



# Ordinary Council Meeting

## MINUTES

Council Chambers, 95-101 Alfred St, Charleville

Friday, 13 December 2024

9.00AM



Charleville's Christmas Street Party 2024

**MINUTES OF MURWEH SHIRE COUNCIL  
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 95-101 ALFRED ST, CHARLEVILLE  
ON WEDNESDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2024 AT 9.00AM**

**PRESENT:** Cr S Radnedge (Mayor), Cr R Eckel, Cr P Alexander, Cr T Sommerfield, Cr M Ebsworth

**IN ATTENDANCE:** R Ranson (Director Community & Health Services), J Nicholson (Director Economic Development), T Ortiz (Contract Accountant), K Crosby (Manager Regulatory Services), B Scott (CEO), J Barton (Director Engineering Services), J Kronk (Director of Corporate Services)

**1 OPENING PRAYER**

Fr Peter Doohan

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**Apologies**

Nil

**Leave of Absence**

Nil

**Applications for Leave of Absence**

**VOTE OF THANKS**

Cr Shaun Radnedge acknowledged the work of CWAATSICH as they celebrate 30 years of operation.

**3 DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Cr Radnedge declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 10.3. This declarable conflict of interest arises because Cr Radnedge is on the organising committee of Adrian Vowles cup.

Cr Eckel declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 10.3. This declarable conflict of interest arises because Cr Eckel holds executive positions with the Charleville small bore rifle club and the Charleville triathlon committee.

Mr Scott declared a conflict of interest in agenda item 10.3. This declarable conflict of interest arises because Mr Scott's wife holds an executive position with the Warrego equestrian club.

**4 UPDATE/CHANGE TO COUNCILLOR REGISTER OF INTEREST**

Nil

**5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION 286/24**  
 Moved: Cr T Sommerfield  
 Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth  
 That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 20 November 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as a correct record of proceedings.  
**CARRIED**

**6 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

Nil

**7 MAYORAL MINUTE**

Nil

**8 NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**9 CORRESPONDENCE FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION**

<b>9.1 CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCILLORS</b>
Noted.

**10 OFFICE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

<b>10.1 MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 287/24</b>                  Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel                  That Council approves the Mayor's travel as presented and notes the Mayor's Monthly Meeting Schedule Report and Official Correspondence.  <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></span></p>

<b>10.2 DONATION OF PLASTIC BENCH LEGS TO THE CHARLEVILLE RSL SUB BRANCH</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 288/24</b>                  Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth                  That Council donate 2 surplus to requirements plastic park bench legs to the Charleville RSL Sub Branch for the purpose of a building a slat bench for the 2025 ANZAC Day raffle.  <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></span></p>

**Declaration of Interest**

Cr Shaun Radnedge declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Item 10.3 and exited the meeting at 9.23am.

Cr Robert Eckel declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Item 10.3 and exited the meeting at 9.23am.

Mr Bruce Scott declared a conflict of interest in Agenda Item 10.3 and exited the meeting at 9.23am.

<b>10.3 COUNCIL ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 289/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council approves the Community Assistance Grants for in-kind assistance required from 1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025 as tabled to the value of \$39,750.00, and event sponsorship to Charleville Fishing Club of \$1000.00 and Augathella Aqua Ants Sponsorship for annual swimming carnival medals of \$1,000.00, as well as a \$1,000.00 contribution to the cost of lifeguard accreditation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Cr Shaun Radnedge, Cr Robert Eckel and Mr Bruce Scott entered the meeting at 9.29am.

Mr Justin Kronk, Director of Corporate Services entered the meeting at 9.30am.

**11 CORPORATE & REGULATORY**

<b>11.1 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT ENDING 30 NOVEMBER 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 290/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Finance Report for the period ending 30 November 2024, including;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cash Position</li> <li>2. Monthly Cash Flow Estimate</li> <li>3. Comparative Data</li> <li>4. Capital Funding – budget vs actual</li> <li>5. Road Works – budget vs actual</li> <li>6. Capital Funding Detail</li> <li>7. Rates Summary</li> <li>8. Income Statement November 2024</li> <li>9. Balance Sheet November 2024</li> <li>10. Financial Statements Actual November 2024</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>11.2 HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 291/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Human Resources Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>11.3 WHS REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 292/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Workplace Health and Safety Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>11.4 PLANNING MONTHLY REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 293/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the November Planning Monthly Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

The meeting adjourned for a morning tea break at 10:28 AM.

