



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CIVIC CENTRE
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

On 3 September 2019

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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Elected Members

Councillor - Mayor M J Burnett
Councillor G G Churchill
Councillor K Goodluck
Councillor R A Hansen
Councillor P J Masters
Councillor D V O'Grady
Councillor C A Trevor
Councillor N Muszkat

Officers

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)
Mrs H Ning (Executive Secretary)
Mrs T McDonald
Mrs S Hogarth
Mrs B Saunders
Mrs K Lee
Ms K Dimou
Mr J Tumbers
Ms K Wockner

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That Council note an apology for Councillor PJ Sobhanian as previously approved by Council.

G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE

Nil.

G/0.3.4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS

Pursuant to section 175(C) of the Local Government Act 2009, where a Councillor declares a Material Personal Interest in an agenda item, the Councillor must leave the room for the agenda item.

G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION INC – OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 AND ECOFEST 2019

Cr Muszkat

Councillor Natalia Muszkat declared that she has an interest in Item G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION INC – OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 AND ECOFEST 2019, as she has previously been employed by Welcoming Intercultural Neighbours who have received income from the proponent who is presenting the deputation as well as personally been employed previously as a photographer for events organised by Gladstone Festival and Events.

G/19 /3909 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Churchill

Cr Muszkat has a material personal interest in Item G/4.1.2.

CARRIED

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to section 175(E) of the Local Government Act 2009, where a Councillor declares a Conflict of Interest and elects to leave the room for an agenda item, a resolution of Council is not required.

G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION INC – OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 AND ECOFEST 2019

Cr Churchill

Councillor Glenn Churchill declared that he and his wife, Sue are volunteers for Gladstone Festivals and Events, and this could be perceived as a conflict of interest in Item G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION INC – OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 AND ECOFEST 2019.

G/19 /3910 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Goodluck

Cr Churchill has a conflict of interest Item G/4.1.2.

MOTION LOST

Cr Goodluck

Councillor Kahn Goodluck declared an interest in Item G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION INC – OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 AND ECOFEST 2019, as he is a musician and although he has never been engaged by Gladstone Festivals and Events, they could in future contact him to perform as a musician at an event.

G/19 /3911 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Churchill
Seconded Hansen

Cr Goodluck does not have a conflict of interest in Item G/4.1.2.

CARRIED

G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

I would like to start by talking about Seniors Week and what a fantastic event it was. Hats off to Kylie Lee and the Community Development and Events Team, Brady Walmsley and everyone involved for putting on a fantastic Seniors Week across the Gladstone Region. There were events held right across the region and I think that everyone appreciated it. Two of my favourite events were the "Unlikely Conversations" and also Our Priceless Past. A shout out to the Art Gallery and all the sponsors involved in Our Priceless Past, and of course for the Mayor's Morning Tea at the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre. I think combining the Mayor's Morning Tea with the Morning Melodies was a big hit and certainly something we should continue to do next year.

Later that week we had the launch of the Golding Showcase and the Intercity Images and I would like to thank Councillor O'Grady for attending on my behalf. We have some fantastic exhibitions in the Gladstone Regional Art Gallery and Museum at the moment.

Council also held a community meeting in Miriam Vale on the 28th of August to provide an update on the township's water supply. Obviously, as we continue to test the aquifer, we need to check its reliability to make sure it can continue to supply the township. We have started trucking water into Miriam Vale while we test the aquifer and hopefully by all accounts we should be able to verify the water supply. If not, we have to look at alternative water sources. We have also approached the Federal Member for funding assistance through their Drought Community Scheme, so I will be hoping to catch up with Ken O'Dowd in the next few weeks to discuss how we can be assisted by the Federal Government; we will also approach the State.

On the 23rd of August we had a meeting in the Botanic Gardens with Dave Burns and the Pengelly family to officially recognise the two families for their contributions to the community and also the naming of Dave Burns Drive and Pengelly Street.

