



DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday 28 April 2026

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**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE DOUGLAS SHIRE
COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 28 APRIL 2026 COMMENCING AT 10:00A.M.**

Mayor Cr Scmazzon opened the meeting at 10:00am by welcoming everyone to the Ordinary Meeting of the Douglas Shire Council being held on 28 April 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 Scmazzon 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 28 APRIL 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, Interim Manager of Governance and ICT, D Langman (General Manager Infrastructure), S Roberts (Manager Community Services), T Maffey-Stumpe (Interim Chief Financial Officer), A Plowman (Acting Manager Disaster Management Unit), G Nucifora (Manager Infrastructure Recovery), K Williams (Executive Assistant), L Boyd (Mayor & Councillor Support Officer), M Wilson (Senior Media and Communications Officer), T Woodhams (Digital Communications Officer)

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST/MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Nil

3. DEPUTATIONS

3.1. DEPUTATION - SUPPORTING DAINTREE VISITATION

Tourism Port Douglas Daintree (TPDD) presented a partnership approach to boost visitation following recent disruptions and softer demand, including a targeted marketing campaign of around \$20,000 focused on attracting visitors from Cairns and nearby areas.

They also noted an opportunity to coordinate this campaign with Council's Daintree Ferry Card program during May–June to help extend the low season and support recovery for local tourism businesses.

Cr Scomazzon thanked TPDD for the presentation to Council.

4. MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

5.1. CONFIRM MINUTES - ORDINARY MEETING HELD 31 MARCH 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 31 March 2026 be confirmed.

Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

7. OFFICERS REPORTS

7.1. MAYORS DIARY FOR MARCH 2026

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Zammataro

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

Carried Unanimously

7.2. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S DIARY FOR MARCH 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

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

Carried Unanimously

7.3. 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council endorses the attendance of Cr Lisa Scomazzon at the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) 23-25 June 2026, Canberra.

Carried Unanimously

7.4. FESTIVALS AUSTRALIA GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council retrospectively endorse an application for \$40,000 of grant funding under the Festivals Australia Program, to support a proposed film project, celebrating 150 years of Mossman and Port Douglas.

Carried Unanimously

7.5. RURAL LIBRARIES QLD PLACES AND SPACES GRANT FUNDING APPLICATION

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council endorse an application for \$50,000 in grant funding under the 2026-27 Rural Libraries QLD Places and Spaces program administered by the Queensland Government through the State Library of Queensland for a Mossman Library upgrade.

Carried Unanimously

7.6. LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN

Moved Cr Meadows

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council endorse the Douglas Shire Local Resilience Action Plan (LRAP) and the application of future funding opportunities for identified projects to build community resilience and reduce disaster risk.

Carried Unanimously

7.7. 2026 MARCH FINANCIAL REPORTS

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

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

Carried Unanimously

7.8. 2026/2027 FEES AND CHARGES SCHEDULE

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the 2026/ 2027 financial year; and*
- 2. Delegates authority under s257 of the Local Government Act 2009 to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate fees and charges where circumstances warrant and to make minor administrative amendments to the Schedule.*

Carried Unanimously

7.9. REPORT OF AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2026

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Rees

That Council note the report of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 19 March 2026.

Carried Unanimously

7.10. FLOOD WARNING INFRASTRUCTURE NETWORK ASSET RETURN

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Meadows

That Council:

- 1. Approves the transfer of ownership of rain gauge asset 531149 (Rex Creek Intake), from the Commonwealth of Australia.*
- 2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into contracts, negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the contract/s subject to Council's normal procurement policies and practices.*

Carried Unanimously

7.11. DAINTREE RIVER FERRY UPDATE MARCH 2026

Moved Cr Rees

Seconded Cr Zammataro

The recommendation for the Ordinary meeting is that Council received and notes the Daintree Ferry financial information and project progress for March 2026.

Carried Unanimously

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9. URGENT BUSINESS

Moved: Cr Noli

Seconded: Cr Meadows

That council

- 1. Reinstates the Douglas Card for a period of 2 months expiring on 30 June 2026 as Councils immediate and urgent tourism response to the economic implications associated with the current fuel supply / price volatility*
- 2. The anticipated \$20,000 cost associated with this response will be funded from within existing 2025-26 budgetary provisions*
- 3. That the CEO (or delegate) be authorised to implement this initiative*

For Cr Zammataro, Cr Noli, Cr Meadows, Cr Rees

Against Cr Scomazzon

Motion Carried

10. PETITIONS

Nil

11. CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Rees

Seconded: Cr Noli

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

11.1. Delivery Partner Contract CN2025-066

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved into Closed Session at 11:09am)

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved: Cr Meadows

Seconded: Cr Zammataro

That Council resolves to move out of Closed Session

Carried Unanimously

(Meeting moved out of Closed Session at 11:16am)

11.1. CONFIDENTIAL 254J (3)(G) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATION 2012 - DELIVERY PARTNER CONTRACT CN2025-066

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 Rees

That Council:

1) Resolves to award Contract CN2025-066: Request for Tender - Delivery Partner: Major Capital & Recovery Works Program to AECOM Australia Pty Ltd in accordance with content and evaluation criteria included in the confidential report 'Delivery Partner Contract CN2025-066'.

2) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise, and enter into the contract with AECOM Australia Pty Ltd in the form issued with the Request for Tender (with any agreed amendments), subject to Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers program funding requirements.

Carried Unanimously

12. MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11:18am

**CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY
2026.**

