website; and
3. Council note the related Ex-Gratia Payments Procedure, which has been endorsed by the Executive Team for approval by the Chief Executive Officer.

Carried unanimously

11.9 Council Policy - Internal Audit and Corporate Procedure - Internal Audit Charter

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments:

1. Council Policy Internal Audit CP00037 - adopted 22 May 2024
2. Revised Council Policy Internal Audit CP00037 (with tracked changes)
3. Revised Council Policy Internal Audit CP00037
4. Corporate Procedure Internal Audit Charter PR00036 - approved 22 May 2024
5. Revised Corporate Procedure Internal Audit Charter PR00036 (with tracked changes)
6. Revised Corporate Procedure Internal Audit Charter PR00036

Recommendation

That:

1. Council rescind the current Council Policy - Internal Audit CP00037 adopted on 22 May 2024;
2. Council adopt the revised Council Policy - Internal Audit CP00037, developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
3. Council note that the supporting Corporate Procedure - Internal Audit Charter PR00036, will be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for approval to give effect to the Council Policy - Internal Audit.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay
Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

That:

1. Council rescind the current Council Policy - Internal Audit CP00037 adopted on 22 May 2024;
2. Council adopt the revised Council Policy - Internal Audit CP00037, developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and
3. Council note that the supporting Corporate Procedure - Internal Audit Charter PR00036, will be submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for approval to give effect to the Council Policy - Internal Audit.

Carried unanimously

Motion

That the Ordinary Meeting be adjourned at 10:42 am, returning at 11:00 am.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes

Seconded: Cr Marshall Chalk

Carried unanimously

At 11:00 am, the Ordinary Meeting resumed.

Additional Items**11.10 LATE ITEM - Master Plan Committee for Canungra - Progress to Community Consultation**

Executive Officer: Director Infrastructure Services

Attachments:

1. Draft Canungra Town Centre Master Plan

Recommendation

That Council endorse the draft Canungra Town Centre Master Plan for the purpose of community consultation.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

That Council endorse the draft Canungra Town Centre Master Plan for the purpose of community consultation.

Carried unanimously

Motion

That Council, pursuant to section 3.1 of the Standing Orders for Council Meetings Council Policy, alter the order of business by dealing with Item 11.12 before Item 11.11.

Moved: Cr Tom Sharp

For: Crs Tom Sharp, Amanda Hay, Kerri Cryer, Stephen Moriarty, Marshall Chalk and Duncan McInnes

Against: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Carried 6/1

11.12 LATE ITEM - Notice of Motion by Cr Stephen Moriarty re Item 11.8 Extension of Road Network - Grahams Dip Road, Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2025

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That Council consider Cr Stephen Moriarty's proposed motion, as follows:

"That Council amend the resolution of Council in Item 11.8 'Extension of Road Network - Grahams Dip Road', from the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2025, by deleting paragraphs one to four;

'That:

- 1. Council complete an assessment of Grahams Dip Road, Biddaddaba, in the 2025-2026 financial year to determine the works required and associated costs to upgrade the road to a 5D standard;*
- 2. Council provide funding in its 2026-2027 budget to upgrade the entire length of Graham's Dip Road (approximately 1,000m) to a 5D standard and on completion of these works, this additional section of Class 5d Rural Access road will be added to Council's Road Asset Register;*
- 3. Council will provide funding in future budgets for the ongoing maintenance of Grahams Dip Road; and*
- 4. Council will make application to Department of Transport and Main Roads to determine requirements regarding any intersection/treatments to Beaudesert-Nerang Road and complete these works as part of the road upgrade.';*

and replace with

- "1. That Council amend its road register to include Grahams Dip Road, Biddaddaba, for its entire length (approx. 1000m) from its intersection with Beaudesert-Nerang Rd, comprising of an unsealed standard; and
2. That Grahams Dip Road, Biddaddaba, be added to Council's maintenance schedule in line with other unsealed roads on its road register."