Also of course this weekend just gone we had the Multicultural Festival; and a shout out to the team that volunteers at the Multicultural Association, it was a huge success. We also had the Conversations with Council at the Botanic Gardens and I would like to thank the Councillors who attended. The next one will be on Saturday 14th of September in Nagoorin. I would really like to thank Councillors and staff for attending those; they are really important to get out in the community. But equally important at the Multicultural Festival was the Australian record we broke with the Bonsai Exhibition. Congratulations to Barry Meiring and the team, the Friends of the Gardens and the Friends of the Bonsai. Normally Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne attract about four or five hundred people to their Bonsai Exhibition; we had more than twelve hundred visitors to our Bonsai Exhibition. That wasn't just anyone who walked into the festival, the attendee numbers weren't counted unless they actually visited the Bonsai Exhibition and I think that's fantastic, so congratulations to Barry who is doing a fantastic job.

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 20 AUGUST 2019

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 20 August 2019.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 20 August 2019 be confirmed.

G/19 /3912 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Masters

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

The Chair altered the Order of Business so that Item G/4.1.1. Dr Gaston Boulanger – Gladstone District Hospital Developments was considered next.

G/4. DEPUTATIONS

G/4.1. DEPUTATIONS

G/4.1.1. DR GASTON BOULANGER - GLADSTONE DISTRICT HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENTS

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

A presentation to Council will be held by Dr Gaston Boulanger to inform the Mayor, Councillors and Gladstone Community about the developments regarding the Gladstone District Hospital.

Anticipated Outcome:

That the Deputation from Dr Gaston Boulanger be received.

G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/3.1. OFFICER'S REPORTS

G/3.1.1. QUARTERLY REVIEW OF THE 2018/19 GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL OPERATIONAL PLAN - QUARTER 4

File Ref: CM14.2

Purpose:

To present the quarterly progress toward implementation of Gladstone Regional Council's 2018/2019 Operational Plan for the quarter ending 30 June 2019.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the information contained within the Assessment of the Implementation of the 2018/19 Operational Plan – Quarter 4 report be noted.

G/19 /3913 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/19 /3914 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Burnett
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That the Order of Business be altered so that Item G/7. Notice of Motion be brought forward and considered next on the agenda.

CARRIED

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

Purpose:

This report presents information for Council to review the decision to extend the 10% discount period and 5% discount period by 30 days for residential, rural and commercial ratepayers. Mayor Matt Burnett has provided this notice of motion via email on 26 August 2019.

Councillor's Recommendation:

1. That Council in accord with Section 130 (7) *Local Government Regulation 2012* extend the discount period for the 2019/2020 Rate Levy such that a discount of 10% will be allowed if payment is made in full within the discount period of the initial sixty (60) days of the date of issue of the rate notices and a discount of 5% will be allowed if payment is made in full within the discount period after the initial sixty (60) day period but before ninety (90) days of the date of issue of the rate notice, for the following rates and charges:

- general rates;
- waste cleansing charges;
- sewerage charges;
- trade waste charges; and
- water availability (fixed costs component) charges; and

2. That Council amend Section 6.9.2 (f) of the Revenue Statement to:

“The maximum instalment payment frequency is to be six-monthly; however, optimally this frequency should not exceed monthly and advance payments on a weekly and fortnightly basis are accepted”.

G/19 /3915 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Burnett
Seconded Cr Churchill

1. That Council in accord with Section 130 (7) *Local Government Regulation 2012* extend the discount period for the 2019/2020 Rate Levy such that a discount of 10% will be allowed if payment is made in full within the discount period of the initial ninety (90) days of the date of issue of the rate notices and a discount of 5% will be allowed if payment is made in full within the discount period after the initial ninety (90) day period but before one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of issue of the rate notice, for the following rates and charges:

- general rates;
- waste cleansing charges;
- sewerage charges;
- trade waste charges; and
- water availability (fixed costs component) charges; and

2. That Council amend Section 6.9.2 (f) of the Revenue Statement to:

“The maximum instalment payment frequency is to be six-monthly; however, optimally this frequency should not exceed monthly and advance payments on a weekly and fortnightly basis are accepted”

CARRIED

The agenda order was resumed at this point with Item G/3.1.2. considered next.

