



CONFIRMED MINUTES

**GENERAL MEETING OF
BARCOO SHIRE COUNCIL
HELD FRIDAY
23 AUGUST 2013
COMMUNITY CENTRE
STONEHENGE**

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ON FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2013
COMMENCING AT 9.13 AM

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General Discussion Regarding Shire Bursary

- A letter is to be written by CEO to all of the bursary recipients, advising them that there have been some irregularities and the program is now under review.
- A full review of all community grants, including shire bursary, will be undertaken, with Budget allocations to be made yearly.
- The Policy will state that it is a privilege, not a right, to receive the bursary monies.
- Council to honour its financial commitment this year as per January 2013 resolution.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES

Resolution No.: 2013.08.03

That the Minutes of the General Meeting, held at the Council Chambers, Jundah on Wednesday 17 July 2013, be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.: 2013.08.04

That the Minutes of the Budget Meeting, held at the Council Chambers, Jundah on Tuesday 30 July 2013, be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Peter Pidgeon, Rural Lands Officer attended the Meeting at 9.45 am.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

RATES AND CHARGES

Time in which Rates must be paid

In accordance with the provisions of Section 52 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010, the rates and charges levied by Council must be paid within thirty (30) clear days after the notice is issued.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.05

That Council extend the 'Discount' time for which rates must be paid from (30) days to (60) days.

Moved: Cr I Groves

Seconded: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned for morning tea, time being 10.30 am.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 11.30 am.

10. CONSIDERATION OF WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Shire Water Usage

Below are three graphs showing the water usage of all three towns.

The first graph 'Summary of Total Usage' shows the total quantities for metered usage in all three towns over the past three financial years.

The second graph shows the average metered usage in all three towns per connection over the past three financial years.

Please note that connections with zero usage were excluded from the figures.

The third graph compares the total quantities of water sourced from the river/dam/bores for each town during the last financial year. No data is available for the previous financial years. In this graph the 'Unaccounted for' figures would be comprised of the following:

- Un-metered water usage e.g. watering street trees etc.
- Leakages

It was decided that the graphs below from the Engineer's report be placed into the Community Newsletter, along with what the trigger points are, for the community to be aware of water usage.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.06

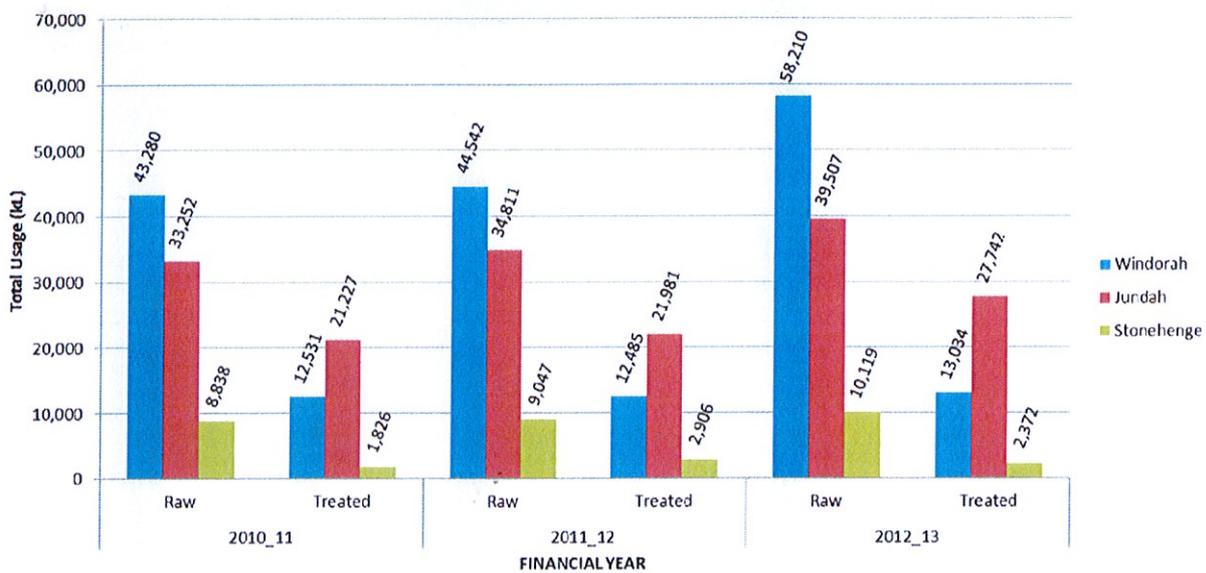
That Council accept the report from the Engineer.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

