



**Goondiwindi Regional Council**  
Ordinary Meeting

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Meeting held at the Goondiwindi Regional Council Chambers  
4 McLean Street, Goondiwindi QLD 4390

Wednesday, 25 February 2026

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**1. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM declared the meeting open at 9.04am.

**2. ATTENDANCE AT COMMENCEMENT OF MEETING**

Mayor: Hon. Cr LJ (Lawrence) Springborg AM

Councillors: Cr RJ (Rob) Mackenzie  
Cr PG (Phil) O'Shea  
Cr SK (Susie) Kelly  
Cr JA (Julia) Spicer OAM  
Cr JN (Jason) Watts  
Cr KR (Kym) Skinner

Council Officers: Chief Executive Officer, Mr Carl Manton  
Director of Corporate and Community Services, Mr Jason Quinnell  
Director of Engineering, Mr Dion Jones  
Legal Officer/Minutes Secretary, Mrs Krista Roberts

**3. OPENING PRAYER**

Mrs Jan Waller from the Uniting Church Goondiwindi delivered the Opening Prayer.

**4. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**5. APOLOGIES**

Nil

**6. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to *Report 003/26 – Inland Rail Project*.

Cr SJ Kelly informed the meeting that she has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to report ES010-26 *COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT 2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project* and Report ES009-26 *COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT2526-066 Flood Restoration Works - Macintyre River Riverbank Remediation Works*.

Cr RJ Mackenzie informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to report ES010-26 *COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT 2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project*.

Cr KR Skinner informed the meeting that she has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to report CCS-004/26 - *Texas Kindergarten Building*.

**7. CONGRATULATIONS AND CONDOLENCES**

Nil

**8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****8.1 Ordinary Meeting of Council – 28 January 2026**

The unconfirmed Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 January 2026, were tabled for Council's confirmation and endorsement.

**RESOLUTION OM-007/26**

*Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 28 January 2026, be confirmed and adopted.*

*Carried*

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Nil

[Attendance: Council's Finance Manager, Mr Bradley Pyle attended the meeting to present the Finance Report.](#)

**10. REPORTS – EXECUTIVE OFFICE****10.1 EX-002/26 - Inglewood Community Recreation Centre**

Council was requested to consider the Expression of Interest received for the future use of the Inglewood Community Recreation Centre, situated at 78 Albert Street Inglewood on land described as Lot 2 on RP190451 and consider inviting a written tender.

**RESOLUTION OM-008/26**

*Moved: Cr SK Kelly*

*Seconded: Cr KR Skinner*

*That Council resolves to invite a written tender from Jocelyn Miorandi and Zala Smith being the sole Expression of Interest received for the purchase of the Inglewood Community Recreation Centre, situated at 78 Albert Street Inglewood on land described as Lot 2 on RP190451.*

*Carried*

The Deputy Mayor, Cr RJ Mackenzie, assumed the role of Chairman at 9.14am.

**Declaration of Interests:**

The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to Report 003/26 – Inland Rail Project on the basis that part of the Inland Rail project may affect a small area (.39ha) of land which he has a freehold interest in and a small portion of land which he has an interest in, being a forestry lease.

In August 2021 and October 2023, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM made a similar declaration of interests after being made aware of proposed changes to the Inland Rail Route. The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM informed the meeting that he is one of many dozens of landholders affected by the proposed project. Discussions with Inland Rail are ongoing and he has recently been advised that Inland Rail is wishing to put forward a revocation application to the State Government for a very a small portion of his forestry lease.

Although he noted a declarable conflict of interest, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM did not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias as a result of the circumstances regarding his interests (leasehold and freehold) in the land which is the subject of the proposed Inland Rail Route due to the size and nature of the proportion of land impacted. The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM did not believe that the circumstances would prevent him from acting in the public interest, given the widespread impact of the Inland Rail on the community in general and the importance of the advocacy role of elected members to represent the interests of the whole community. In light of the above circumstances, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM advised that his ability to act in the public interest and continue to advocate for the whole community was not compromised. The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM advised that he would accept the decision of the meeting on whether he could remain and participate in the decision.

**RESOLUTION OM-009/26**

*Moved: Cr PG O'Shea*

*Seconded: Cr SK Kelly*

*That Council resolves that it is in the public interest that The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM:*

- 1. remains in the meeting and participates and votes on Report EX 003/26– Inland Rail Project; and*
- 2. continues to play an advocacy role on behalf of Council and the wider community in relation to the Inland Rail project as a whole;*

*based on the reasons provided in his Declaration of Interests, and that a reasonable person would trust that the final decision is made in the public interest.*

*Carried*

Notation: all Councillors, with the exception of the Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM who did not vote on the matter, voted in favour of the motion.

