



BOULIA SHIRE COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING of the Boulia Shire Council held on Friday 23 January 2026 commencing at 9:00 am

1 Meeting Opening with the Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Please note:

In some instances, due to unforeseen circumstances, the sequence of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the meeting day may vary from the order of the agenda issued. The corresponding meeting minutes will follow the outline of the originally issued agenda, however the resolution numbers noted will be in accordance with the actual sequence of the meeting on the day.

The Mayor opened the meeting at 10.38 am.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional carers of the land on which Council meets, the 'Pitta Pitta' people, and paid Council's respects to the elders past and present.

The Mayor also acknowledged past and present service personnel.

It has been noted that the Mayor has reminded all Councillors in regards to registration of interests and declaration of contact with or engagement of lobbyists.

2 Present

Councillors: Councillor Eric (Rick) Britton
Councillor Sam Beauchamp
Councillor Jack Neilson
Councillor Jan Norton
Councillor Julie Woodhouse

Officers: Mr Shane Gray (Chief Executive Officer)
Mr Gordon Magann (Acting Director of Works and Operations)
Miss Lily Williams (Executive Assistant)
Mrs Nicole Tonkies (Assistant to the CEO)

3 Apologies / Leave of Absence

There were no apologies or leaves of absence for this meeting.

4 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest relevant to reports at this meeting.

5 Mayoral Minutes

There were no Mayoral Minutes to be noted at this meeting.

6 Notice of Motion

There were no notices of motions to be noted at this meeting.

7 Request to Address Council in a Public Forum

There were no requests to address the Council.

8 Petitions

There were no petitions presented to Council.

9 Deputations

There were no deputations to Council.

Note: The 23rd January 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda made reference to a deputation from Southern Commercial Divers. Councillors discussion with Southern Commercial Divers took place prior to the start of the Council Meeting.

10 Confirmation of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Moved: *Cr Beauchamp*

Seconded: *Cr Norton*

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17th December 2025 be accepted.

Resolution No.: 2026/1.1

Carried

11 Reports

11.1 Works and Operations

TITLE:	Director of Works and Operations December 2025 Report	DOC REF: 11.1.1
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PURPOSE:

To advise Council of relevant activities undertaken through the Works and Operations Directorate.

Moved: *Cr Neilson*

Seconded: *Cr Britton*

That the A/Director Works and Operations Report for December 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/1.2

Carried

Miss Williams left the meeting at 11 am.

11.2 Office of the Chief Executive

TITLE:	Chief Executive Officers Report December 2025	DOC REF: 11.2.1
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PURPOSE:

To advise Council of relevant activities undertaken through the office of the CEO.

Moved: *Cr Neilson*

Seconded: *Cr Woodhouse*

That the CEO Report for December 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/1.3

Carried

TITLE:	Councillors Remuneration Levels 2026-2027	DOC REF: 11.2.2
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PURPOSE:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Local Government Remuneration Commission has determined the maximum remuneration amounts to apply from 1st July 2026. This report is provided for Council to consider these remuneration levels.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Britton

1. That the Council determine the Councillor remuneration payable to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors for the 2026-2027 budget to be:

full 100% rate	1st July 2026
Mayor	\$128,509
Dep Mayor	\$74,139
Councillor 1	\$64,253
Councillor 2	\$64,253
Councillor 3	\$64,253
Total Annual cost	\$395,407

2. That the CEO advise the Chair of the Tribunal of the new remuneration for 2026-27 (via LGRcenquiries@dlgwv.qld.gov.au).
3. That the 2026-2027 remuneration budget allocation for Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors be set at \$395,407 (excluding superannuation, travel and accommodation costs).

Attendance at meetings by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Councillors is taken to be part of the normal remuneration paid and will not be compensated further by Council. Payment of expenses as per the Councillor Remuneration and Expenses Re-imbursement policy (Policy 111) will still apply.

Resolution No.: 2026/1.4

Carried

TITLE:	Flood Warning Infrastructure Network - Transfer of Equipment Agreement at Toolebuc Tm	DOC REF: 11.2.3
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PURPOSE:

To inform Council of the Bureau of Meteorology's notification of acquisition of Council gauge equipment at Toolebuc Tm under the Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Program.

Moved: Cr Neilson

Seconded: Cr Britton

That the CEO is given delegation to execute the Transfer of Equipment Agreement for the Toolebuc TM Station (Station Number 537042).

Resolution No.: 2026/1.5

Carried

TITLE:	Action List Update December 2025	DOC REF: 11.2.4
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PURPOSE:

To present to Council an updated Action List.

Moved: Cr Beauchamp

Seconded: Cr Britton

That Council receive the Action List update for December 2025 for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/1.6

Carried

11.3 Economic and Community Development

TITLE:	Economic & Community Development Report – December 2025	DOC REF: 11.3.1
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PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an update on the activities associated with the Economic and Community Development roles.

Moved: Cr Woodhouse

Seconded: Cr Neilson

That the Economic and Community Development Report for December 2025 be received for information.

Resolution No.: 2026/1.7

Carried

12 Closed Session

There were no closed session reports presented to Council.

13 Late Reports

There were no late reports presented to Council.

14 General Business

Proposed Lease agreement received by the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) - CEO Shane Gray tabled to Council for discussion a proposed lease agreement sent to Council from the BoM regarding an Automatic Weather Station at the Boullia Airport. Councillors wished to receive confirmation of the location of the site within the Airport facility.

Renewal of the 'Butcher Shop' Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - CEO Shane Gray advised Council that the MOU period for the lease over the building known as the 'Butcher Shop' had expired, and asked for Council's direction regarding possible lease renewal. Councillors advised they did not wish to renew the lease and suggested that a business case be started to be looked at for the potential of developing the site into future housing.

New Drain Jetter - Councillor Beauchamp enquired about the background of the new drain jetter at the Depot. The CEO and A/DWO are looking into this.

CCTV Cameras - Councillor Woodhouse raised a query regarding signage for CCTV cameras - are all Council's signage requirements being met?

15 Meeting Closure

The Mayor closed the meeting at 11.55 am.

16 Confirmed

Minutes confirmed 20th February 2026
Resolution No.: 2026/2.1