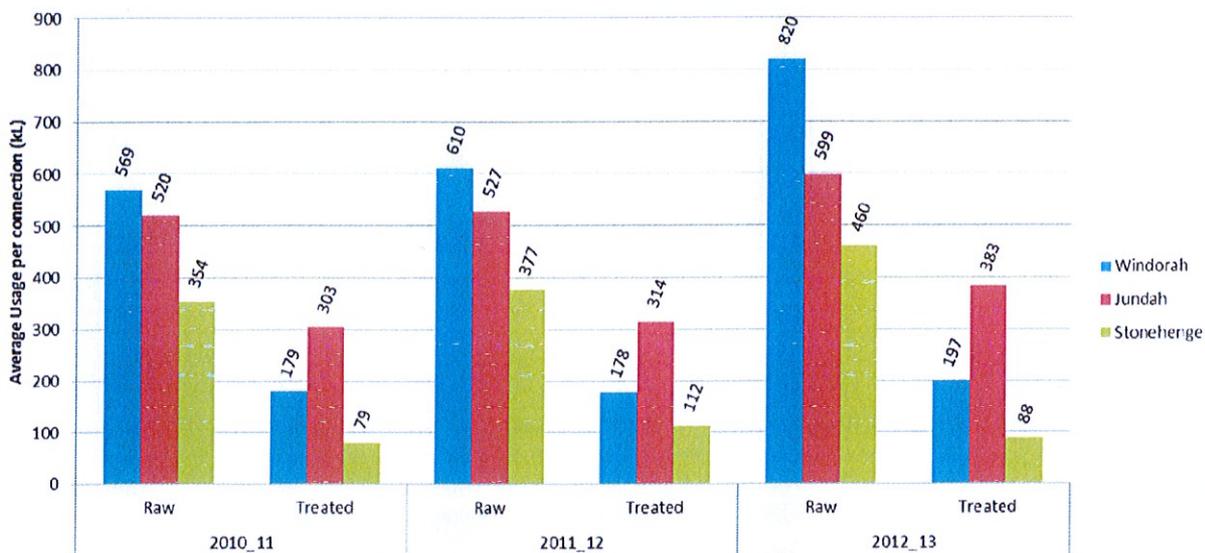
SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

