

PRESENT

Cr Julia Leu (Mayor), Cr Abigail Noli (Deputy Mayor), Cr David Carey, Cr Michael Kerr, Cr Roy Zammataro, Linda Cardew (Chief Executive Officer), Darryl Crees (General Manager Corporate Services), Paul Hoyer (General Manager Operations), Greg McLean (Communications/Events Officer), Sara Roberts (Mayoral and Councillor Support) and Nevinia Davenport (Executive Assistant).

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

Cr Leu welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cr Leu thanked everyone for attending and congratulated the Councillors on their election to office.

Cr Leu welcomed Mr Linc Walker to step forward and provide the Welcome to Country.

2. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Linc Walker of the Kuku Yalanji people, the traditional custodians of the Land, congratulated the Council on their election to office and extended them a welcome to country. Mr Walker paid respect to the Kuku Yalanji Elders both past and present and extended that respect to other Indigenous Australians present.

3. DECLARATION OF OFFICE

In accordance with Section 169 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Chief Executive Officer officiated the Declarations of Office from the following Councillors:

Cr Julia Fay Leu (Mayor)
Cr David George Carey
Cr Michael John Kerr
Cr Abigail Fenella Noli
Cr Roy Charles Zammataro

Mrs Cardew congratulated the Councillors individually.

5. MAYORAL ADDRESS

Good Morning and Welcome.

First of all, I want to acknowledge the Kuku Yalanji people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to their Elders both past and present and extend that respect to other Indigenous Australians who are present this morning.

Thanks you so much Linc Walker for your "Welcome to Country" and Linda Cardew, our CEO for taking us through the Declaration of Office ceremony.

Well, It my absolute pleasure to welcome everyone to the historic first meeting of the second term of the new Douglas Shire Council.

It is fantastic to see so many friends, relatives, representatives of local organisations, members of the community and Council staff here this morning and on behalf of all Councillors; I wish to thank you for attending. Welcome also to Mr Billy Gordon, MP for Cook and former Douglas Councillor Marj Norris. We have many apologies for today, including the Hon. Warren Entsch MP, Federal Member for Leichhardt, Mike Berwick, OA, former Mayor

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of Douglas Shire Council for 17 years, and Karen Gibson, Chairperson Bamanga Bubu Ngadimunku Inc, BBN.

I am delighted and honoured to be given the opportunity to serve as your Mayor for a second time.

Congratulations to Councillors Abigail Noli, David Carey, Roy Zammataro and Michael Kerr. I am delighted with the calibre of Councillors our community has chosen to represent them and I have no doubts we will work effectively together to make Douglas an even better place to live, work and invest.

Our community fought hard for six years to regain our Council and local democracy, so it is indeed, a privilege and honour for all Councillors to serve the community for this very important second term.

Each new Council is a new beginning, and will have its own story and eventual historic record. This morning is an historic occasion and the photo taken of your Council will join the others on the wall over there, photos of councils dating back more than 100 years.

However, I want to look to the future and the opportunities that presents. The achievement of our first term in establishing our Shire's financial sustainability after de-amalgamation means that the current Council is in an excellent position to capitalise on the Shire's bright prospects.

The platform that has been laid to establish our Shire's future, both in regards to our finances and the logistics of creating a new Council, has paved the way for this council to further build our economic development initiatives, events, business, film location, arts and community programs. The second term will have a renewed focus on environmental sustainability, innovation, protection of our lifestyle and assisting the most vulnerable in our community.

We have a very special environment here in Douglas with the World Heritage Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef, which is the basis of our tourism industry and local economy, alongside our agriculture sector.

There is a lot of work to be done over the next term and we've got some huge projects on the horizon, including the new \$15 million reservoir for Port Douglas, the Flagstaff Hill walking trail, further improvements to Front St, Macrossan St, the Waterfront and the next stage of the Daintree Gateway, just to name a few. Of course there will be new projects and initiatives, significant consultation and community engagement opportunities with the proposed economic development plan, sustainability strategy and community plan.

Our immediate priority is to get to work on the 2016/17 budget and engaging with our communities on the new Draft Planning Scheme which will determine how the Douglas Shire evolves over the next decade.

We will strive to improve the liveability of our communities, in particular the overall presentation of our Shire for visitors and locals to enjoy.

I want to thank our CEO, Linda Cardew and Executive Management Team and pay tribute to all our staff for their tireless efforts and dedication in establishing the new Council. There have been significant achievements and milestones that were critical to get us to this point and of course more still to come.

In conclusion, I promise to deliver an innovative, responsible and progressive agenda and do my absolute best to serve the community during this Council term. On behalf of my fellow

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Councillors, I acknowledge and recognise the enormous responsibility, trust and faith you have placed on us.

I am very much looking forward to the next four years - working with my fellow councillors, our CEO and staff and you the community to achieve the success that Douglas deserves.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

5.01. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Darryl Crees, General Manager Corporate Services

The Mayor invited nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor.

Moved Cr Carey

Seconded Cr Kerr

“That Cr Noli be appointed to the position of Deputy Mayor.”

Carried unanimously.

5.02. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Nevinia Davenport, Executive Assistant

Moved Cr Noli

Seconded Cr Carey

“That the Ordinary Meetings of Council be held commencing 10:00am at Council's Administration Office 64-66 Front Street Mossman on the following dates for the balance of the 2015/2016 and the 2016/2017 financial years:

<i>DAY</i>	<i>DATE</i>
TUESDAY	19 April 2016
TUESDAY	17 May 2016
TUESDAY	7 June 2016
TUESDAY	28 June 2016
TUESDAY	19 July 2016
TUESDAY	9 August 2016
TUESDAY	30 August 2016
TUESDAY	20 September 2016
TUESDAY	11 October 2016
WEDNESDAY	2 November 2016
TUESDAY	22 November 2016
TUESDAY	13 December 2016
TUESDAY	24 January 2017
TUESDAY	14 February 2017
TUESDAY	7 March 2017
TUESDAY	28 March 2017
TUESDAY	18 April 2017
TUESDAY	9 May 2017
TUESDAY	30 May 2017
TUESDAY	20 June 2017”

Carried unanimously.

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CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 10.38am.

CONFIRMED THIS 17TH DAY OF MAY 2016


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MAYOR/CHAIR