



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**On Tuesday 2 August 2022**

**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 C A Trevor  
Councillor N Muszkat  
Councillor C Cameron  
Councillor D Branthwaite

### **Officers**

Mrs L Dowling (Chief Executive Officer)  
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)  
Ms C Quinn (General Manager Strategy and Transformation)  
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community Development and Events)  
Mr B Newton (General Manager Operations, Acting)  
Mr M Francis (General Manager Strategic Asset Performance)  
Mr R Huth (General Manager Customer Experience)  
Mr T Mienie (General Manager People Culture and Safety)  
Ms K Wockner (Manager Contracts and Procurement)  
Ms S Hunter (Manager Strategy and Improvement)  
Ms K Dimou (Corporate Planning Specialist, Acting)  
Mr G Scanlan (Economic Development Specialist)

## **G/0.3.2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **GM/22/4807 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Branthwaite  
Seconded Cr Cameron

That the apology from Cr O'Grady be received.

**CARRIED**

## **G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Nil

## **G/0.3.4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

### **Cr Trevor**

Councillor Chris Trevor advised that in agenda item G/3.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ADDITIONAL MOTIONS, he may have a declarable conflict of interest in recommendation 1b Increase Private Developer Contributions to Infrastructure Charges. Cr Trevor is a director, along with his wife Colleen Trevor, of Warabale Pty Ltd as trustee, which owns a 50 per cent share in private development land at lot 207, Corner Heights entrance and Round Hill Road, Agnes Water. The subject property is under contract but not sold.

Cr Trevor elected to leave the meeting room while the matter was considered and voted on.

**G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES**

Refer to Item G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

## **G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 19 JULY 2022**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 2 August 2022

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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**Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 July 2022.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 19 July 2022 be confirmed.

**GM/22/4808 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Goodluck  
Seconded Cr Churchill

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/2.2. CONFIRMATION OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING MINUTES FOR 25 JULY 2022**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Council Meeting Date:** 2 August 2022

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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**Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on 25 July 2022.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of Council held on 25 July 2022 be confirmed.

**GM/22/4809 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Cameron

Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/3. OFFICERS' REPORTS

### G/3.1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE - ADDITIONAL MOTIONS

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Strategy and Transformation

**Council Meeting Date:** 2 August 2022

**File Ref:** GR3.1

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**Cr Trevor (declared Conflict of Interest)**  
**left the room for Agenda Item G/3.1. and did not participate in the decision**  
(refer G/0.3.4. Disclosure of Interest section of the minutes - page 3)

#### **Purpose:**

To provide Council with the opportunity to consider motions to submit to the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) Annual Conference, held from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 October 2022 in Cairns, Queensland.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

1. That Council submit the following conference motions to the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) for consideration:
  - a. **Creation of a Sovereign Wealth Fund**
    - i. The LGAQ calls on the Queensland Government to
      1. Establish a sovereign wealth fund to
        - a. Provide long-term support for regions to transition to a net zero carbon economy
        - b. Support other regional economic and community development opportunities as part of the great energy transition
        - c. Provide fiscal stability and long-term sustainability to support intergenerational equity in regions.
  - b. **Increase private developer contributions to infrastructure charges**
    - i. The LGAQ calls on the Queensland Government to
      1. Review the current cap placed on infrastructure charges to allow Councils to secure greater developer contributions to fund the cost of infrastructure associated with private development.
  - c. **Environmental Legislation Changes Impact**
    - i. The LGAQ calls on the State and Federal governments to
      1. Provide transparent and targeted consultation with local governments regarding changes to environmental legislation that impacts local governments' sewerage assets, and
      2. Provide funding to assist local governments in maintaining and upgrading sewerage assets to meet evolving environmental legislation and protect the environment.
  - d. **Human Rights Act Exemptions Regarding Safety in the Workplace**
    - i. The LGAQ calls on the Queensland Government to:
      1. Amend section 13 of Human Rights Act 2019 to allow the application of the exemptions in Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, including allowing acts that are reasonably necessary to protect the health and safety of people at a place of work (s108), acts done in compliance with legislation (s106) and genuine occupational requirements.