SUMMARY OF TOTAL USAGE



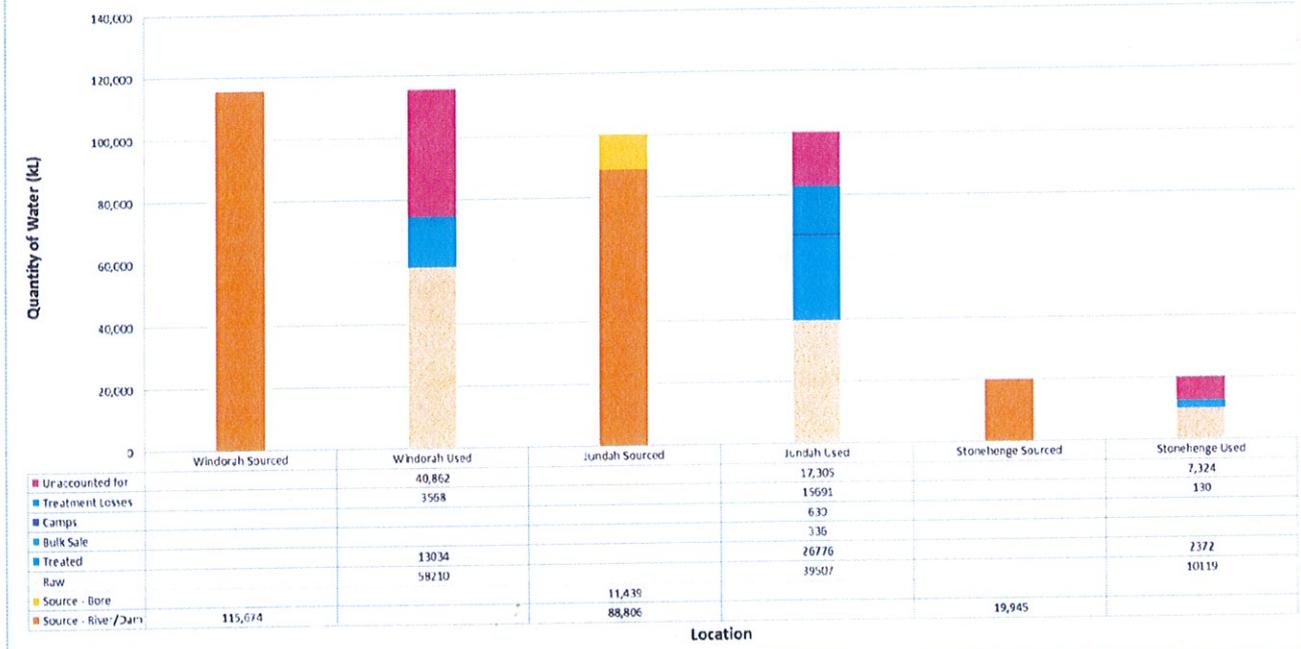
SUMMARY OF USAGE PER CONNECTION



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Int. 

SUMMARY OF QTY SOURCED v QTY USED BY TOWN



Int.

STRATEGIC WORKS MANAGER

Resolution No.: 2013.08.07

That Council accept the report from the Strategic Works Manager.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Tony Goldsworthy, Environmental Health Officer attended the Meeting at 12.35 pm.

OPERATIONAL WORKS MANAGER'S REPORT

Operational Works Manager advised in his report United Communication went around and did maintenance on all of the repeaters and they are all working again. United Communication can fix the phones in the vehicles and graders and put them in cradles. A quote was submitted by United Communication to do Slys Look Out and Nulla Range Towers, to get them up and running and do a yearly inspection on all the repeaters.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.08

That Council accept the Operational Works Manager's recommendation to accept the quote from United Communications.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.: 2013.08.09

That Council accept the report from the Operational Works Manager.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Corporate Finance Officer, David Charlton attended the Meeting at 12.39 pm.

FLEET ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Hiring of Council's Vehicles

- Fleet Administrator will place a 'Notice' into the Community Newsletter regarding Council's Policy and Procedures, for which the community is required to follow, if an accident occurs whilst hiring a Council vehicle, including community buses.
- Discussion was held regarding the transporting of the fuel cells, especially when they are full. Fleet Administrator to research the purchasing of two trailers for the fuel cells and to report back to Council.

- The Fleet Administrator advised Council that fuel is becoming a major challenge in Stores, at present.
- It was decided that the designs of stickers for the three Community buses, entered in 'Design a Sticker Competition' by shire school students, will be delegated to the Mayor for judging.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.10

That Council accept the report from the Fleet Administrator.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED 5/0

Resolution No.: 2013.08.11

That Council accept the Fleet Administrator's recommendation to purchase the accommodation van from Work Vans Australia, for the quoted price of \$56,650.00, inclusive.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned for lunch, time being 1.05 pm.

RESUMPTION

The meeting resumed, time being 2.15 pm.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RURAL LANDS OFFICER'S REPORT

Applications for Agistment

- Tanya Forsyth – 1 x horse
- Ray Steedman – 20 x head of cattle
- Denise Henney – 20 x head of cattle
- Neville Geiger – 20 x head of cattle
- Kim Geiger & Matt Lampard – 7 x head of cattle & 3 x horses
- Deborah Geiger – 20 x head cattle
- Ishta Baldry – 10 x head of cattle
- Peter Geiger – 10 x head of cattle
- Lorraine Steedman -18 x head of cattle

Resolution No.: 2013.08.12

That Council accept the applications for agistment, subject to compliance with the Local Law.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

Application for Boarding Kennel

An application for a Boarding Kennel from Lorraine Steedman was tabled by Rural Lands Officer. Council decided that it will not allow a Boarding Kennel.

Discussion was held and the following points were raised:-

- A design and specifications of kennels, plus run, to be submitted to Council by the Rural Lands Officer.
- Limit of 2 dogs, per household and permit required for 3 dogs.

DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Resolution No.: 2013.08.13

That Council accept the report from the Rural Lands Officer.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

The Rural Lands Officer, Peter Pidgeon left the meeting at 2.57 pm.

12. CONSIDERATION OF CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

Resolution No.: 2013.08.14

That Council receive the following Financial Statements pursuant to and in accordance with Section 152 of the Local Government (Finance, Plans and Reporting) Regulation 2010 for the period ending 30 June 2014.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED 5/0

13. CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER 'S REPORT

Environmental Health Officer (EHO), Tony Goldsworthy advised Council that he has been undertaking inspections of all food premises. Although there has been a good improvement with some establishments, he advised Council that there are some matters that have not been addressed from last year's visit.

Discussion was held regarding the following:-

- Waste Disposal – The EHO praised Council that all issues have been addressed.
- EHO advised Council that there has been some issues with Sims Metal and his Department are now negotiating with Zebra Recycling. A million dollar crusher will go onto to the circuit – e.g. Blackall, Winton, Barcaldine etc.

- Annual Waste Survey is to go onto the Strategic Works Manager, and Council is to estimate the answers to questions that may not be relevant to our Shire.
- 9 Dickson Street – A compound is to be built to provide shade for livestock.
- Asbestos Inspections – EHO advised that *Local Government* may have to deal with issues up to 10 sq meters and that there is no insurance for Council staff to enter these properties. Qld Health may be able to cover *Local Government* Officers for insurance. LGAQ has put forward a proposal, stating that they don't agree that Council staff should be undertaking the asbestos inspections.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.15

That Council accept the report from the Environmental Health Officer.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

HOUSING REPORT

Reports on inspections undertaken of Windorah, Jundah and Stonehenge Housing were tabled by the Fleet Administrator.

- Chief Executive Officer to meet with tenants of 3 Stratford Street, 10 Bulford Street and 11 Salisbury Street, Stonehenge, to discuss certain issues and then follow ups to be undertaken in the future, by Council.

WORKPLACE HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2013.08.16

That Council accept the report from the Workplace Health & Safety Officer.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

ATTENDANCE

Fleet Administrator, Tanya Forsyth, Operational Works Manager, Bill Pitman and Environmental Health Officer left the meeting at 4.01 pm.

14. CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Resolution No.: 2013.08.17

That Council accept the report from the Community, Cultural & Tourism Supervisor.

MOVED: Cr Pratt

SECONDED: Cr I Groves

CARRIED 5/0

15. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

ATTENDANCE

Corporate Finance Officer, David Charlton left the Meeting at 4.08 pm.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

MacDonnells Law

Wongkumara People – Native Title Claim QUD52/2008

Resolution No.: 2013.08.18

That Council accept the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer to advise MacDonnells Law to progress with the ILUA.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Peter and Sheila Forrest

Shire History Book

Correspondence received from Peter and Sheila Forrest following up on matters raised during the teleconference with Council on the 17 July, 2013.

- Chief Executive Officer to reply to the Forrest's letter accepting the timelines.

RECEIVED

Glenn McCamley, South Galway Station Manager

Boundary Fence

Advising Council of recent issues regarding the boundary fence between South Galway Station and the Windorah Town Common.

- That the Chief Executive Officer write a letter advising Mr McCamley that this was a matter to be dealt with by the Police.

RECEIVED

Department of Resources and Mines – Neil Bray, Valuer-General

Advising Council that the *Land Valuation Act 2010* (the Act) requires that the Valuer-General undertake an annual statutory valuation of all rateable land in Queensland, except in unusual circumstances. Therefore seeking Council's opinion on whether a valuation of our Local Government should be undertaken to be effective on 30 June 2014 and asking Council to provide our response in writing by 30 August, 2013.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.19

That Chief Executive Officer writes to ask the Valuer-General for a re-valuation.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Pratt

CARRIED: 5/0

The Hon Jarrod Bleijie MP Attorney-General and Minister for Justice

As Minister responsible for the administration of the *Holidays Act 1983* (the Act), The Hon Bleijie is empowered to appoint, upon request by the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government for the district concerned, a special holiday within a district, whether it be a day, or the forenoon or afternoon of a day.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.20

That Chief Executive Officer submits Friday 16 May, 2014 as the public holiday, for the occasion of the Longreach Annual Show.

