



**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING NO. 7/25  
HELD IN THE FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HERVEY BAY COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
77 TAVISTOCK STREET, HERVEY BAY  
ON WEDNESDAY, 23 JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 10:00AM**

**PRESENT:**

Councillor George Seymour (Chairperson)  
Councillor Michelle Byrne  
Councillor Phil Truscott  
Councillor Paul Truscott  
Councillor Daniel Sanderson  
Councillor Michelle Govers  
Councillor Lachlan Cosgrove  
Councillor John Weiland  
Councillor Denis Chapman  
Councillor Sara Faraj  
Councillor Zane O'Keefe

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:**

Chief Executive Officer, Mr Ken Diehm  
Director Infrastructure Services, Mr Davendra Naidu  
(Acting) Director Water & Waste Services, Mr Umur Natus-Yildiz  
Executive Manager Transformation, Assets & Information, Mr Paul Fendley  
Executive Manager Regulatory Services, Mr Steven Gatt  
Executive Manager Economic Development & Tourism, Ms Debra Howe  
Meeting Secretary, Ms Bianca Wilson

Mayor George Seymour acknowledged the traditional owners of the land upon which we meet today, the Butchulla people and paid respects to the elders past, present and emerging.

**ORD 1                      OPENING PRAYER**

George Seymour  
Mayor – Fraser Coast Regional Council

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**ORD 2                      APOLOGIES**

Nil

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**ORD 3            DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Nil

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**ORD 4            MAYORAL MINUTES**

**ORD 4.1        LGAQ Motion - State Responsibility for Bike Lane Infrastructure**

**RESOLUTION** (George Seymour)

That Council endorse the following as a motion to submit to the Local Government Association of Queensland as a conference motion:

That LGAQ call upon the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) to take full responsibility for the funding, construction, and ongoing maintenance of dedicated bike lanes, or active transport corridors, on all state-controlled roads that pass through urban, residential, and commercial areas.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 4.2        Improving Community Safety, Connectivity and Wellbeing**

**RESOLUTION** (George Seymour)

That a report be provided on the most effective and efficient way to connect West Spring Way with the Mary to Bay Rail Trail.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 4.3        Improving access to Riverside Nature-based Parklands**

**RESOLUTION** (George Seymour)

That council be provided with a report that investigates possible options for better utilisation of the flood buyback properties adjacent to Prickett Aquatic Area, noting flooding and other planning issues, so that the whole site can better serve the community as parklands.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 5            CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS**

**ORD 5.1        Ordinary Meeting No. 6/25 – 30 June 2025**

**RESOLUTION** (George Seymour/Phil Truscott)

That Council:

1. Amend the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting No.6/25 held 30 June 2025 as follows:  
“Update the wording from “endorse” to “adopt” at item ORD 16.1.2 – Regulatory Services Fees and Charges Amendment, to clearly communicate the Council’s intended action for future reference and interpretation.”

2. Confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting No.6/25 held 30 June 2025, as amended.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 6            OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

**ORD 6.1        Open Resolutions Register - July 2025**

**RESOLUTION** (Michelle Byrne/Sara Faraj)

That Council receive and note the Open Resolutions Register – July 2025 as per Attachment 1 (eDocs#3752248).

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 7            ADDRESSES/PRESENTATIONS**

**ORD 7.1        Community Presentations**

**Dr Paul Twomey**

Dr Paul Twomey raised concerns in relation to vegetation management on the Esplanade in the vicinity of Halcro Street and the blocking of views.

**Melissa Ngatai**

Melissa Ngatai raised concerns in relation to vegetation management on the Esplanade in the vicinity of Halcro Street and the blocking of views.

