

ORDINARY MEETING

13 MAY 2026

5.4

CHANGE TO COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council adopts the proposed changes to the meeting schedule for June 2026 and notify the public accordingly.

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Nil

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Following discussions with councillors, there was general support for holding the Special Budget Meeting on a separate date from the Ordinary Meeting.

It is proposed that the scheduled Ordinary Council meetings for June 2026 only, be amended as follows:

- **10 June 2026 (9:00 am):** No Ordinary Meeting
- **17 June 2026 (9:00 am):** Special Budget Meeting
- **24 June 2026 (9:00 am):** Ordinary Council Meeting (as currently scheduled)

Separating the meetings will allow the budget to be considered independently and with the time and focus commensurate with its significance, while also supporting effective meeting management and deliberation.

It is therefore recommended that Council endorse the proposed amendments to the June 2026 meeting schedule.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:

In accordance with Section 257 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council must meet at least once in each month and each year publish a notice of the days and times of such meetings.

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (recommended):

That Council adopts the proposed changes to the meeting schedule for June 2026 and notify the public accordingly.

Option 2

That Council resolves to adopt an alternative set of meeting dates as determined by Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: DM# [7738862](#) - Council Meeting Schedule 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Holly Mc Bride', is positioned above the printed name.

Holly Mc Bride
Director, People and Organisational Performance

Council Meeting Schedule 2026

January 2026

Wednesday, 21 January 2026	Workshops
Tuesday, 27 January 2026 (Mon 26 Jan PH)	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 28 January 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

February 2026

Wednesday, 4 February 2026	Workshops
Monday, 9 February 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 11 February 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 18 February 2026	Workshops
Monday, 23 February 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 25 February 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

March 2026

Wednesday, 4 March 2026	Workshops
Monday, 9 March 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 11 March 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 18 March 2026	Workshops
Monday, 23 March 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 25 March 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

April 2026

(Easter 3 April – 6 April) (Qld School Holidays 3 April – 19 April)

Wednesday, 1 April 2026	Workshops
Wednesday, 8 April 2026	No Workshops
Monday, 13 April 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 15 April 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 22 April 2026	Workshops
Monday, 27 April 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 29 April 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

May 2026

Wednesday, 6 May 2026	Workshops
Monday, 11 May 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 13 May 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 20 May 2026	Workshops
Monday, 25 May 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 27 May 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

June 2026

Wednesday, 3 June 2026	Workshops
Wednesday, 10 June 2026	Workshops
Monday, 15 June 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 17 June 2026 (9.00 am)	Special Budget Meeting
Wednesday, 17 June 2026	Workshops (if required)
Monday, 22 June 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 24 June 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

July 2026**(Cairns Show 14 - 17 July) (Qld School Holidays 27 June to 12 July)**

Wednesday, 1 July 2026	Workshops
Monday, 13 July 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 15 July 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting Only (Cairns Show Presidents Lunch TBC)
Wednesday, 22 July 2026	Workshops
Monday, 27 July 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 29 July 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

August 2026

Wednesday, 5 August 2026	Workshops
Monday, 10 August 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 12 August 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 19 August 2026	Workshops
Monday, 24 August 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 26 August 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

September 2026 (Qld School Holidays 19 September – 5 October 2025)

Wednesday, 2 September 2026	Workshops
Monday, 14 September 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 16 September 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 23 September 2026	No Workshops
Monday, 28 September 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 30 September 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

October 2026 – LGAQ Conference is typically held in October Dates not released yet

Wednesday, 7 October 2026	Workshops
Monday, 12 October 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 14 October 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 21 October 2026	Workshops
Monday, 26 October 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 28 October 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

November 2026

Wednesday, 4 November 2026	Workshops
Monday, 9 November 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 11 November 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops
Wednesday, 18 November 2026	Workshops
Monday, 23 November 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 25 November 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops

December 2026

Wednesday, 2 December 2026	Workshops
Wednesday, 9 December 2026	Workshops
Monday, 14 December 2026	Mayor, Councillor, CEO Forum/ Agenda Review
Wednesday, 16 December 2026 (9.00 am)	Ordinary Meeting & Workshops