MOVED: Cr Batt

SECONDED: Cr Lasker

CARRIED: 5/0

Minister for Energy and Water Supply, Mark McArdle MP

Correspondence received from the Minister to discuss a proposal from an expert panel to restructure Ergon Energy depots. There has been much discussion of this issue within *Local Government*, and the Minister is writing to ensure that Council is fully informed of the Newman Government's electricity reform agenda.

RECEIVED

Stonehenge Action Group Inc (STAG) – Judy Baldry, Secretary

Seeking Council's help with the following matters raised at the recent STAG meeting.

- A need for more distance signage to Stonehenge
- A loading ramp
- The beautification of the cemetery
- A 'Point of Interest' sign for the Address Book

- Concerns for the growth of their town (the school once again) and the housing shortage.

RECEIVED

Jundah Primary Health Clinic, Sue Anderson, DON

As part of Qld Health's re-development of the old dental room at Jundah Primary Health Centre into an Accident & Emergency area with appropriate ramp access, the Centre asks the Council to consider two requests.

1. Quote to construct a cement slab and driveway to allow ambulance access to new ramp.
2. Would Council consider extending the bitumen from in front of the clinic to the eastern side of the grounds to allow improved access to the ramp, ambulance garage and morgue?

Resolution No.: 2013.08.21

That Council refer the Jundah Primary Health Clinic's requests onto the Strategic Works Manger for follow up.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

LGAQ – Councillor Remuneration

Circular advising that the Queensland Independent Remuneration Tribunal Bill 2013 has been introduced into State Parliament. The implications for Local Government are summarised as per below.

The Bill was introduced into State Parliament on Tuesday 6 August 2013. It establishes an independent tribunal to determine the salaries, allowances and entitlements of State MPs. Significantly, it breaks the nexus with salaries paid to Federal MPs and identifies general principles the new tribunal may have regard to, in determining the salaries of State MPs.

The Bill also includes amendments to the provisions contained in the Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012 relating to the determination of salaries paid to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.22

That Council advise LGAQ that it would rather the Tribunal decide and Council will go along with what their final decision is.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

Diane Geiger

Application for Water to be Connected

An application was received from Diane Geiger to get the water connected at 'Spinifex Downs'.

Resolution No.: 2013.08.23

The Chief Executive Officer to advise that it is up to the owners of the block to connect the water, however Council will set up a raw water metre on the block.

MOVED: Cr I Groves

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

17. CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE REPORT – MAYOR

MAYOR'S REPORT

Resolution No.: 2013.08.24

That Council accepts the Mayor's Report and endorses the Mayors' attendances at the following events and meetings.

MOVED: Cr Lasker

SECONDED: Cr Batt

CARRIED: 5/0

01 Events Attended

July

- 25-26 Bedourie – Diamantina CEO Scott Mason's send-off
- 30 Budget Meeting
- 31 Longreach - Bush Council Convention
WRAP meeting with Minister Cripps (as RAPAD Rep)
RAPAD - meeting with Minister Cripps

August

- 01 Bush Council Convention
- 04 Windorah Rodeo
- 13 Windorah
- 14-15 Townsville – Qld Govt Round Table
- 17-18 Stonehenge
- 23 General Meeting

02 Teleconferences

August 09 RAPAD

ATTENDANCE

The Strategic Works Manager, Steve Sigler left the Meeting at 5.20 pm.

18. MEMBERS BUSINESS

Councillor Michael Pratt, Deputy Mayor

Nil

Councillor Peter Batt

Nil

Councillor Ian Groves

Nil

Councillor Craig Lasker

Nil

19. FURTHER BUSINESS

QUEENSLAND PLAN

The Mayor tabled the *Queensland Plan* and asked if the Councillors could submit their input back to her by 30 August, 2013 in relation to questions (as listed below) raised in the *Plan*.

To summarise, the questions focus on how we:

- *Move our focus from 'me' to 'we'*
- *Teach skills and values to meet global challenges*
- *Embrace responsibility for an active and healthy lifestyle*
- *Structure our economy to ensure a resilient future*
- *Achieve sustainable landscapes*
- *Attract and retain the brightest minds*

20. CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 6.05 pm.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Friday 20 September 2013.


MAYOR

24/09/2013

DATE