



ORDINARY MEETING

11 MARCH 2026

9 A.M.

PRESENT: Cr A Eden (Chairperson)
Cr B Moller
Cr M Tickner
Cr C Zeiger (via phone)
Cr T Tim
Cr R Pyne
Cr K Vallely
Cr A Middleton
Cr R Coghlan
Cr B Olds

APOLOGY:

OFFICERS:

K Gouldthorp	Chief Executive Officer
H McBride	Director People and Organisational Performance
M Davey	Director Planning, Growth and Sustainability
M Wuth	Director Cairns Infrastructure and Assets
D Puia	Director Lifestyle and Community
L Whitton	Chief Financial Officer
N Masasso	Director Economic Development and Advocacy
T Dendle	Executive Manager Community Spaces
P Rogato	Public Affairs Coordinator
J Conway	Executive Officer
S Cottrell	Minute Secretary

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1. APOLOGY

NIL

2. PRESCRIBED CONFLICT OF INTEREST / DECLARABLE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no conflict of interests or material personal interests declared.

3. MAYORAL MINUTE

NIL

**4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING
25/02/2026**

MOLLER / TICKNER

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 25 February 2026 be confirmed.

carried unanimously

5. OPEN SESSION – OFFICERS’ REPORTS

5.1 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS GRANT ROUND 17 11
L&C | 68/18/1-01 | #7765657

MOLLER / VALLELY

That Council:

1. Approves \$110,200 (ex GST) funding from the 2025/2026 and \$72,750 (ex GST) from the 2026/2027 Community Partnerships Grant Stream to the following applicants:
 - a) Cairns Basketball Inc for the 2026 U14 Boys State Championships to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
 - b) Cairns Hindu Samaj Inc for Cairns Diwali Mela (Fair) to the value of \$16,600 (ex GST).
 - c) Cairns Thai Community Association FNQ Inc. for Songkran Festival 2026 – Thai New Year Celebration to the value of \$20,000 (ex GST).
 - d) Deadly Inspiring Youth Doing Good (DIYDG) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Cairns NAIDOC Friday in the Park to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).

- e) FNQ Thai Community Inc for Celebrate the 8th Cairns Thai Cultural Loy Krathong Festival to the value of \$20,000 (ex GST).
- f) Gordonvale District Chamber of Commerce Inc for the Gordonvale Sugar Solstice Country Fair to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
- g) HeartKids Limited for Two Feet & A Heartbeat to the value of \$150 (ex GST).
- h) Marlin Coast Neighbourhood Centre Inc for the Community Fun Day to the value of \$4,000 (ex GST).
- i) Northern Beaches Mudcrabs Rugby Union Club Inc. for the Mudcrabs 7s Tournament to the value of \$4,000 (ex GST).
- j) Our Future Mentors Indigenous Corporation for Cairns NAIDOC Edor Carnival to the value of \$10,000 (ex GST).
- k) Philippine Cultural Society of Cairns Inc. for the Cairns Filipino Barrio Fiesta to the value of \$20,000 (ex GST).
- l) QCWA Branch Freshwater for Freshwater Festival (Freshwater Festival Street Fiesta) to the value of \$12,000 (ex GST).
- m) Redlynch Valley Community Group Inc. for the Redlynch Community Twilight Markets to the value of \$6,200 (ex GST).
- n) UMI Arts Limited for the Big Talk One Fire Cultural Festival to the value of \$25,000 (ex GST).

carried unanimously

5.2 SPEAKERS CORNER..... 34
L&C | 52/2/4-02 | #7805888

PYNE / TIM

That Council adopts the *Speakers' Corner General Policy* and confirms the designated area for Speakers' Corner continue to be located within Fogarty Park.

carried unanimously

6. URGENT BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA

NIL

7. CLOSED SESSION – OFFICERS’ REPORTS

OLDS / COGHLAN

AT 9.15 AM COUNCIL RESOLVED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR THE REASONS INDICATED UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS 2012 (LGR).

Item	Reason	LGR section
BUDGETARY MATTER – OUTSTANDING DEBT REPORT F&BS 63/8/31-01 #7818083	<i>Matter relates to the local government's budget</i>	254J(3)(c)
BUDGETARY MATTER – SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES F&BS 63/8/31-01 #7813867	<i>Matter relates to the local government's budget</i>	254J(3)(c)

carried unanimously

AT 9.16 AM COUNCIL RESOLVED TO MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

MOLLER / OLDS

carried unanimously

RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

7.1 BUDGETARY MATTER – OUTSTANDING DEBT REPORT 41
F&BS | 63/8/31-01 | #7818083

OLDS / COGHLAN

That Council notes the status of the outstanding debt owed to Council as at 27 February 2026.

carried unanimously

7.2 BUDGETARY MATTER – SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES..... 60
F&BS | 63/8/31-01 | #7813867

MOLLER / VALLELY

That Council:

1. Resolves to sell the following properties in accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012; Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3, Selling or Acquiring Land for Overdue Rates and Charges* and Council's Debt Recovery Policy; and
2. Approves the properties as tabled below to be issued with Notices of Intention to Sell and delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* to negotiate, finalise, cease or execute any and all matters relevant to the process of sale or acquisition:

420000	405878	352195	557447	505974
822411	648667	121269	972398	531889
361527	309807	215756	1044965	540104
372177	310896	261800	165399	1036656
373738	349795	616029	192740	479527
373787	350637	542860	739052	685222

carried unanimously

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.18 AM

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 25th March 2026.