



**GLADSTONE**  
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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

**On Tuesday 3 October 2023**

**Commencing at 9.00am**

**Rob Huth  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, Acting**

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**Elected Members**

Councillor - Acting Mayor K Goodluck  
Councillor G G Churchill  
Councillor R A Hansen  
Councillor D V O'Grady  
Councillor C A Trevor  
Councillor C Cameron  
Councillor D Branthwaite - via teams

**Officers**

Mr R Huth (Chief Executive Officer, Acting)  
Mrs R Millett (Executive Secretary)  
Mrs S Penrose (Manager Governance and Risk, Acting)  
Ms C Quinn (General Manager People and Strategy)  
Ms K Lee (General Manager Community and Lifestyle)  
Mr M Francis (General Manager Assets and Environment)  
Mr M Holmes (General Manager Finance Governance and Risk)  
Mr M Bailey (General Manager Customer Experience, Acting)  
Mr N Cooper (Planning Officer) (via teams)  
Ms T McDonald (Principal Planning Lead)  
Ms H Robertson (Manager Development Services)  
Ms A Dankwa (Planning Officer)

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

**GM/23/5096 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Churchill  
Seconded Cr Cameron

That an apology for Mayor Burnett and Councillor Muszkat be received.

**CARRIED**

**G/0.3.3. MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE**

Nil

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

#### **Cr O'Grady**

Councillor Desley O'Grady advised that she has a declarable conflict of interest in a recent topic of discussion at a Councillor Information Session regarding the future operation of the Seventeen Seventy Low Pressure Sewer System. Cr O'Grady's conflict arises as her brother has a commercial connection to the Low Pressure Sewer System and her relative is the owner and operator of a plumbing business at which her nephew is an employee who frequently works on the Low Pressure Sewer System and both may be impacted by any future Council decision.

Cr O'Grady advised that while the matter is not part of this meeting's agenda, as a result of this declarable conflict of interest, she will not participate in any future decisions relating to Council's operation of the Seventeen Seventy Low Pressure Sewer System and will leave the room should the matter arise.

#### **Cr Goodluck**

Councillor Kahn Goodluck advised that he has a prescribed conflict of interest in a recent topic of discussion at a Councillor Information Session on 26 September 2023 regarding an expression of interest in land of Lot 21 SP252843 as he is the President of the Boyne Tannum Arts Business and Community Association Inc (BTABC) who has expressed an interest in the land.

Cr Goodluck advised that while the matter is not part of this meeting's agenda, as a result of this prescribed conflict of interest he will not participate in any future decisions relating to the expression of interest in Lot 21 SP252843 and will leave the room should the matter arise.

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

I will note that we have had a number of events across the region over the past couple of weeks. We've had the 1770 Cultural Connections Immersion Festival and the Baffle Creek Family Fishing Festival. I understand Councillor Glenn Churchill attended those events. We also had the Calliope Rodeo on the weekend which I attended. It was great to see, and one part in particular, Councillor Desley O'Grady informs me they are 'protection athletes', with the bull fighters we saw some exceptional displays of courage and mateship where the bull fighter jumped on a bull rider who had come off and thrown their body into the line of fire to protect their mate. The night in general was packed, it was a great night of entertainment and some good musicians on show as well. We do have Beach Arts Music (BAM) coming up on the weekend at Tannum Sands.

And on Monday 16 October 2023, we have the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Conference that we're proudly hosting right here in the Gladstone Region. The LGAQ Conference is held over three days with over 700 delegates of Mayor's, Councillors, CEO's and Officers. The Queensland Deputy Premier, Steven Miles, who is also the Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and possibly the Queensland Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, will be in attendance. It is a great opportunity for Councillors and others in the Local Government sphere to come together to share stories about projects and innovations and different ways of challenging the various different issues that we experience every day in local government right across Queensland. It's a great learning opportunity for Councillors and we also have the debate of motions where Council's will debate motions about topical issues and changes that we can advocate to State and Federal Governments for better outcomes for our community. Very proud to be hosting the LGAQ Conference in a couple of weeks, right here in the Gladstone Region.