**10.2 EX-003/26 – Inland Rail Project**

An update to Council on the Inland Rail Project was provided for endorsement.

**RESOLUTION OM-010/26**

*Moved: Cr JA Spicer*

*Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

*That Council:*

- 1. notes the report of the Chief Executive Officer providing an update on the Inland Rail Project;*
- 2. endorses the need for ongoing collaboration between ARTC, Inland Rail Pty Ltd and Council; and*
- 3. acknowledges that elected representatives of Council will continue to play an advocacy role on behalf of Council and the wider community in relation to the Inland Rail Project.*

*Carried*

Notation: all Councillors, with the exception of the Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM who chose not to vote on the matter, voted in favour of the motion.

The Mayor, The Hon. Cr LJ Springborg AM resumed the role of Chairman at 9.17am.

**10.3 EX-004/26 - Prosecution for Development Offences**

Council is requested to consider commencing legal proceedings against the registered owner Lot 3 on Y56919 with respect to development offences that the writer considers have been committed contrary to the *Planning Act 2016*.

**RESOLUTION OM-011/26**

*Moved: Cr JN Watts*

*Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves to commence legal proceedings to prosecute the Registered Owner of 6 Burrel Street Yelarbon QLD 4388, properly described as Lot 3 on Y56919 for committing a development offence contrary to Section 163(1) of the Planning Act 2016 and for also committing an offence contrary to Section 168(5) of the Planning Act 2016 in relation to the Enforcement Notice.*

*Carried*

**10.4 General Business – Executive Officer**

Nil

**11. REPORTS – COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES****11.1 CCS-002/26 – FINANCE REPORT PE 31 JANUARY 2026**

The Finance Report for the period ending 31 January 2026 is provided for Council's endorsement.

**RESOLUTION OM-012/26**

*Moved: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea*

*That Council resolves to receive Finance Report CCS-002/26 for the period ending 31 January 2026 and accepts the budget amendments contained therein.*

*Carried*

[Attendance: Council's Finance Manager, Mr Bradley Pyle, retired from the meeting.](#)

**11.2 CCS-003/26 - Yelarbon Recreation Grounds Water Subsidy**

Council has had a long standing agreement with the Yelarbon Recreation Association whereby they are paid an annual stipend that is deducted from their water account for the work they provide watering, mowing and maintaining trees and areas on the footpaths of Wyemo and Kaboon Streets. The group have asked for a review of the contribution.

**RESOLUTION OM-013/26**

*Moved: Cr JA Spicer*

*Seconded: Cr PG O'Shea*

*That Council resolves to provide an annual donation of \$400 to the Yelarbon Recreation Association to assist with the cost of maintaining trees and footpath areas on Kaboon and Wyemo Streets, Yelarbon subject to confirmation in the annual budget.*

*Carried*

**Declaration of Interests:**

Cr KR Skinner informed the meeting that she has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to report CCS-004/26 - *Texas Kindergarten Building* on the basis that her husband a member and zone manager of the Greenup Masonic Lodge Texas.

Accordingly, Cr KR Skinner advised that she intended to leave the meeting and not participate in the discussion.

*Attendance: Cr KR Skinner voluntarily left the meeting at 9.42am.*

### 11.3 CCS-004/26 - Texas Kindergarten Building

The Executive of the Texas Kindergarten Group have approached Council for help in disposing of their building as the holding and maintenance costs are mounting and there is no revenue being generated now that the Kindy service is no longer operating.

#### RESOLUTION OM-014/26

*Moved: Cr SK Kelly*

*Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

*That Council resolves to delegate authority to the Mayor and CEO to:*

- i. negotiate and enter a contract for the purchase of Lot 1 on RP 106563, at 9 Wilson Street Texas; and*
- ii. negotiate the transfer of trusteeship of Reserve on Lot 15 T19237 at 7 Wilson Street Texas, from the Texas and District Kindergarten Association Inc. to Goondiwindi Regional Council.*

*Carried*

Notation: all present Councillors voted in favour of the motion.

*Attendance: Cr KR Skinner returned to the meeting at 9.45am.*

### 11.4 CCS-005/26 – Toobeah Rodeo Reserve Masterplan

The Toobeah Campdraft and Sports Association Incorporated has developed a Master Plan for the Toobeah Rodeo Reserve in consultation with Council officers.

