



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Monday 27 July 2026

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 JULY 2026 COMMENCING AT 9:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Scmazzone opened the meeting at 9:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on Monday 27 July 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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Unconfirmed

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 Hoyer (Manager Disaster Management Unit), A Pasanen (Acting Manager Water and Wastewater), C Peters (Manager Maintenance and Operations), K Williams (Executive Assistant), M Wilson (Senior Media and Communications 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 - SPECIAL MEETING HELD 16 JUNE 2026

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held Tuesday 16 June 2026 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

5.2. CONFIRM MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD 16 JUNE 2026

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 16 June 2026 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1. MAYORS DIARY FOR JUNE 2026

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

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

Carried Unanimously

7.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR JUNE 2026

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Zammataro

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

Carried Unanimously

7.3. REEF GUARDIAN COUNCILS ANNUAL MEETING 2026

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council endorses the attendance of Councillor Abigail Noli at the 2026 Reef Guardian Council Executive Committee and Working Group Meeting in Mackay 26-27 August 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.4. SHOW HOLIDAY 2027

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council resolve to nominate Monday 19 July 2027 as the Mossman Show Special Holiday for the Douglas Shire Region.

Carried Unanimously

7.5. DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS PROPOSED CHANGES

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council:

- 1. Notes the proposed changes to Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements announced by the Federal Government; and*
- 2. Endorses the continued advocacy of the Federal and State Governments to ensure any changes in funding to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements have no adverse impacts on Douglas Shire Council.*

Carried Unanimously

7.6. RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK, RISK APPETITE STATEMENT AND CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council adopt the Risk Management Framework, Risk Appetite Statement and Corporate Risk Register.

Carried Unanimously

7.7. AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 MAY 2026

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council note the report on the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 28 May 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.8. DATA BREACH POLICY

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council adopt the Data Breach Policy.

Carried Unanimously

7.9. 2026 MAY 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 May 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.10. PROCUREMENT EXCEPTION LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION SECTION 235(C) - QUEENSLAND MONSOON TROUGH, CYCLONE KOJI, CYCLONE NARELLE, SEVERE WEATHER, 24 DECEMBER 2025 - 24 APRIL 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council retrospectively approve emergency expenditure for Tropical Cyclone Koji, Tropical Low 29U, and Tropical Cyclone Narelle listed in this report under Section 235(c) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Carried Unanimously

7.11. PROCUREMENT GENERAL POLICY

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council adopts the revised Procurement General Policy.

Carried Unanimously

7.12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012 PROCUREMENT EXCEPTION SECTION 235 (A) AND SECTION 235 (B) - REGISTER OF SOLE AND SPECIALISED SUPPLIERS

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council approve the revised Register of Sole or Specialised Suppliers under Section 235(a) and 235(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the supply of equipment and services, for 2026/27.

Carried Unanimously

7.13. PROPOSAL FOR ROAD OPENING TO FORMALISE ACCESS TO NEWELL BOAT RAMP

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council consents to a proposal by Department of Transport and Main Roads/Marine Safety Queensland for the opening of an area of road through part of Lot 382 SR864, a reserve for which Council is trustee and located off Rankin Street, Newell, so as to formalise access to the Newell Boat Ramp, subject to:

- 1. The area of the road opening is as approximately identified in Diagram 1 of the Department of Transport and Main Roads/Marine Safety Queensland letter dated 21 April 2026, subject to a formal survey being completed; and*
- 2. All necessary actions required to have this matter finalised are on the basis that there is no cost attributable to Council.*

Carried Unanimously

7.14. APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF TERM LEASE OVER LOT 5 SR86 TO FREEHOLD TENURE

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council:

- 1. Advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development, that Council offers no objection to the application to convert Term Lease 0/231263 over Lot 5 SR86 into freehold tenure.*
- 2. Advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development, that Council offers no objection to the potential permanent closure of an area of unnamed and unformed road that adjoins the eastern boundary of Lot 5 SR86, held under Road Licence 9/3205 and described as Lot 1 RL3205.*
- 3. Complete a Part C Form LA30: Statement in relation to an application under the Land Act 1994 over State land, if required by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development.*

Carried Unanimously

7.15. LANE HIRE FEES - NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council:

- 1. Approve the removal of the Lane Hire (Not for Profit Organisation) category from the adopted 2026/27 Schedule of Fees and Charges and retains lane hire fees for commercial users only; and*
- 2. Delegate authority under Section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to finalise the matter.*

Carried Unanimously

7.16. FINANCIAL EVENT SUPPORT FOR NAIDOC RUGBY NINES MEMORIAL EVENT

Moved Cr Zammataro

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council:

- 1) Approve \$10,000 (excluding GST) financial and in-kind contribution for the 2026 National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Nines Rugby League Carnival and associated memorial event on the basis that:*

- a) *Funds are expended for costs directly associated with the hosting of these events to be held at Coronation Park, Mossman over the weekend of 12 September 2026; and*
 - b) *Adherence by the event organisers to any Council terms, conditions and requirements that would normally apply relevant to the provision of such financial support.*
- 2) *Delegates 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 matters associated with the funding.*

Carried Unanimously

7.17. 2026-042 KTS COMBINED SERVICES CONTRACT

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Zammataro

That Council:

1. *Resolves to award Contract 2026-042 KTS Combined Services to Remondis Australia Pty Ltd & FGF Developments No.1 Pty Ltd (Joint Venture) for a period of four (4) years and five (5) months commencing 15 August 2026.*
2. *Delegates authority under section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters in relation to this contract.*

Carried Unanimously

7.18. SUPPORT FOR MOTION TO LGAQ CONFERENCE 2026

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Noli

That Council resolve to support Noosa Shire Council's motion to be tabled at the 2026 Local Government Association of Queensland's Annual Conference calling on the Federal Government to provide ongoing funding and coordination for local governments to transition to a suitable flood monitoring platform that collects, displays and analyses real-time data from rainfall and river level gauges for flood warning and local disaster management.

Carried Unanimously

7.19. DAINTREE FERRY UPDATE MAY AND JUNE 2026

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council notes the Daintree Ferry operational report for May and June 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.20. DRINKING WATER QUALITY POLICY - 2026

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council endorses the Drinking Water Quality Policy.

Carried Unanimously

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Rees

Seconded: Cr Meadows

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

Strategic Acquisition of Land

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved into Closed Session at 10:02am)

Moved: Cr Rees

Seconded: Cr Meadows

That Council resolves to move out of Closed Session

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved out of Closed Session at 10:08am)

11.1. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER S 254J(3)(G) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012 - STRATEGIC ACQUISITION OF LAND

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 Zammataro

That Council:

- 1. Approves the acquisition of land described in this report as a strategic freehold land acquisition.*
- 2. Delegates 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 acquisition of the land described in this report.*

Carried Unanimously

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:09am.