**e. Model Policies**

- i. The LGAQ partner with the Queensland Department of Local Government and Local Government Managers Australia to provide resources to:
  1. Identify and make a list of policies that Councils are statutorily required to have in place to achieve legislative compliance (beyond the work that the Department has done which includes the policies required under the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012); and 2.
- ii. Potentially develop model policies that could be adopted and/or form a base for Councils to work from in the development of these statutory/core policies. Some examples of potential 'Model Policies' being:
  1. Privacy Policy
  2. Public Interest Disclosure Policy
  3. Work Health and Safety Policy
  4. Employee Code of Conduct Policy<sup>1</sup>
  5. Complaint Management Policy (Administrative Action Complaints)
  6. Related Party Disclosures Policy
  7. Records Management Policy.

**f. Stamp Duty Exemption**

- i. The LGAQ calls on the Queensland Government to:
  1. Amend the Duties Act 2001 to include an exemption from duty for Local Governments in similar terms to that given to the State Government in section 145 of that Act.

**GM/22/4810 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Hansen  
Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**



**G/3.2. APPLICATION TO APPROVED PLACE NAME REGISTER - ASSET NAMING OF COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE - CROSISCA**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Customer Experience

**Council Meeting Date:** 2 August 2022

**File Ref:** CM13.1

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to add 'Crosisca' to the Approved Place Names Register to utilise in future naming of Councils assets.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council approves the application to add 'Crosisca' to the Approved Place Names Register.

**GM/22/4811 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/3.3. APPLICATION TO APPROVED PLACE NAME REGISTER - PAGEANT PLACE,  
KIRKWOOD**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Customer Experience

**Council Meeting Date:** 2 August 2022

**File Ref:** CR13.1

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to add "Pageant Place" to the Approved Place Names Register and utilise for road naming within a new development.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council approves the application to add "Pageant Place" to the Approved Place Names Register and utilise for road naming.

**GM/22/4812 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Muszkat

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/3.4. APPLICATION TO APPROVED PLACE NAME REGISTER - ROONEY WAY,  
KIRKWOOD**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Customer Experience

**Council Meeting Date:** 2 August 2022

**File Ref:** CR13.1

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to allow Council to consider a request to Add “Rooney Way” to the Approved Place Names Register and utilise for road naming within a new development.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council approves the application to add “Rooney Way” to the Approved Place Names Register and to utilise for road naming.

**GM/22/4813 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Hansen

Seconded Cr Cameron

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/3.5. TENDER 141-22 CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE BRIDGES MIRIAM VALE AND LOWMEAD**

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Operations

**Council Meeting Date:** 2 August 2022

**File Ref:** PE1.1

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**Purpose:**

The report seeks resolution from Council to enter into a contract with Cragcorp Pty Ltd Trading as Queensland Bridge & Civil for the construction of four (4) bridges in Lowmead and Miriam Vale.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

1. Endorse the Tender Evaluation Panel's recommendation and accept the offer from Cragcorp Pty Ltd Trading as Queensland Bridge & Civil for Tender 141-22 Construction of Concrete Bridges Miriam Vale and Lowmead; and
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract and associated contract variations within the approved budget, with Cragcorp Pty Ltd Trading as Queensland Bridge & Civil for Tender 141-22 Construction of Concrete Bridges Miriam Vale and Lowmead.

**GM/22/4814 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill

Seconded Cr Branthwaite

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **G/4. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

## **G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Councillor Chris Cameron mentioned that he attended a forum on 27 July 2022 to receive a final report regarding the giant rat's tail grass problem from a joint 5 year study of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) and Gladstone Regional Council. Cr Cameron noted that the report included alternative ways to manage the giant rat's tail grass problem such as natural treatment and chemical treatment. Cr Cameron further noted that there were two chemical options, glyphosate (commonly known as Roundup) and flupropanate (commercially known as Taskforce) which work in different ways. Cr Cameron advised that the glyphosate kills everything it is sprayed on straight away whereas the flupropanate is applied to the plant; not taken in through the foliage; requires a rain episode to activate; then goes into the root system and kills the giant rat's tail grass through the root system. Cr Cameron noted that the flupropanate is selective in that it only kills the giant rats tail grass and not other native grass species. Cr Cameron mentioned that the reports are extensive with two videos which are available on Council's website. Cr Cameron recommended that all landholders view the videos and reports as there is a lot of great information provided.

Mayor Burnett provided the Mayoral Statement of Current Issues and mentioned that Round 5 of the State BMX series was held in Gladstone at Sun Valley Race Track on weekend of 23 July 2022. Mayor Burnett mentioned there were 500 nominations with 1,200 people in attendance in our community which was fantastic for our local BMX club to host another successful event. Mayor Burnett congratulated Bruce, the team and the whole committee who do an amazing job in supporting the sport and our local economy by bringing people into the local community.