#### RESOLUTION OM-015/26

*Moved: Cr KR Skinner*

*Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves to endorse the Toobeah Rodeo Reserve Master Plan.*

*Carried*

### 11.5 General Business – Corporate and Community Services

Nil

## 12. REPORTS – DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

### 12.1 ES-005/26 - COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT2526-30 Goondiwindi SPS1 Renewal

Council has recently called tenders via Vendor Panel for the renewal of Sewerage Pump Station 1 in Goondiwindi (SPS1). This report is for Goondiwindi Regional Council to consider the Tenders submitted for RFT2526-30 Goondiwindi Sewerage Pump Station 1 (SPS1) Renewal works.

#### RESOLUTION OM-016/26

*Moved: Cr JA Spicer*

*Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

*That Council resolves to:*

- i. accept the best scoring conforming tender from CNC Maintenance for RFT2526-30 Goondiwindi SPS1 Renewal for the amount of \$664,508.36 (GST Incl.); and*
- ii. reduce the overall Goondiwindi SPS1 renewal budget to \$750,000.00.*

*Carried*

**12.2 ES-006/26 - RFT2526-33 Texas SPS1 Renewal**

Council has recently called tenders via Vendor Panel for the renewal of Sewerage Pump Station one (SPS1) in Texas. This report is for Council to consider the Tender for these works.

**RESOLUTION OM-017/26**

*Moved: Cr JA Spicer*

*Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves to accept the best scoring conforming tender from CNC Maintenance for RFT2526-33 Texas SPS1 Renewal for the amount of \$1,643,371.69 (including GST).*

*Carried*

**12.3 ES-007/26 - Tree Inspection Report – Jacaranda Drive, Goondiwindi**

This report has been prepared to allow Council to consider a request to remove a tree on Council land, being located in the centre of the road, between 7 and 8 Jacaranda Drive, Goondiwindi, in accordance with Council's Trees on Council Controlled Land (Planting, Removal and Maintenance) Policy.

**RESOLUTION OM-018/26**

*Moved: Cr KR Skinner*

*Seconded: Cr JN Watts*

*That Council resolves to take no further action in relation to the tree in the road in front of 7 and 8 Jacaranda Drive as it has been assessed as healthy in the "Blue- Prune" 50:50 Council funding available category and the applicants have not submitted an application to enter into a private works agreement on a shared cost basis in accordance with Council's Trees on Council Controlled Land (Planting, Removal and Maintenance) Policy.*

*Carried*

Notation: matters to be considered as part of policy review.

Cr SK Kelly and Cr PG O'Shea wished to record that they voted against the motion.

**12.4 ES-008/26 - 2025/26 Water Allocations Review**

In accordance with Council's Raw Water Policy, Council is required to review its Border Rivers (Qld and NSW) water allocations in a bid to make decisions on the best way to utilise any potential excess water allocations prior to the end of the current 2025/26 water year (30 June 2026).

**RESOLUTION OM-019/26**

*Moved: Cr JA Spicer*

*Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves that based on the water projected to be available, the available capacity at Council facilities, the likely lack of allocation water from Pindari dam next year and in accordance with Council's Raw Water Policy that Council does not sell any of its general security water allocation for the 2025/26 water year.*

*Carried*

**Declaration of Interests:**

Cr SK Kelly informed the meeting that she has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to report ES010-26 *COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT 2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project* and Report ES009-26 *COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT2526-066 Flood Restoration Works - Macintyre River Riverbank Remediation Works*. Declaration is below:

*I wish to advise the meeting that I have a declarable conflict of interest in relation to the following reports:*

- *Report ES010-26 COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT 2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project*
- *Report ES009-26 COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT2526-066 Flood Restoration Works - Macintyre River Riverbank Remediation Works*

*I own and reside in a property located on the Macintyre River. While I do not own the riverbank itself, and the project at large encompasses an area much greater than that of just my own property, riverbank remediation works are planned for the section adjoining my land. It is relevant to note that remediation works were previously conducted on the riverbank adjoining my property in 2019, prior to my time as a Councillor. These works aimed to protect the riverbank and, as such, the levee, and I believe they have. During my time as a Councillor, I have never used my position for personal gain or loss, and I am confident I never will. I am conscious of the importance of maintaining the integrity of Council and Council proceedings and avoiding any perception of gain, loss or impropriety. Although I am most disappointed, and find it frustrating, to be excluded from the research, discussion, and decision-making involved in such a large project, I recognise the necessity of this step.*

