



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 27 January 2026

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DOUGLAS
SHIRE COUNCIL

Scott Osman
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Scomazzon opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 27 January 2026 at the Mossman Council Chambers.

This Ordinary Meeting of Council is being Live Streamed on Council's Website and will also be available for others to watch at a later time.

Mayor Scomazzon 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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TUESDAY 27 JANUARY 2026
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), K Wilkinson (Acting Chief Financial Officer), K Williams (Executive Assistant), L Boyd (Mayor & Councillor Support Officer), M Wilson (Senior Media and Communications Officer), L Dowling (Community Engagement 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 9 DECEMBER 2025

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 9 December 2025 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1. MAYORS DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2025

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

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

Carried Unanimously

7.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2025

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

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

Carried Unanimously

7.3. 2025 DECEMBER FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council note the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cashflows for December 2025.

Carried Unanimously

7.4. REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2025

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council note the report on the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 1 December 2025.

Carried Unanimously

7.5. WATER AND WASTEWATER CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS 2025-2030

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council endorses the updated Water and Wastewater Customer Service Standards 2025 – 2030 within the Douglas Shire.

Carried Unanimously

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

8.1. NOTICE OF MOTION - OFFICIAL FLAG FLYING

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

Council resolves that, the only flags to be flown by Council on a permanent basis, are to be flown in accordance with the Flags Act 1953 and the Australian National Flag protocols, are as follows:

- *Australian National Flag;*
- *Queensland State Flag;*
- *Australian Aboriginal Flag; and*
- *Torres Strait Islander Flag*

An amended motion was put forward.

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That the motion be amended to read - That Council:

- 1. Acknowledge that the Australian National Flag, the Queensland State Flag, the Australian Aboriginal Flag, and the Torres Strait Islander Flag remain the primary official flags customarily flown by Council facilities; and*
- 2. Endorse the continued flying of these flags in a manner consistent with existing legislation, protocols, and operational practices; and*
- 3. Request the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that any internal guidance or ceremonial practices relating to flag display reflect respect for the diverse communities of the Douglas Shire and provide flexibility for temporary or special occasions where appropriate.*

Carried Unanimously

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

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Scomazzon

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Carried Unanimously

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. CLOSED SESSION

Nil

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:22am.

CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026.