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Motion

That Council amend the resolution of Council in Item 11.8 'Extension of Road Network - Grahams Dip Road', from the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2025, by deleting paragraphs one to four:

'That:

1. Council complete an assessment of Grahams Dip Road, Biddaddaba, in the 2025-2026 financial year to determine the works required and associated costs to upgrade the road to a 5D standard;
2. Council provide funding in its 2026-2027 budget to upgrade the entire length of Graham's Dip Road (approximately 1,000m) to a 5D standard and on completion of these works, this additional section of Class 5d Rural Access road will be added to Council's Road Asset Register;
3. Council will provide funding in future budgets for the ongoing maintenance of Grahams Dip Road; and
4. Council will make application to Department of Transport and Main Roads to determine requirements regarding any intersection/treatments to Beaudesert-Nerang Road and complete these works as part of the road upgrade.';

and replace with

- "1. That Council amend its road register to include Grahams Dip Road, Biddaddaba, for its entire length (approx. 1000m) from its intersection with Beaudesert-Nerang Rd, comprising of an unsealed standard; and
2. That Grahams Dip Road, Biddaddaba, be added to Council's maintenance schedule in line with other unsealed roads on its road register."

During discussion on Item 11.12, Cr Jennifer Sanders raised a question:

"Can we follow the correct procedure and review our Roads Policy so that we have a way forward, so then we can deal with this road in a proper governance-type manner, so that we can deal with the issue?"

Cr Tom Sharp:

"To answer your question, I won't answer it with a question, but I'll answer it this way ... I don't disagree, and I've got further questions about the policy. I don't disagree that the policy is, for want of a better word, asinine, absurd and if you would like to pull the policy up I am happy to look at it. I will put a question, I will put a question to Councillor Sanders to assist in diffusing this.

Councillor Sanders, as a mother, Thalidomide was a drug used in the 50s and 60s for children, for pregnant women"

At 11:34 am, Cr Jennifer Sanders called a point of order:

"Sorry, point of order, I"

Cr Tom Sharp:

"It's a question."

Cr Jennifer Sanders:

"No, I am not answering a question about Thalidomide. This is not"

Cr Tom Sharp:

"Excuse me, if you would allow"

Cr Jennifer Sanders:

"That's not fair."

Cr Tom Sharp:

"I am asking a question. Now the drug was proven to, for birth defects, for morning sickness but resulted in birth defects. Eventually the laws changed. Did the doctors continue the policy of those, of issuing Thalidomide or did they stop? They stopped, and they stopped before the law came into play.

So you're talking about a policy. We're not talking about a law, a case in law. We're talking about a policy. The policy is not legal, legally binding. To answer your question Councillor Hay, [sic] there is no procedure that relates to addressing this road. ..."

At 11:56 am, Cr Tom Sharp left the meeting.

At 11:57 am, Cr Tom Sharp returned to the meeting.

For: Crs Tom Sharp, Amanda Hay, Kerri Cryer and Stephen Moriarty

Against: Crs Jennifer Sanders, Marshall Chalk and Duncan McInnes

Carried 4/3

11.11 LATE ITEM - Notice of Motion by Cr Jennifer Sanders re Item 11.8 Extension of Road Network - Grahams Dip Road, Ordinary Meeting held on 10 December 2025

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Cr Jennifer Sanders withdrew her Notice of Motion.

11.13 LATE ITEM - Australian Local Government Association Call for Motions for 2026 National General Assembly

Executive Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation

That Council submit the following motions to the 2026 National General Assembly for consideration:

1. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore the taxation revenue of Federal Assistant Grants to a full 1% and that this adjustment occur over a five-year period.
2. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider a percentage of Gross Regional Product collected as tax revenue from tourism industries to be distributed back to Local Government for the purposes of addressing asset management and maintenance.
3. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate and institute a component of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to include additional allocations proportioned for betterment of affected assets to which funding is applicable following a natural disaster.
4. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to introduce a national framework to support local communities to manage the impact of short term accommodation (eg. Air BNB) on local communities in the context of growing housing pressures.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk
Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Motion

That Council submit the following motions to the 2026 National General Assembly for consideration:

1. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore the taxation revenue of Federal Assistant Grants to a full 1% and that this adjustment occur over a five-year period.
2. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to consider a percentage of Gross Regional Product collected as tax revenue from tourism industries to be distributed back to Local Government for the purposes of addressing asset management and maintenance.
3. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to allocate and institute a component of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to include additional allocations proportioned for betterment of affected assets to which funding is applicable following a natural disaster.
4. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to introduce a national framework to support local communities to manage the impact of short term accommodation (eg. Air BNB) on local communities in the context of growing housing pressures.

