



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 26 May 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 26 MAY 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Scmazzone expressed condolences on behalf of Council for the tragic loss of the young woman and infant in the car accident at Oak Beach on Friday 22 May. The Mayor acknowledged the impact on the community, encouraged residents to support one another, and noted that Council had postponed the Yalanji RAW event at Mossman Gorge out of respect for community grieving and Sorry Business.

Mayor Cr Scmazzone opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on Tuesday 26 May 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 Scmazzone 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 26 MAY 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), A Pratap (General Manager Corporate and Communities), D Langman (General Manager Infrastructure), S Roberts (Manager Community Services), T Maffey-Stumpe (Interim Chief Financial Officer), P Hoye (Manager Disaster Management Unit), G Nucifora (Manager Infrastructure Recovery), K Williams (Executive Assistant), T Woodhams (Digital Communications 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 28 APRIL 2026

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 28 April 2026 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1. MAYORS DIARY FOR APRIL 2026

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council notes the mayor's external appointments for the month of April 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR APRIL 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Zammataro

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

Carried Unanimously

7.3. LGAQ COASTAL LEADERS FORUM

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council endorse the attendance of Mayor Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Cr Abigail Noli and Cr Michael Rees at the Local Government Association of Queensland 2026 Coastal Leaders Forum.

Carried Unanimously

7.4. OPERATIONAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council notes the progress of the implementation of the 2025-2026 Operational Plan.

Carried Unanimously

7.5. 2026 APRIL FINANCE REPORTS

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

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

Carried Unanimously

7.6. INVESTMENT GENERAL POLICY

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council adopt the Investment General Policy

Carried Unanimously

7.7. REVENUE GENERAL POLICY 2026-2027

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council adopts the Revenue General Policy 2026-2027.

Carried Unanimously

7.8. 2026 2027 BUDGET - RATES PENSIONER REMISSION POLICY

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council adopts the Rates Pensioner Remission Policy.

Carried Unanimously

7.9. RATES REBATE - NOT-FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES POLICY

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council adopts the Rates Rebate - Not-for-profit Entities Policy.

Carried Unanimously

7.10. APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE OF PART OF MOWBRAY RIVER ROAD, MOWBRAY

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council:

- 1. Supports an application by the lessee of 353 Mowbray River Road, Mowbray, formally described as Lot 3 SP229627, for the permanent closure of part of the road adjoining the western boundary of the identified lot. This area of permanently closed road is to be incorporated into the applicant's existing leasehold land.*
- 2. Advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that Council, as the road manager, supports the application for permanent road closure, by completion of Form LA30: Statement in relation to an application under the Land Act 1994 over State land.*

Carried Unanimously

7.11. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE, ARTS AND WELLBEING COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAM 2026-2027 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council

1. *Approves the recommended grant funded projects under the North Queensland Resilience Program (NQRP), Community Resilience, Arts, and Wellbeing Program Funding 2026-2027.*
2. *Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise any matters relating to the grant administration.*

Carried Unanimously

7.12. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY UPDATE APRIL 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council notes the Daintree Ferry operational report for April 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.13. CAPITAL WORKS QUARTERLY REPORTS

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council receives and notes the progress of the Capital Works Program for the period 3 January to 31 March 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.14. QUARTERLY REPORT (Q3) INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council note the Infrastructure Recovery Report Quarter 3 2025/2026 Financial Year.

Carried Unanimously

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Noli

Seconded: Cr Zammataro

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

Variation to Contract No.CN2024-094 – Taylors Bridge Construction

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved into Closed Session at 10:20am)

Moved: Cr Rees

Seconded: Cr Meadows

That Council resolves to move out of Closed Session

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved out of Closed Session at 10:31am.

**11.1. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER S254J (3) (G) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
REGULATION 2012 - VARIATION TO CONTRACT NO.CN2024-094 -
TAYLORS BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION**

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 Noli

Seconded: Cr Meadows

That Council endorses Variation V02 under Contract No. CN2024-094 for additional costs associated design changes in the amount of \$1,672,896.84, excluding GST, resulting in a revised contract value of \$5,816,217.69, excluding GST.

Carried Unanimously

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:33am.