



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 26 August 2025

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Scmazzon opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 26 August 2025 at the Mossman Council Chambers.

This Ordinary Meeting of Council is livestreamed through Microsoft Teams and will also be available for others to watch at a later time.

Cr Scmazzon acknowledged the Kuku Yalanji people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land on which this meeting is being held and paid respect to their Elders past, present and emerging, and extended that respect to other Indigenous Australians who may be listening or watching this morning.

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ORDINARY MEETING
TUESDAY 26 AUGUST 2025
10:00 AM
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1. ATTENDANCE & APOLOGIES

1.1. PRESENT

Cr Lisa Scomazzon (Mayor), Cr Roy Zammataro (Deputy Mayor), Cr Damian Meadows, Cr Abigail Noli, Cr Michael Rees

1.2. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies

1.3. OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S Osman (Chief Executive Officer), M Eastham (General Manager TC Jasper Corporate and Communities), D Langman (Chief Engineer TC Jasper Infrastructure and Recovery), S Roberts (Manager Community Services), Arun Pratap (Interim Chief Financial Officer), L Vogel (Manager Environment and Planning), K Williams (Executive Assistant), M Wilson (Senior Media and Communications Officer), T Woodhams (Digital Communications Officer), L Dowling (Community Engagement Officer), J Rhodes (Senior ICT Officer)

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Nil

3. DEPUTATIONS

Nil

4. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

5.1. CONFIRM MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD 29 JULY 2025

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 29 July 2025 be confirmed.

Carried unanimously

5.2. CONFIRM MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING HELD 12 AUGUST 2025

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held Tuesday 12 August 2025 be confirmed.

Carried unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1. MAYORS DIARY FOR JULY 2025

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council notes the Mayor's external appointments for the month of July 2025.

Carried unanimously

7.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR JULY 2025

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council notes the Chief Executive Officer's external calendar appointments for the month of July 2025.

Carried unanimously

7.3. LEAVE OF ABSENCE - CR ABIGAIL NOLI

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council grants Cr Noli leave of absence from the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 30 September 2025.

Carried unanimously

7.4. ADMINISTRATIVE ERROR - CLOSED SESSION REPORTS

Moved Cr Noli

That Council:

1. Acknowledges that Local Government Regulation 2012 s275 has been repealed;
2. Endorses that at the Ordinary Council Meeting dated 17 June 2025 be corrected to reference Local Government Regulations 2012 s254J(3)(b) to move into a closed session to discuss Item 11.1 Adoption of Organisational Structure; and
3. Endorses that at the Ordinary Council Meeting dated 12 August 2025 be corrected to reference Local Government Regulations 2012 s254J(3)(g) to move into a closed session to discuss Item 4.1 Daintree Ferry Tender.

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Scmazzon

That the motion be corrected to read:

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Carried unanimously

The amended motion became the substantive motion and was put to the vote.

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Scmazzon

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Carried unanimously

7.5. OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT FOR APRIL TO JUNE 2025

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council notes the progress of the implementation of the Operational Plan 2024-2025.

Carried unanimously

7.6. JULY 2025 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council notes the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash Flows and Statement of Comprehensive Income for July 2025.

Carried unanimously

7.7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BATTERY COLLECTION PROGRAM

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council:

- 1. Approve the collaborative submission to the Local Government Battery Collection Program for the proposed Far North Queensland Regional Battery Collection Project for \$100,000.00; and*
- 2. Resolve to engage Ecocycle under s235 (a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the provision of supply, manage, and collect from compliant battery collection infrastructure subject to approval of funding.*

Carried unanimously

7.8. ADOPTION OF THE WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING PLAN 2025 - 2030

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2025-2030 as per the requirements of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011;*
- 2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to undertake any minor grammatical changes required.*

Carried unanimously

7.9. WANGETTI TRAIL - REQUEST FOR OWNER'S CONSENT FOR LODGEMENT OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council:

1. *As a joint trustee of reserve land described as Lots 6 and 39 SP309107, provide its consent for the lodgement of development applications and other necessary documents, for consideration by Council, as relates to the further development of the Wangetti Trail project within the Douglas Shire Council local government area.*
2. *As a joint trustee of reserve land described as Lot 31 SP129117, located within the Cairns Regional Council local government area, provide its consent for the lodgement of development applications and other necessary documents, for consideration by Council, as relates to the further development of the Wangetti Trail project.*

Carried unanimously

7.10. LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN - ENDORSEMENT

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council:

1. *Endorse the Douglas Shire Council Local Resilience Action Plan contained in attachment 1 and the submission for funding opportunities that arise for the endorsed projects.*
2. *Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any matters relating to grant applications associated with Local Resilience Plan projects.*

Carried unanimously

7.11. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY UPDATE JULY 2025

Moved Cr Zammataro

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council receives and notes the Daintree River Ferry financial information and tender progress for July 2025.

Carried unanimously

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:23am.

Unconfirmed