The meeting resumed normal proceedings at 10:54 AM.

<b>11.5 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 697 VALERA VALE ROAD CHARLEVILLE</b>									
<p><b>RESOLUTION 294/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr R Eckel                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Murweh Shire Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot for creation of an easement to give access to a lot from a constructed road on land located at 697 Valera Vale Road, Charleville, formally described Lot 2 OR88, Lot 1 OR63 and Lot 1 LO13, subject to the following conditions:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;">NO.</th> <th style="width: 60%;">CONDITIONS</th> <th style="width: 30%;">CONDITION TIMING</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;"><b>1.0</b></td> <td><b>Parameters of Approval</b></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1.1</td> <td>The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">At all times.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	NO.	CONDITIONS	CONDITION TIMING	<b>1.0</b>	<b>Parameters of Approval</b>		1.1	The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.	At all times.
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1.2	The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.	At all times.						
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approved Plans and Documents</b>							
2.1	The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plan, except where amended by the conditions of this permit.	At all times						
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<b>3.0</b>	<b>Easements</b>							
3.1	An easement must be provided in accordance with the approved plan of development.	At the time of registration of the Plan of Survey and at all times.						
3.2	A copy of the easement documentation must be provided to Council prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.						
3.3	The existing access track must be contained within the designated easement.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan and at all times.						

**ASSESSMENT MANAGER (COUNCIL) ADVISORY NOTES**

1. This approval, granted under the provisions of the Planning Act 2016, shall lapse four (4) years from the day the approval takes effect in accordance with the relevant provisions of s85 of the *Planning Act 2016*.
2. The section of Valera Vale Road maintained by Murweh Shire Council will not be extended as a result of this approval. Private road access works undertaken within the designated road reserve must comply with Council’s Maintenance of unformed or unmade road policy.
3. This approval does not negate the requirement for compliance with all other relevant Local Laws and other statutory requirements. Any provisions contained in this approval relating to the enforcement of any of the conditions shall be in addition to all other rights, powers and privileges that the Council may possess or obtain, and nothing contained in these conditions shall be construed so as to prejudice, affect or otherwise derogate or limit these rights, powers and privileges of the Council.
4. General environmental duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
5. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under Section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage*

*Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).

6. The Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* applies to action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance. Further information on the EPBC Act can be obtained from the Department of Agricultural, Water and the Environment website <https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/about>.

**CARRIED**

**11.6 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 724 LANGLO RIVER ROAD CHARLEVILLE**

**RESOLUTION 295/24**

Moved: Cr T Sommerfield

Seconded: Cr P Alexander

That Murweh Shire Council approves the application for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 3 lots) on land located at 724 Langlo River Road, Charleville, formally described Lot 3 on CP908605, subject to the following conditions:

NO.	CONDITIONS	CONDITION TIMING						
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Parameters of Approval</b>							
1.1	The Developer is responsible for ensuring compliance with this development approval and the conditions of the approval by an employee, agent, contractor, or invitee of the Developer at all times unless otherwise stated.	At all times.						
1.2	The cost of all works associated with the development and construction of the development including services, facilities and/or public utility alterations required are met at no cost to the Council or relevant utility provider, unless otherwise stated in a development condition.	At all times.						
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Approved Plans and Documents</b>							
2.1	The approved development must be completed and maintained generally in accordance with the approved plan, except where amended by the conditions of this permit.	At all times						
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<b>3.0</b>	<b>Services</b>							
3.1	All services must be wholly contained within the proposed lot boundary, relocated or contained within required easements.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan and at all times.						
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Compliance</b>							
4.1	All relevant conditions of this development permit must be complied with prior to the Plan of Survey being submitted to Council for endorsement.	Prior to Plan of Survey being submitted to Council.						

<b>5.0</b>	<b>Outstanding Charges</b>	
5.1	All rates, service charges, interest and other charges levied on the land are to be paid prior to Council endorsement of the Plan of Survey.	Prior to Council endorsement of the Survey Plan.

