



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 16 June 2026

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SHIRE COUNCIL

Scott Osman
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Scomazzon opened the meeting at 10:15am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on Tuesday 16 June 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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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), L Vogel (Manager Environment and Planning), K Williams (Executive Assistant), N Staples (Senior Business Support Officer), 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 26 MAY 2026

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 26 May 2026 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1. MAYORS DIARY FOR MAY 2026

Moved Rees

Seconded Meadows

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

Carried Unanimously

7.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR MAY 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

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

Carried Unanimously

7.3. CHANGE OF DATE - JULY 2026 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council resolves to change the date for the July 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting to 9:00am on Monday 27 July 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.4. REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council:

1. *Acknowledge the Rotary Club of Douglas FNQ's grant application to the Queensland Government to fund a proof-of-concept feasibility study for a potential Port Douglas Lagoon; and*
2. *Provide a letter of support for the proof-of-concept feasibility study.*

Carried Unanimously

7.5. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - RESIDENTIAL ACTIVATION FUND ROUND 2

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council:

1. *retrospectively approve the submission of a grant application under the Residential Activation Fund – Round 2 seeking funding for the construction of trunk water supply and sewer infrastructure to support future housing growth;*
2. *acknowledge the requirement to allocate funds within future Capital Works budget to advance detailed design of the trunk water supply and sewer infrastructure project; and*
3. *delegates authority under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise all matters associated with the project if successful.*

Carried Unanimously

7.6. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY - QCOAST2100 PROGRAM ROUND 4 FUNDING

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council:

1. *Retrospectively approve the lodgment of a grant application for the QCoast2100 Round 4 program for the funding of the development of shoreline erosion management plans for Cow Bay Beach and Oak Beach.*
2. *Acknowledges the requirement to allocate funds within the future operational and capital budgets, if successful, for the delivery of the nominated QCoast2100 Program Round 4 Implementation of Coastal Adaptation Works funded projects.*
3. *Delegates authority under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise any matters relating to the grant application.*

Carried Unanimously

7.7. RADF ROUND TWO 2025-26 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council approves:

- 1. The Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee funding recommendations for six (6) applications totalling \$54,400 (excl. GST), as detailed in Table 1;*
- 2. Funding for the Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee's proposed special project, 150 Years – Faces of People Who Helped Shape the Douglas Shire, in the amount of \$11,340 in 2025/26 and \$17,360 in 2026/27;*
- 3. The appointment of two (2) new Regional Arts Development Fund Advisory Committee members;*
- 4. The engagement of a consultant to deliver the Douglas Shire Council 2026–2028 Arts Action Plan, totalling \$10,000 (excl. GST) funded from existing Regional Arts Development Fund budget; and*
- 5. Delegates authority under Section 257 (1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any matters associated with the administration of the Regional Arts Development Fund.*

Carried Unanimously

7.8. COMMUNITY GRANTS ROUND TWO 2025 26 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council:

- 1. Approve the allocation of \$25,574 (excl. GST) from Council's Community Grants Program 2025/26 to fund three (3) recommended applications, as detailed in this report;*
- 2. Approve the opening of the next round of Council's Community Grants Program in July 2026, subject to 2026/27 Annual Budget adoption; and*
- 3. Delegate authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with the grants.*

Carried Unanimously

7.9. PORT SHORTS RESOURCE AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council:

- 1) *Resolves to enter a Resource and Performance Agreement with the event organisers of the Port Shorts Film Festival for a period of three (3) years (2026, 2027 and 2028).*
- 2) *Endorses the inclusion of \$30,000 (\$25,000 cash funding and \$5,000 in-kind) in the annual budget for each relevant financial year to support the Port Shorts Film Festival.*
- 3) *Subject to budget approval, authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise any minor amendments required to execute the Resource and Performance Agreement.*

Carried Unanimously

7.10. REQUEST FOR LANDOWNER CONSENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE - CA2025_5732

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council:

1. *As trustee of land described as Lot 168 RP747298, being a reserve for park and recreation purposes, provides its consent, as deemed owner of the land, for lodgement of a combined development application requiring the provision of a sewer main connection through this land into Council's existing sewer network.*
2. *Accepts ownership of sewer assets constructed as part of the combined development application over Lot 2 RP745166 and traversing:*
 - a. *adjoining State land described as Lot 3 AP15871; and*
 - b. *Crees Creek for connection into Council's sewer network within Lot 168 RP747298, subject to terms and conditions determined by Council, as part of any approval process.*

Carried Unanimously

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Noli

Seconded: Cr Meadows

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

Eastern Kuku Yalanji People Native Title Determination Application QUD673/2014 - Cape York United #1

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved into Closed Session at 10:55am.)

Moved: Cr Meadows

Seconded: Cr Rees

That Council resolves to move out of Closed Session

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved out of Closed Session at 11:12am).

11.1. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER S 254J (3)(E) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012 - EASTERN KUKU YALANJI PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE DETERMINATION APPLICATION QUD673/2014 - CAPE YORK UNITED #1

CONFIDENTIAL in accordance with s 254J(3)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* which permits the meeting to be closed to the public to discuss a matter relating to legal advice obtained by the local government or legal proceedings involving the local government

including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government.^[OBJ]

Moved: Cr Rees

Seconded: Cr Meadows

That Council:

1. *Resolves to enter into a "Section 87A Agreement" with Eastern Kuku Yalanji People;*
2. *Approves the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to authorise any minor amendments required to execute the Agreement; and*
3. *Approves Martin Wright from Moray & Agnew Lawyers to sign the Section 87A Agreement on Council's behalf.*

For Cr Scomazzon, Cr Rees, Cr Noli, Cr Meadows

Against Cr Zammataro

Motion carried

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:13am.