G/3.1.2. REVIEW OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY POLICY

File Ref: CM28.2

Purpose:

To propose repealing the current Computer and Telecommunications Policy and replacing it with an Information, Communications and Technology Corporate Standard.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council repeal P-2014/35 Computer and Telecommunications Policy, noting it will be replaced with an Information, Communications and Technology Corporate Standard.

G/19 /3916 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr O'Grady

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

G/3.1.3. WELCOMING CITIES REPORT

File Ref: ED2.1

Purpose:

This report seeks Council's resolution to obtain premium membership of the Welcoming Cities Network, and adoption and accreditation of the Welcoming Cities Standard (The Standard).

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council seek membership within the Welcoming Cities Network and seek initial accreditation at the 'established' level with progression to 'advanced' as soon as practicable.

G/19 /3917 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Muszkat
Seconded Cr Goodluck

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

**The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10.14 am
and reconvened at 10.47 am.**

G/4.1.2. GLADSTONE FESTIVALS AND EVENTS ASSOCIATION INC - OVERVIEW OF AUSTRALIA DAY 2019 AND ECOFEST 2019

Cr Muszkat (declared Material Personal Interest)
left the room during the consideration and voting of Item G/4.1.2.
(refer G/0.3.4 Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes – page 5)

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

Gladstone Festivals and Events Association Inc. will present an overview on the two Council events it manages on Australia Day 2019 and Ecofest 2019.

Anticipated Outcome:

That the Deputation from Gladstone Festivals and Events Association Inc. be received.

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nil.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil.

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

G/19 /3918 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Goodluck
Seconded Cr Masters

That in accordance with Section 275 (1) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss business relating to the following: -

(e) contracts proposed to be made by it.

CARRIED

G/19 /3919 Procedural Motion:

Moved by Cr Hansen
Seconded Cr Muszkat

That Council re-open the meeting to the public.

CARRIED

G/8.1. ENERAQUE PTY LTD - DIESEL GENERATOR SOLE SUPPLIER

File Ref: PE1.1

G/19 /3920 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Trevor
Seconded Cr Masters

That Council, in accordance with Section 235 (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)*, resolves that it is satisfied that, due to the specialised nature of the service, the timing of the work, the proprietary programming and acknowledgement that Eneraque were the original equipment supplier, it is impractical to invite tenders and that Eneraque Pty Ltd be engaged to undertake the following work:

1. The design, manufacture, supply, programming and testing of a replacement generator solution;
2. The transportation, delivery, crantage, installation and commissioning of a replacement generator solution;
3. The disconnection, transportation, delivery and crantage of the decommissioning generator and its relocation to the Gladstone Waste Water Treatment Plant.

CARRIED

G/8.2. PSA 222-19 SUPPLY OF PLUMBING FITTINGS AND FIXTURES

File Ref: PE1.1

G/19 /3921 Council Resolution:

Moved Cr Masters
Seconded Cr Trevor

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluations Panel's recommendation and award the Supply of Plumbing Fittings and Fixtures to Reece Australia Pty Ltd and Total Eden Pty Ltd;
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a 2 year contract with two 1 year extension options with Reece Australia Pty Ltd and Total Eden Pty Ltd.

CARRIED

There being no further business the Mayor formally closed the meeting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 11.35 am

CERTIFICATION

I hereby confirm that I have read the minutes and they are a true and correct
record of the
proceedings of the meeting.
I certify that these 21 pages
form the
official copy of Gladstone Regional Council
General Meeting Minutes of the 3 September 2019.

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Mayor Matt Burnett

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Date

ATTACHMENTS