*As a resident within the precinct of the planned works, I believe my understanding of the land and the project is unique and would have been beneficial to Council. Nonetheless, I make the decision to recuse myself to protect myself, my family, my fellow Councillors, and Council as a whole from any potential issues regarding perceived conflict of interest.*

*I do ask that my fellow Councillors, CEO, and directors will make it known to the public that I have made this decision because of the reasons mentioned previously. Similarly I hope the staff involved with the project, project manager and chosen contractor are also made aware.*

*For both reports referenced above, I advise that I will leave the meeting and abstain from discussion and participation.*

Cr SK Kelly advised that for both reports she intended to leave the meeting and not participate in the discussions.

*Attendance: Cr SK Kelly voluntarily left the meeting at 10.11am.*

#### **12.5 ES-009/26 - COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT2526-066 Flood Restoration Works – Macintyre River Riverbank Remediation Works**

Following from the recent Early Contractor Involvement process Council has recently called select tenders for Flood Restoration Works – Macintyre River Riverbank Remediation works on the Goondiwindi Levee Bank resulting from damage caused by numerous preceding flood events. This report is for Council to consider this tender.

##### **RESOLUTION OM-020/26**

*Moved: Cr JN Watts*

*Seconded: Cr RJ Mackenzie*

*That Council resolves to nominate Georgiou Group Pty Ltd and Brady Marine & Civil Pty Ltd (Joint Venture) as the preferred contractor for the Project and for final negotiations to proceed with Georgiou Group Pty Ltd and Brady Marine & Civil Pty Ltd (Joint Venture)] in order to reach an agreement on the final terms for the contract for the Project; and*

*That Council resolves to delegate to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer the authority to finalise all matters in relation to approving final negotiations for the contract and, if final positions are agreed, entering into the contract with Georgiou Group Pty Ltd and Brady Marine & Civil Pty Ltd (Joint Venture) on behalf of Council.*

*Carried*

Notation: all present Councillors voted in favour of the motion.

#### **Declaration of Interests:**

Cr RJ Mackenzie informed the meeting that he has a declarable conflict of interest in relation to report ES010-26 COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT 2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project on the basis that he leases premises from the CEO of Proterra Group. Accordingly, Cr RJ Mackenzie advised that he intended to leave the meeting and not participate in the discussion.

Attendance: Cr RJ Mackenzie voluntarily left the meeting at 10.21am.

### 12.5 ES-010/26 - COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE – RFT 2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project

Council has recently called a tender via VendorPanel for the provision of project management services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation project construction. This report is for Council to consider the tender for these works.

#### RESOLUTION OM-021/26

Moved: Cr JA Spicer

Seconded: Cr KR Skinner

*That Council resolves to award the tender RFT2526-96 Provision of Project Management Services for the Goondiwindi Levee Remediation Project to Proterra Group, and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a contract which is acceptable to Council, taking into consideration requisite Local Buy contractual provisions.*

*Carried*

Notation: all present Councillors voted in favour of the motion.

Attendance: Cr SK Kelly and Cr RJ Mackenzie returned to the meeting at 10.23am.

### 12.6 ES-011/26 - COMMERCIAL IN CONFIDENCE - RFT2526-93 Supply, Cart and Lay Asphalt Works–Town Common Rd

This report has been prepared for Council to consider submissions for RFT2526-93 for the supply, cart and lay asphalt for Town Common Road, Goondiwindi.

#### RESOLUTION OM-022/26

Moved: Cr JN Watts

Seconded: Cr SK Kelly

*That Council accepts the best ranking submission from Fenworx Pty Ltd t/a Newpave Asphalt for Contract RFT 2526-93 for the Supply, Cart and Lay Asphalt Town Common Road, Goondiwindi for the amount of \$344,850.00 incl. GST.*

*Carried*

### 12.7 General Business – Department of Engineering Services

Nil

### 13. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Nil

### 14. RECEPTION OF NOTICE OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

Nil

### 15. ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOTING

Nil

### 16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

**17. CONFIRMATION OF DATES AND TIMES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the following meeting will be held: -

- Ordinary Meeting of Council, to be held on Wednesday 25 March 2026 commencing at 9.00am at the Texas Memorial Hall, High Street, Texas QLD 4385.

**18. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.25am.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hon Cr LJ Springborg AM  
MAYOR

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Unconfirmed