

DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

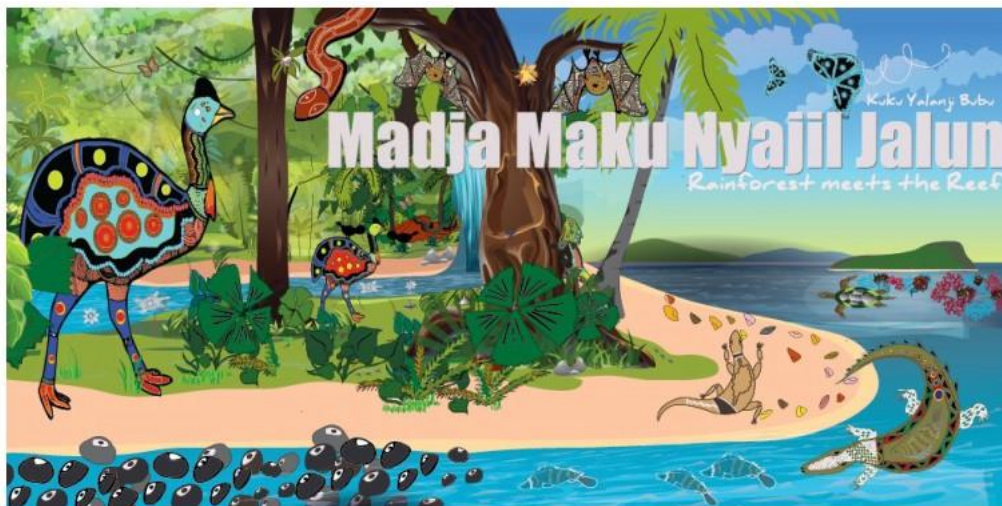
# SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

## MINUTES

Monday, 17 May 2021

ENSURING EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNANCE  
ACCOUNTABLE AND TRANSPARENT DECISION-MAKING  
ENGAGING, PLANNING, PARTNERING  
CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITIES

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SHIRE COUNCIL



Douglas Shire Council would like to show its appreciation by acknowledging local indigenous artists Lenice Schonenberger, Loretta Pierce (Lenoy) and Ronald Bamboo for providing the cover artwork entitled "**Daintree Ferry**"

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HELD ON MONDAY, 17 MAY 2021 COMMENCING AT 3.30PM**

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Mayor Kerr welcomed everyone to the Special Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on Monday, 17 May 2021 at the Mossman Council Chambers.

Cr Kerr gave notice that, in accordance with *Section 277E of the Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Special Meeting of Council will be restricted in numbers of public attendance because of health and safety reasons associated with the public health emergency involving COVID-19. Cr Kerr also advised that this Special Meeting of Council will be available to view via Live Stream on Council's Website and will be available for others to watch at a later time.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

Cr Kerr 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.

**1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

**PRESENT**

Cr Michael Kerr (Mayor), Cr Lisa Scomazzon (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peter McKeown, Cr Abigail Noli and Cr Roy Zammataro.

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mark Stoermer (Chief Executive Officer), Juanita Holden (Manager Governance), Colin Chalmers (Asset Management Officer), Sean O'Conner (Senior Procurement Officer), Sandeep Tutt, Tom Volling (Senior Media and Communications Officer) and Brenda Jang (Executive Assistant).

**2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3. AGENDA ITEMS**

**3.1. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY OPTIONS – MAY 2021**

Mark Stoermer, Chief Executive Officer

Cr Kerr advised members of the gallery and those watching the telecast today, that there pertains a revised proposal in the report that was submitted to Council on 13 May 2021 which Councillors have not had the opportunity to discuss yet.

As this revised proposal contains details that are part of the current negotiations between Council and the contractor, these details would be considered confidential till such time that any contract is signed and executed. At this point, so Councillors can openly discuss these points, Cr Kerr asked Councillors that the meeting go into a Closed Session of Council for a short period so that those confidential items in the revised proposal can be discussed in detail. After that Council can come back to an Open Session where Councillors will then resume standing orders and have the opportunity to debate the item on today's agenda in the public forum.

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Cr Kerr added, for those who are here today and those watching, that, once a decision has been made by Councillors today and that a contract has been executed by both parties, the negotiations will then be considered completed and all the confidential parts of this report will become public information and can be released.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved** Cr Kerr

**Seconded** Cr McKeown

*That Council closes the meeting to the public under Local Government Regulations 2012 Section 254J (3) (g) to deliberate on the Daintree River Ferry Options.*

**Carried** unanimously

(The meeting moved into Closed Session at 3.32pm)

**OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

**Moved** Cr Scomazzon

**Seconded** Cr McKeown

*That Council resolves to move out of Closed Session.*

**Carried** unanimously

(Meeting moved out of Closed Session at 3.44pm)

**3.1. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY OPTIONS – MAY 2021**

Mark Stoermer, Chief Executive Officer

**Moved** Cr Kerr

**Seconded** Cr Scomazzon

*That Council:*

1. *purchases the current Daintree River Ferry for the agreed amount as per Confidential Report provided to Councillors; and*
2. *delegate authority under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to determine and finalise all matters associated with the purchase of the ferry and associated key infrastructure components.*

**Moved** Cr Kerr

**Seconded** Cr Scomazzon

That the motion be amended to:

*That Council:*

1. *purchases the current Daintree River Ferry for the agreed amount as per Confidential Report (Option 1b) provided to Councillors; and*
2. *delegate authority under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to determine and finalise all matters associated with the purchase of the ferry and associated key infrastructure components.*

**For:** Cr Kerr, Cr Scomazzon, Cr McKeown

**Against:** Cr Noli, Cr Zammataro

**Carried**

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

**Moved** Cr Kerr

**Seconded** Cr Scomazzon

That Council:

1. *purchases the current Daintree River Ferry for the agreed amount as per Confidential Report (Option 1b) provided to Councillors; and*
2. *delegate authority under Section 257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to determine and finalise all matters associated with the purchase of the ferry and associated key infrastructure components.*

**For:** Cr Kerr, Cr Scomazzon, Cr McKeown

**Against:** Cr Noli, Cr Zammataro

**Carried**

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 4.06pm.

**CONFIRMED THIS 25TH DAY OF MAY 2021**

  
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MAYOR/CHAIR