

5.8. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Ordinary Meetings of Council be held commencing 10:00am at Council's Administration Office 64-66 Front Street Mossman on the following days and dates for the 2017/2018 financial year:

DAY	DATE
TUESDAY	11 July 2017
TUESDAY	1 August 2017
TUESDAY	22 August 2017
TUESDAY	19 September 2017
TUESDAY	10 October 2017
TUESDAY	31 October 2017
TUESDAY	21 November 2017
TUESDAY	12 December 2017
TUESDAY	30 January 2018
TUESDAY	20 February 2018
TUESDAY	13 March 2018
WEDNESDAY	4 April 2018
TUESDAY	24 April 2018
TUESDAY	15 May 2018
TUESDAY	5 June 2018
TUESDAY	26 June 2018

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There is a legislative requirement for Council to meet at least once each month and the recommended schedule of meetings fulfils this obligation.

BACKGROUND

Section 257 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* determines that Council must meet at least once in each month. All meetings are to be held at Council's public office however Council may, by resolution, determine another place for a particular meeting.

COMMENT

During its first term, Council has conducted its Ordinary Meetings on a three (3) week cycle. This cycle has enabled Council to meet its statutory obligations and following internal consultation it is recommended to continue with this meeting cycle for the next financial year.

PROPOSAL

Recommended Ordinary Council Meeting dates for the 2017/2018 financial years are presented to Council for adoption.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council meetings are a fundamental part of Council operations and accordingly all aspects of Council meetings are factored into the annual budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council has used a three week cycle of meetings within the initial period of operations and has met all legislative requirements therefore the risk to Council from a financial, reputational and regulatory view point is being mitigated.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 5 - Governance

5.2.1 - Provide Councillors and community with accurate, unbiased and factual reporting to enable accountable and transparent decision-making.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Fully-Responsible	Delivering a program or activity for another organisation (usually another level of government).
Regulator	Meeting the responsibilities associated with regulating activities through legislation or local law.

CONSULTATION

Relevant internal consultation has occurred on the effectiveness of the three weekly meeting cycle.