Carried unanimously

11.14 LATE ITEM - Local Government Association of Queensland Civic Leaders Summit 2026

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments:

1. Civic Leaders Summit 2026 Program

Recommendation

That:

1. Council authorise interested Councillors and the Mayor to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland Civic Leaders Summit 2026 to be held in Brisbane on 25 and 26 March 2026; and
2. Council reschedule the Ordinary Meeting currently scheduled for Wednesday, 25 March 2026 to Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

Moved: Cr Amanda Hay

Seconded: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Motion

That:

1. Council authorise interested Councillors and the Mayor to attend the Local Government Association of Queensland Civic Leaders Summit 2026 to be held in Brisbane on 25 and 26 March 2026; and
2. Council reschedule the Ordinary Meeting currently scheduled for Wednesday, 25 March 2026 to Tuesday, 31 March 2026.

Carried unanimously

11.15 LATE ITEM - 2025-2026 December Budget Review

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments:

1. 2025-2026 December Budget Review

Recommendation

That, in accordance with sections 169 and 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the 2025-2026 Quarter Two (December) Budget Review, as outlined in the:

1. Revised Statement of Comprehensive Income for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive;
2. Revised Statement of Financial Position for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive;
3. Revised Statement of Cash Flows for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive;
4. Revised Statement of Changes in Equity for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive; and
5. Revised Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability.

Moved: Cr Kerri Cryer

Seconded: Cr Duncan McInnes

Motion

That, in accordance with sections 169 and 170(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopt the 2025-2026 Quarter Two (December) Budget Review, as outlined in the:

1. Revised Statement of Comprehensive Income for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive;
2. Revised Statement of Financial Position for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive;
3. Revised Statement of Cash Flows for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive;
4. Revised Statement of Changes in Equity for 2025-2026 through 2027-2028, inclusive; and
5. Revised Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability.

Carried unanimously

11.16 LATE ITEM - Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for January 2026

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Attachments:

1. Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for January 2026
 2. Notes to the Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for January 2026
-

Recommendation

That Council receive the Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for January 2026.

Moved: Cr Duncan McInnes

Seconded: Cr Jennifer Sanders

Motion

That Council receive the Unaudited Monthly Financial Report for January 2026.

Carried unanimously

12 Confidential Matters

At 12:50 pm, 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 Sale of Land For Overdue Rates and Charges Progress [Closed s.254J(3)(i)]

as discussions will be held about sale of land action.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Carried unanimously

At 1:00 pm, following discussion in closed session, Council resumed in open session for the proposal of resolutions.

Moved: Cr Stephen Moriarty

Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Carried unanimously

12.1 Sale of Land For Overdue Rates and Charges Progress [Closed s.254J(3)(i)]

Executive Officer: Director Corporate and Community Services

Recommendation

That:

- Council resolve to proceed with sale of land action on the following properties:

Property Number
5744
6166
10257
10346
11204
13120
15277
24783
26514
27624
35680
36541
36677
37201
926665
927041
927391
929141

2. Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take all further steps under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect sale of land procedures, including for the avoidance of doubt the power to end sale proceedings.

Moved: Cr Marshall Chalk
 Seconded: Cr Amanda Hay

Motion

That:

1. Council resolve to proceed with sale of land action on the following properties:

Property Number
5744
6166
10257
10346
11204
13120
15277
24783
26514
27624
35680
36541
36677
37201
926665
927041
927391
929141

2. Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to take all further steps under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect sale of land procedures, including for the avoidance of doubt the power to end sale proceedings.

Carried unanimously

The Ordinary Meeting ended at 1:02 pm.

To be confirmed on 31 March 2026.

Cr Tom Sharp

Mayor