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

### **G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 19 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Responsible Officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Prepared By:** Executive Secretary

**Council Meeting Date:** 3 October 2023

**File Ref:** CM7.2

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#### **Purpose:**

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 19 September 2023.

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

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 19 September 2023 be confirmed.

#### **GM/23/5097 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Trevor

Seconded Cr Hansen

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**G/3. DEPUTATIONS**

## G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

### G/4.1. DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA/12/2023 FOR RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT - 1 LOT INTO 2 LOTS LOCATED AT 3 SEASPRAY DRIVE, AGNES WATER QLD 4677

**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Customer Experience

**Prepared By:** Principal Planning Lead, Acting

**Council Meeting Date:** 3 October 2023

**File Ref:** DA/12/2023, DB1.10

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#### Development Application:

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA/12/2023
<b>Applicant:</b>	John Boynton Hamilton & Rachel Hamilton C/- Zone Planning Group
<b>Owner:</b>	John Boynton Hamilton & Rachel Hamilton
<b>Date Of Receipt:</b>	23 March 2023
<b>Location:</b>	3 Seaspray Drive, Agnes Water
<b>RPD:</b>	Lot 28 RP 803327
<b>Area:</b>	858m <sup>2</sup>
<b>Current Use of Land:</b>	Vacant allotment
<b>Zoning:</b>	Low Density Residential Zone
<b>Proposal:</b>	Reconfiguring a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots)
<b>Public Notification:</b>	Reconfiguring a Lot (1 Lot into 2 Lots)
<b>Number Of Submissions:</b>	Eleven (11) properly made submissions

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to decide Development Application 12/2023 for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots) on land at 3 Seaspray Drive, Agnes Water against the *State Planning Policy July 2017*, and the *Our Place Our Plan Gladstone Regional Council Planning Scheme Version 2* under the *Planning Act 2016*.

#### Officer's Recommendation:

That the request for a Development Permit for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 lot into 2 lots) located at 3 Seaspray Drive, Agnes Water, be refused on the following grounds:

1. The proposal involves the creation of small lots that are considered insufficient in size appropriate for the intended use and are not consistent with the character of the zone.
2. Insufficient supporting material has been provided to demonstrate compliance with the Steep Land Overlay Code (Absence of a site-specific geotechnical report to assess stability of site). The application therefore does not achieve compliance with the purpose of the Steep Land Overlay Code.
3. Insufficient supporting material has been provided to ensure the proposal is responsive to the topography of the land to ensure that the amenity of adjoining lots and the locality would not be detrimentally affected. (Absence of plans detailing proposed cut and fill heights, location, and size of retaining walls to assess the extent of required earthworks and retaining wall/s)
4. Insufficient supporting material has been provided to ensure the development is provided with appropriate infrastructure with respect to managing stormwater (absence of site-specific stormwater management plan to demonstrate non-worsening of stormwater discharge for both proposed lots).



**GM/23/5098 Council Resolution:**

Moved Cr Cameron  
Seconded Cr Trevor

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Rick Hansen advised that the Queensland Information Centres Association conference and awards night is happening tomorrow (Wednesday 4 October 2023) and Thursday 5 October 2023 hosted by Agnes Water and the Agnes Water Visitor Information team have done a great job putting it all together. Cr Hansen advised that he will be attending on behalf of the Mayor and along with Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited (GAPDL) CEO, Nicola Smith to assist with the opening. Cr Hansen noted that he was looking forward to the event and congratulated the team at the Agnes Water Visitor Information Centre for putting the event together.