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3. General environmental duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles, dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke beyond the boundaries of the development site during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
4. This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It is advised that under Section 23 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, a person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage (the “cultural heritage duty of care”).
5. The Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* applies to action that has, will have or is likely to have a significant impact on matters of national environmental significance. Further information on the EPBC Act can be obtained from the Department of Agricultural, Water and the Environment website <https://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/about>.

**CARRIED**

**11.7 REGULATORY SERVICES REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2024**

**RESOLUTION 296/24**

Moved: Cr M Ebsworth  
 Seconded: Cr R Eckel

That Council receives and notes the Regulatory Services Report for November 2024.

**.CARRIED**

Ms Abigale Farrawell, Manager, WWII Secret Base entered the meeting at 11.34am.



<b>11.8 TOURISM REPORT NOVEMBER 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 297/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the November Tourism Reports.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Ms Abigail Farrowell, Manager WWII Secret Base exited the meeting at 11.57am.

**12 ENGINEERING SERVICES**

Mr Jacob Barton, Director of Engineering entered the meeting at 11.59am.

Mr Justin Kronk, Director of Corporate Services exited the meeting at 12.10pm.

<b>12.1 ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 298/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the November Engineering Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.2 PROCUREMENT OF CONTRACTOR - PACKAGE MUSC-5 RED WARD AREA</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 299/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a Contract with Russell’s Grader Hire Pty Ltd for April 2024 Flood Restoration Delivery (flood damage works) for Package MuSC-5 on Red Ward, Middle Creek, Black Ward, Balmacarra, Creswell Access and Burrandilla Roads.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>12.3 APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF MIXED USE AMENITIES BLOCK AT CHARLEVILLE SHOWGROUNDS</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 300/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That Council immediately awards Rebus Rest Rooms a contract to the value of \$541,235 (ex GST) for design and construction of a mixed use amenities block at the Charleville Showgrounds under Local Buy arrangement LB304.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Mr Jacob Barton, Director of Engineering exited the meeting at 12.53pm.

Mr John Nicholson, Director of Economic Development entered the meeting at 12.55pm.

**13 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

<b>13.1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT - NOVEMBER 2024</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 301/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr P Alexander</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the November Economic Development Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>13.2 INTERMODAL FREIGHT HUB STUDY - SUCCESSFUL TENDERER</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 302/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr M Ebsworth                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council accepts the Tender from 'WSP Australia Pty Ltd' for the value of \$402,860 exclusive of GST to conduct the Queensland State Government funded feasibility study and business case for an Inland Ports Precinct in Charleville and Roma, and for the transitioning of future freight from road onto the rail network.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Mr John Nicholson, Director of Economic Development exited the meeting at 1.22pm.

Mr Richard Ranson, Director of Community & Health Services entered the meeting at 1.24pm.

**14 COMMUNITY & HEALTH SERVICES**

<b>14.1 COMMUNITY &amp; HEALTH SERVICES REPORT</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 303/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the November Community and Health Services Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>14.2 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) UPDATE</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 304/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr M Ebsworth</p> <p>That Council receives and notes the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Report.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>14.3 MEATANT DUST DEVILS MOTORBIKE CLUB - REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 305/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr T Sommerfield                  Seconded: Cr R Eckel</p> <p>That Council provides \$750.00 sponsorship towards prize money for the 2025 Meatant Dust Devils Motorbike Gymkhana, in addition to \$1500.00 in-kind, provided through Community Assistance Grants.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<b>14.4 NATIONAL BARREL HORSE ASSOCIATION (NHBA) - SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION</b>
<p><b>RESOLUTION 306/24</b></p> <p>Moved: Cr P Alexander                  Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield</p> <p>That Council accepts offer of the Southwest District of the National Barrel Horse Association of Australia to provide Silver Sponsorship (\$500).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

Mr Richard Ranson, Director of Community & Health Services exited the meeting at 1.35pm

**14.5 JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE****RESOLUTION 307/24**

Moved: Cr P Alexander

Seconded: Cr T Sommerfield

That the January meeting of Council be moved to Tuesday 21 January 2025 due to the Council office Christmas closure logistics and Councillors' personal commitments.

**CARRIED**

**15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Nil

**16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

Nil

**17 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.42pm.