



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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# MINUTES

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Tuesday 28 April 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 28 APRIL 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

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Mayor Cr Scomazzon opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 28 April 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.

Cr 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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ORDINARY MEETING  
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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), A Pratap, Interim Manager of Governance and ICT, D Langman (General Manager Infrastructure), S Roberts (Manager Community Services), T Maffey-Stumpe (Interim Chief Financial Officer), A Plowman (Acting Manager Disaster Management Unit), G Nucifora (Manager Infrastructure Recovery), K Williams (Executive Assistant), L Boyd (Mayor & Councillor Support Officer), M Wilson (Senior Media and Communications Officer), T Woodhams (Digital Communications Officer)

## **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST**

Nil

## **3. DEPUTATIONS**

### **3.1. DEPUTATION - SUPPORTING DAINTREE VISITATION**

Tourism Port Douglas Daintree (TPDD) presented a partnership approach to boost visitation following recent disruptions and softer demand, including a targeted marketing campaign of around \$20,000 focused on attracting visitors from Cairns and nearby areas.

They also noted an opportunity to coordinate this campaign with Council's Daintree Ferry Card program during May–June to help extend the low season and support recovery for local tourism businesses.

Cr Scomazzon thanked TPDD for the presentation to Council.

## **4. MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

### **5.1. CONFIRM MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD 31 MARCH 2026**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 31 March 2026 be confirmed.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Nil

## **7. OFFICERS REPORTS**

### **7.1. MAYORS DIARY FOR MARCH 2026**

**Moved** Cr Meadows

**Seconded** Cr Zammataro

*That Council notes the Mayor's external appointments for the month of March 2026.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **7.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR MARCH 2026**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council notes the Chief Executive Officer's external appointments for the month of March 2026.*

**Carried** Unanimously

### **7.3. 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**Moved** Cr Noli

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council endorses the attendance of Cr Lisa Scomazzon at the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) 23-25 June 2026, Canberra.*

**Carried** Unanimously

#### **7.4. FESTIVALS AUSTRALIA GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION**

**Moved** Cr Noli

**Seconded** Cr Rees

*That Council retrospectively endorse an application for \$40,000 of grant funding under the Festivals Australia Program, to support a proposed film project, celebrating 150 years of Mossman and Port Douglas.*

**Carried** Unanimously

#### **7.5. RURAL LIBRARIES QLD PLACES AND SPACES GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION**

**Moved** Cr Noli

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council endorse an application for \$50,000 in grant funding under the 2026-27 Rural Libraries QLD Places and Spaces program administered by the Queensland Government through the State Library of Queensland for a Mossman Library upgrade.*

**Carried** Unanimously

#### **7.6. LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN**

**Moved** Cr Meadows

**Seconded** Cr Rees

*That Council endorse the Douglas Shire Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP) and the application of future funding opportunities for identified projects to build community resilience and reduce disaster risk.*

**Carried** Unanimously

#### **7.7. 2026 MARCH FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council note the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cashflows for March 2026.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **7.8. 2026/2027 FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council:*

- 1. Adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2026/ 2027 financial year; and*
- 2. Delegates authority under s257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate fees and charges where circumstances warrant and to make minor administrative amendments to the Schedule.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **7.9. REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2026**

**Moved** Cr Noli

**Seconded** Cr Rees

*That Council note the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 19 March 2026.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **7.10. FLOOD WARNING INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK ASSET RETURN**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Meadows

*That Council:*

- 1. Approves the transfer of ownership of rain gauge asset 531149 (Rex Creek Intake), from the Commonwealth of Australia.*
- 2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the contract/s subject to Council's normal procurement policies and practices.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **7.11. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY UPDATE MARCH 2026**

**Moved** Cr Rees

**Seconded** Cr Zammataro

*The recommendation for the Ordinary meeting is that Council received and notes the Daintree Ferry financial information and project progress for March 2026.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **8. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **9. URGENT BUSINESS**

**Moved:** Cr Noli

**Seconded:** Cr Meadows

*That council*

- 1. Reinstates the Douglas Card for a period of 2 months expiring on 30 June 2026 as Councils immediate and urgent tourism response to the economic implications associated with the current fuel supply / price volatility*
- 2. The anticipated \$20,000 cost associated with this response will be funded from within existing 2025-26 budgetary provisions*
- 3. That the CEO (or delegate) be authorised to implement this initiative*

**For** Cr Zammataro, Cr Noli, Cr Meadows, Cr Rees

**Against** Cr Scomazzon

**Motion Carried**

## **10. PETITIONS**

Nil

## **11. CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved:** Cr Rees

**Seconded:** Cr Noli

*That Council resolves to move into Closed Session to discuss the following matters:*

- 11.1. Delivery Partner Contract CN2025-066*

**Carried** Unanimously

(Meeting moved into Closed Session at 11:09am)

## OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

**Moved:** Cr Meadows

**Seconded:** Cr Zammataro

*That Council resolves to move out of Closed Session*

**Carried** Unanimously

(Meeting moved out of Closed Session at 11:16am)

### **11.1. CONFIDENTIAL 254J (3)(G) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012 - DELIVERY PARTNER CONTRACT CN2025-066**

This report is CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with s 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* which permits the meeting to be closed to the public to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

**Moved:** Cr Meadows

**Seconded:** Cr Rees

*That Council:*

*1) Resolves to award Contract CN2025-066: Request for Tender - Delivery Partner: Major Capital & Recovery Works Program to AECOM Australia Pty Ltd in accordance with content and evaluation criteria included in the confidential report 'Delivery Partner Contract CN2025-066'.*

*2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise, and enter into the contract with AECOM Australia Pty Ltd in the form issued with the Request for Tender (with any agreed amendments), subject to Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers program funding requirements.*

**Carried** Unanimously

## **12. MEETING CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 11:18am