**RESOLUTION** (Michelle Govers/John Weiland)

That Council note the verbal report provided by the Chief Executive Officer on the matters raised during Community Presentations.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 8            DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

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**ORD 9            PETITIONS**

**ORD 9.1        Receipt of Petitions**

Nil

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**ORD 10 COMMITTEES' REPORTS**

**ORD 10.1 Informal Meetings - Record of Matters Discussed**

**RESOLUTION** (Michelle Byrne/Sara Faraj)

That Council receive and note the record of matters discussed of Council Informal Meetings held between 1 June 2025 to 30 June 2025 as detailed in the attachments.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 10.2 Water and Waste Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - 20 June 2025**

**RESOLUTION** (Michelle Byrne/Sara Faraj)

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Water and Waste Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 June 2025 as detailed in Attachment 1.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**ORD 11.1.1 Councillor Meeting Attendance for August 2025**

**RESOLUTION** (Sara Faraj/Michelle Govers)

That Council:

1. Approve the following meetings for the period 1 August 2025 to 31 August 2025 as relevant meetings which require the attendance and meaningful participation of all Councillors as per the Councillor Code of Conduct and Councillor Attendance Policy:

Date of Meeting	Time of Meeting	Meeting
4 August 2025	10.00am	Councillor and Executive Briefing
6 August 2025	9.00am	Council Concept Forum
11 August 2025	10.00am	Councillor and Executive Briefing
13 August 2025	9.00am	Council Concept Forum
18 August 2025	10.00am	Councillor and Executive Briefing
20 August 2025	10.00am	Council Agenda Forum
25 August 2025	10.00am	Councillor and Executive Briefing
27 August 2025	9.00am	Community Presentations

2. Note the requirement to attend the Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 27 August 2025.

**Carried (8/3)**

**FOR:** Councillor George Seymour  
Councillor Michelle Byrne  
Councillor Daniel Sanderson  
Councillor Michelle Govers  
Councillor John Weiland

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Councillor Denis Chapman  
Councillor Sara Faraj  
Councillor Zane O'Keefe

**AGAINST:** Councillor Phil Truscott  
Councillor Paul Truscott  
Councillor Lachlan Cosgrove

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**ORD 11.2.1 2024/25 Operational Plan Progress Report - April to June 2025**

**RESOLUTION** (Phil Truscott/Sara Faraj)

That Council:

1. Receive and note the 2024/25 Operational Plan Progress Report for the period ending 30 June 2025 (**Attachment 1**).
2. Note that outstanding items from the 2024/25 Operational Plan will not be transferred to the 2025/26 Operational Plan and no further reporting to Council will occur for these items.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 11.2.2 Request for Ergon Easement - Disposal of Interest in Land - Urraween Reservoir Site**

**RESOLUTION** (Denis Chapman/Lachlan Cosgrove)

That Council:

1. Pursuant to Local Government Regulation 2012, Chapter 6, Section 236 (1)(b)(i), which permits Council to dispose of an interest in land (a valuable non-current asset) to a government agency without inviting tenders or conducting an auction, resolves to provide an easement over part of as Lot 62 SP286719, Madsen Road, Urraween, to Ergon Energy for the purposes of providing infrastructure upgrades to support the Urraween Reservoir Site; and
2. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an easement over part of Lot 62 SP286719, Madsen Road, Urraween, with Ergon Energy as outlined in this report.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 11.2.3 LGAQ Conference - Motions**

**RESOLUTION** (Sara Faraj/Denis Chapman)

That Council:

1. Approve the submission of Motion 1 – Request for State and Federal Governments to Commit to Ongoing Betterment Funding, to the Local Government Association of Queensland for consideration at the LGAQ Annual Conference General Meeting as per Attachment 1.
2. Approve the submission of Motion 2 – Financial Assistance for Offshore Infrastructure, to the Local Government Association of Queensland for

consideration at the LGAQ Annual Conference Annual General Meeting as per Attachment 2.

3. Approve the submission of Motion 3 – Technical Design Standards for Climate Resilience, to the Local Government Association of Queensland for consideration at the LGAQ Annual Conference Annual General Meeting as per Attachment 3.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 11.2.4 Procurement Policy Review**

**RESOLUTION** (Sara Faraj/Michelle Byrne)

That Council adopt the amended Procurement Policy (#837195) as per Attachment 1.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 11.2.5 Request for New Leases - Mcfie Park Sporting Fields**

**RESOLUTION** (Sara Faraj/John Weiland)

That Council:

1. Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Chapter 6, Sections 236 (1) (b) (ii), resolves to apply the exemption to dispose of an interest in land to the Hervey Bay Surf Life Saving Club Inc over part of an existing shed located at Mcfie Park sporting fields, Tavistock Street, Torquay and described as Lot 3 on RP35214, without the need for a tender or auction.
2. Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Chapter 6, Sections 236 (1) (b) (ii), resolves to apply the exemption to dispose of an interest in land to the Beachhouse Fishing Club Inc over part of an existing shed located at Mcfie Park sporting fields, Tavistock Street, Torquay and described as Lot 3 on RP35214, without the need for a tender or auction.
3. Delegates authority to the Chief Executive Officer to determine the terms and conditions satisfactory to Council and otherwise negotiate and execute the lease.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 11.3.1 Reef Guardian Council Councillor Nominations**

**RESOLUTION** (Zane O'Keefe/John Weiland)

That Council:

1. Confirm and accept Councillor Zane O'Keefe as the primary representative and Councillor Michelle Govers as a proxy for the Executive Committee of the Reef Guardian Council program.
2. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit documentation to the Reef Authority to become a member of the Reef Guardian Councils program.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 11.4.1 Bushfire Risk Mitigation Strategy**

**RESOLUTION** (Denis Chapman/Lachlan Cosgrove)

That Council adopt and endorse the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Strategy as the guiding framework for bushfire risk mitigation activities across Council-controlled land in the Fraser Coast Region.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 12 MATTERS/MOTIONS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**ORD 12.1 Condolence Motion - Leith Bouilly**

**RESOLUTION** (George Seymour/Phil Truscott)

That Council acknowledges with sadness the passing of Leith Bouilly and extends its sincere condolences to her family and loved ones.

**As a mark of respect, a one minute standing silence was observed**

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 12.2 Water and Waste Infrastructure Connections**

**RESOLUTION** (Paul Truscott/Phil Truscott)

That Council:

1. Be provided with a report investigating the operational and financial implications of not levying water and sewerage utility charges for properties with pre-existing onsite infrastructure that are impacted by the expansion of Councils water and sewerage infrastructure and service areas.
2. Consider in the report options to defer the application of water and sewerage utility charges, or inclusion of the property in the service area, until:
  - the property changes ownership, or
  - a period of five (5) years has elapsed since property owners are given notice that their property has access to Councils water and sewerage infrastructure, or
  - the property owner makes application to connect to the water and / or sewerage infrastructure (if less than 5 years since notice was provided).

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 12.3 Condolence Motion - Lillian Coyne**

**RESOLUTION** (Denis Chapman/Phil Truscott)

That Council expresses its sincere condolences on the passing of Lillian Muriel Davis (later Brooks, then Coyne), and acknowledges her lifelong contribution to the Fraser Coast region, particularly the Bauple and Tiaro communities, through her public service, and community involvement, and extends heartfelt sympathies to her family, friends, and all who were privileged to have known her.

**As a mark of respect, a one minute standing silence was observed**

**Carried Unanimously**

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Councillor Daniel Sanderson left the Chamber at 11:09am.

Councillor Daniel Sanderson returned to the Chamber at 11:11am.

Councillor John Weiland left the Chamber at 11:12am.

Councillor John Weiland returned to the Chamber at 11:14am.

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**ORD 12.4 Request for Report relating to Ibis Boulevard Connection**

**MOTION** (Lachlan Cosgrove/John Weiland)

That Council be provided a report:

1. That considers the deferral of the opening of any new connection of Ibis Boulevard between Eli Waters and Point Vernon until the completion of the signalisation upgrade of the Old Maryborough Road/Tooth Street intersection.
2. That considers if and when a “fourth exit” coming from the existing Endeavour Way/Ibis Boulevard roundabout is constructed it be classified as a “higher order” road (similar in width/scale to Ibis Boulevard running South-East from this location) and the possibility of Council retrospectively pursuing this outcome on any outstanding approvals via negotiation/agreement, including an estimate of additional costs to be incurred by Council if this change was implemented.
3. That provides the latest rationale for proceeding with the connection and opening of Ibis Boulevard (between Eli Waters and Point Vernon). In particular, Council should re-check DTMRs position, provide any updated traffic data and potential impacts of the connection, examine the ability for the continued completion of a pedestrian connection happening (regardless of a vehicular connection), and any other Council or community interest in the connection. Further to providing that rationale, outline and recommend whether the connection should be completed as planned.