Mayor Burnett mentioned that on the weekend just gone (30 July 2022) was the Relay for Life, held at the Chanel College, which has raised \$70,911, as of this morning, which was over the goal of \$70,000. Mayor Burnett acknowledged Cheryl Royal-Scott who completed 144 laps of her target of 150 which was impressive, however Cheryl didn't rest there, she completed the final 6 laps the following morning. Mayor Burnett noted that Cheryl completed 59km's, walked over 80,000 steps and raised a fantastic amount of money for local charity with their team raising approximately \$16,000 towards the \$70,000 target. Mayor Burnett acknowledged the many teams involved and congratulated them on their efforts. Mayor Burnett mentioned at the opening of the event, which was with patron Liz Cunningham, it was great to see so many young people involved, especially school students, Interact and Scouts and congratulated them on participating and raising funds. Mayor Burnett acknowledged Ros Newberry, who has been involved with the Relay for Life and Cancer Council in Gladstone for many years and mentioned that Ros has retired from her employment recently. Mayor Burnett further acknowledged the great work that Ros has provided for the Relay for Life and Cancer Council in Central Queensland over the many years. Mayor Burnett wished Ros the best in her retirement and hoped she was enjoying retirement. Mayor Burnett congratulated the Relay for Life committee and everyone that participated in the event which raised much needed funds.

Mayor Burnett mentioned events coming up including the Ambrose State School Family Fun Day on Sunday 14 August from 10:00am until 3:00pm. Mayor Burnett noted that the event will have markets, car boot sale, music, rides, raffles and a dog jumping competition with a \$2,000 prize and encouraged anyone with a dog that can jump to enter. Mayor Burnett mentioned the Multicultural Festival scheduled for 27 August 2022 at Gladstone Tondoon Botanic Gardens from 10:00am until 8:00pm.

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Mayor Burnett mentioned the Agnes Water Skate Park project and that there has been a lot of community consultation on the project with a number of different options being developed for the community in Agnes Water to consider. Mayor Burnett noted that the options cover beginner to intermediate up to advanced inclusions such as bowls, ramps and street runs and encouraged everybody to have their say on their favourite inclusions via Council's Conversations website (details shared on Council and Mayor Burnett's social media). Mayor Burnett advised that the opportunity to have your say on the inclusions closes on Friday 19 August 2022 and that now is the time to have your say. Mayor Burnett mentioned he was looking forward to building a redesigned skate park in Agnes Water.

Councillor Kahn Goodluck mentioned that he attended the Fighting Git Boxing and Fitness Calliope inaugural Dodgeball Championship held at Calliope Junior Roosters Multi Sports Complex on the weekend. Cr Goodluck noted that the event raised money for a local family fighting stage 4 melanoma. Cr Goodluck mentioned it was a great event and a great cause with 25 teams taking part. Cr Goodluck acknowledged that the event took him back to his childhood, noting that some of the best days at school were playing dodgeball and that we all need a bit more dodgeball in our life. Cr Goodluck noted that the event will return next year, and be an annual event, and to keep an eye out for details. Cr Goodluck gave a shout out to Shane Byatt, the organiser, and noted that it was a great event and he looked forward to seeing it grow and continue to do great things.

Councillor Darryl Branthwaite mentioned that he attended the Boyne Valley Soldiers Settlement at Ubobo on Sunday 31 July 2022 where the committee thanked all the volunteers for their efforts on the centennial celebrations that were held recently. Cr Branthwaite noted that the centennial celebrations was a fantastic event with over 350 people from around the country in attendance. Cr Branthwaite further noted that the soldiers settlement was where Ubobo station was resumed to be divided up into lots to assist the returned soldiers from World War I. Cr Branthwaite mentioned that it was a massive effort by everyone involved from the community, sponsors, committee and volunteers and that Council was very proud to be apart of. Cr Branthwaite thanked everyone involved in the Soldiers Settlement centennial celebrations.

Councillor Natalia Muszkat congratulated the Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) branches from around the region with most having held their annual general meetings (AGM's). Cr Muszkat noted that the branches have been successful in keeping our communities happy and healthy. Cr Muszkat mentioned that some special guests from Brisbane attended some of the AGM's which was appreciated. It was noted that the different branches were holding various events to celebrate 100 years of QCWA.

Councillor Glenn Churchill mentioned the Calliope River Music Festival coming up on Saturday 20 August and noted that Adam Harvey, Amber Lawrence and a host of regional, state and national performers will be performing at the event.

**G/6. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

**G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:30am**