Councillor Glenn Churchill mentioned that he attended the Baffle Creek Family Fishing Festival which was extremely well attended and that he was pleasantly surprised by the amount of Gladstone Region people not only participating but attending the awards afternoon. Cr Churchill further mentioned that he met with the Member for Burnett, Stephen Bennett as well. Cr Churchill congratulated Wayne Kemp, the long-time President of the Baffle Creek Fishing Club and the band of volunteers for putting on a great event. Cr Churchill noted that Council has been a continued investment supporter of the Baffle Creek weeklong fishing competition and acknowledged the terrific sponsors and entertainers that are involved in the event.

Cr Churchill mentioned that he had the opportunity to be a part of the official opening of the 1770 Cultural Connections Immersion Festival. Cr Churchill noted that it was extremely well attended with great entertainment from right around the region. Cr Churchill congratulated Dr Kerry Blackman, author, advocate and ambassador and acknowledged Leanne Enoch, Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts who was representing the Queensland Government. Cr Churchill further acknowledged Matt Cooke, Master of Ceremonies. Cr Churchill noted that the idea for the festival is an opportunity to come together with our First Nations brothers and sisters, have some fun and enjoy themselves and learn about the rich history of the First Nations People. Cr Churchill mentioned that Council is a major sponsor of the festival and expressed hope that Council will continue to be a supporter of the festival through the community investment program. Cr Churchill congratulated all of the performers and entertainers with such a broad spectrum of entertainers from around the region. Cr Churchill noted that people came to the festival from right around the nation and noted that there was a large international delegation of First Nations people from Canada who also attended the festival.

Cr Churchill mentioned that the National Police Remembrance Day Service was on Friday 29 September 2023 and thanked Cr Hansen and Councillor Chris Cameron, who were able to attend the National Police Remembrance Day service along with him. Cr Churchill acknowledged that it was an opportunity for Council to pay our respects, lay a wreath and acknowledge the police officers and police support staff that are out there on a regular basis endeavouring to maintain justice within our community. Cr Churchill noted that it was a big gathering and highlighted that the Gladstone Thistle Pipe Band performed a special rendition of Amazing Grace as a tribute to Constable Rachel McCrow and Constable Matthew Arnold. Cr Churchill acknowledged that the emotion is still raw when we consider that those officers were slain, and some people may be aware that Constable Rachel McCrow's family background were from Gladstone Region. Cr Churchill mentioned that additionally in his other role as President of the Queensland Retired Police Association, it was wonderful to acknowledge and pay tribute to those that continue to and in the past that have paid service to their communities. Cr Churchill highlighted that the significance of the National Police Remembrance Day collectively across the nation is to not only honour their service but to pay respects. Cr Churchill spoke of a personal experience during his time in the Police Service where he charged a person with attempting to murder him which was reduced to 'assault police'. Cr Churchill mentioned this personal experience to highlight that no police officer, no emergency service officer, no council worker and no worker anywhere should ever go to work at any time in their workplace and their family and their friends think or know that they may not come home. Cr Churchill thanked the Council and the community for their continued support of the National Police Remembrance Day. For those that have passed on, on behalf of Council and the community, may they rest in peace in God's care.

## **GLADSTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 3 OCTOBER 2023**

Councillor Desley O'Grady mentioned that the State Government has announced funding of \$188,000 for the Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail (BBIRT) to upgrade the Slab Creek Bridge. Cr O'Grady acknowledged that the State Government has provided funding to BBIRT towards feasibility study, design and now to deck and rail one of the bridges. Cr O'Grady noted that the Slab Creek Bridge was a priority bridge to deck and rail as it encroaches on someone's property. Cr O'Grady mentioned that BBIRT will continue to advocate for more funding to enable more bridges to be completed in the Gladstone Region and that once all are completed the trail will be 270km long and the longest rail trail in Australia. Cr O'Grady thanked the State Government and Member for Gladstone, Glenn Butcher, Member for Miller, Mark Bailey and the Department of Transport and Main Roads team for their support with BBIRT. Cr O'Grady also thanked everyone who believed in the rail trail and acknowledged all the volunteers and everyone involved in BBIRT.

### **G/6. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

### **G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION**

Nil

### **G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

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

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9:31am.**