**Lost (4/7)**

**FOR:** Councillor George Seymour  
Councillor Paul Truscott  
Councillor Daniel Sanderson  
Councillor Lachlan Cosgrove

**AGAINST:** Councillor Michelle Byrne  
Councillor Phil Truscott  
Councillor Michelle Govers  
Councillor John Weiland  
Councillor Denis Chapman  
Councillor Sara Faraj  
Councillor Zane O'Keefe

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**FORESHADOWED MOTION** (Michelle Byrne)

That Council refers the matter of Ibis Boulevard Connection to the next reasonably practicable briefing session to enable councillors to fully consider the matter to seek advice from Council officers and other impacted stakeholders.

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**The foreshadowed motion became the motion and was put**

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**RESOLUTION** (Michelle Byrne/Denis Chapman)

That Council refers the matter of Ibis Boulevard Connection to the next reasonably practicable briefing session to enable councillors to fully consider the matter to seek advice from Council officers and other impacted stakeholders.

**Carried (9/2)**

**FOR:** Councillor George Seymour  
Councillor Michelle Byrne  
Councillor Phil Truscott  
Councillor Paul Truscott  
Councillor Michelle Govers  
Councillor John Weiland  
Councillor Denis Chapman  
Councillor Sara Faraj  
Councillor Zane O'Keefe

**AGAINST:** Councillor Daniel Sanderson  
Councillor Lachlan Cosgrove

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**FORESHADOWED MOTION** (Lachlan Cosgrove)

That Council be provided a report:

1. That considers the deferral of the opening of any new connection of Ibis Boulevard between Eli Waters and Point Vernon until the completion of the signalisation upgrade of the Old Maryborough Road/Tooth Street intersection.

**Lapsed**

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**ORD 12.5 Request for Report relating to Old Maryborough Road Light Industrial Park Settings**

**RESOLUTION** (Lachlan Cosgrove/Zane O'Keefe)

That Council be provided with a report:

1. Which allows for engagement with businesses and other stakeholders to evaluate the appropriate regulatory parking settings in the light industrial section of Old Maryborough Road between Beach Road and Picnic Street. The engagement should seek to understand business need and establish the best settings to balance customer turnover versus longer parking and all day staff parking.
2. That provides recommendations for changes to regulatory parking settings in this locality, in order to realise the outcomes of any engagement and better serve business and customer needs.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 13            QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

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**ORD 14            GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil

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**ORD16            LATE ITEMS**

**ORD 16.1        Late Open Reports**

**ORD 16.1.1      Organisational Performance Report - June 2025**

**RESOLUTION** (Phil Truscott/John Weiland)

That Council receive and note the Organisational Performance Report for the period ending 30 June 2025 as per Attachment 1.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 16.1.2      Astro Aero Hangar Extension**

**RESOLUTION** (Paul Truscott/John Weiland)

That Council:

1. Approve the extension of the Council owned leased hangar with all construction to be in accordance with relevant Australian Standards and Codes and subject to the Chief Executive Officer's satisfaction.
2. Agree to reimburse Astro Aero for the hangar building extensions undertaken at the end of the lease, at the historical value of the upgrades subject to the building being in an acceptable state of repair at handover.
3. Agree that reimbursement of costs will be subject to Astro Aero commencing construction of the hangars in the Aviation Precinct at the end of the lease period.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 15            CONFIDENTIAL**

**ORD 15.1        Strategic Land Purchase - Hervey Bay Recycled Water Expansion**

**RESOLUTION** (Denis Chapman/Sara Faraj)

That Council:

1. Deem the report/attachment confidential document and be treated as such in accordance with sections 171 and 200 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and that the document remain confidential unless Council decides otherwise by resolution.
  2. Approve the purchase of property 5RP218676 as outlined in this report to facilitate future expansion of the Hervey Bay Recycled Water Scheme.
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3. Delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to finalise settlement of the purchase contract.

**Carried Unanimously**

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**ORD 14.2      Late Confidential Reports**

Nil

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**There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 11:18am.**

**Confirmed at Ordinary Meeting No. 8/25 of the Fraser Coast Regional Council at Maryborough on 27 August 2025.**

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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