Burdekin Shire Council

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD AT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
145 YOUNG STREET, AYR**

On 27 October 2026

COMMENCING at 9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Pierina Dalle Cort (Chair), Councillor Max Musumeci, Councillor Michael Detenon, Councillor John Furnell, Councillor Amanda Hall

Mr. M. Magin - Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. K. Olsen – Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr. J. Stewart - Director Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services
Mr. G. Arboit - Manager Community Services (Part)
Ms. J. Austin - Manager Environmental and Health Services (Part)
Mrs. E. Devescovi - Manager Client Services (Part)
Mr. M. Sandona - Manager Planning and Development (Part)
Mrs. Helen Swinney - Manager Financial Services (Acting) (Part)
Mr. J. Tickle - Manager Water and Wastewater (Part)
Ms. M. Davies - Biodiversity Supervisor (Part)
Mrs. E. Lovell - Economic Development Coordinator (Part)
Mrs. R. McLean - Executive Coordinator
Ms. T. Quagliata - Community Development Officer (Part)
Ms. F. Smith - Financial Accountant Reporting (Part)
Mrs. R. Stockdale - Senior Governance Officer (Part)
Mrs. K. Waterson - Governance and Property Officer (Part)

Apologies - Councillor Fina Vasta - Approved Leave of Absence
Councillor Callan Oar - Absent on Official Duties

Minutes Clerk - Ms. G. Biffanti

1.1. Approved Leave of Absence - Councillor Callan Oar

Resolution No. 2026-10-1

Moved: Councillor Musumeci

Seconded: Councillor Hall

That Councillor Oar be granted approved leave of absence as he is attending the State Council of River Trusts Queensland (SCRTQ) Annual Conference in his capacity as Council's representative on the Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust.

CARRIED

2. PRAYER

The Mayor called for a minute's silence to reflect on the recent tragic accident involving Member of Parliament Helen Haines and acknowledged the importance of safety for all residents of the Burdekin community.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for declarations of interest.

Councillor Furnell advised he had a Material Personal Interest in relation to Item 6.4.3 Trustee Lease - Ayr Surf Life Saving Club Inc. - Part of Lot 2 on SP184052 due to his position as a current committee member of the Ayr Surf Life Saving Club. Councillor Furnell advised of his intention to leave the meeting prior to this discussion

4. MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

4.1. Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 22 September 2026

Officer's Recommendation
That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2026 be received as a true and correct record.

Resolution No.	2026-10-2
Moved:	Councillor Musumeci
Seconded:	Councillor Hall

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2026 be received as a true and correct record.

CARRIED

4.2. ICT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - 14 September 2026

Officer's Recommendation
That the minutes of the ICT Steering Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2026 be noted.

Resolution No.	2026-10-3
Moved:	Councillor Detenon
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That the minutes of the ICT Steering Committee Meeting held on 14 September 2026 be noted.

CARRIED

4.3. Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting Minutes - 14 September 2026

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. note the minutes of the Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting held on 14 September 2026; and
2. note the recommendations as detailed in the minutes and summarised below in Items 5 and 7.

   Item 5 - Miss Chloe Becke appointed Youth Mayor for remainder of 2026
   That Council notes the appointment of Miss Becke as Youth Mayor for the remainder of 2026, following the resignation of Mr. Wiseman from this position.

   Item 7 - Queensland Mental Health Week Youth Event Proposal - Movie Night at Burdekin Delta Diner - Friday 16 October 2026
   That Council notes the proposed plans to host a Youth Movie Night at Burdekin Delta Diner on Friday 16 October, in conjunction with Burdekin PCYC, as part of Queensland Mental Health Week 2026.

Resolution No. 2026-10-4

Moved: Councillor Hall

Seconded: Councillor Furnell

That Council:

1. note the minutes of the Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting held on 14 September 2026; and
2. note the recommendations as detailed in the minutes and summarised below in Items 5 and 7.

   Item 5 - Miss Chloe Becke appointed Youth Mayor for remainder of 2026
   That Council notes the appointment of Miss Becke as Youth Mayor for the remainder of 2026, following the resignation of Mr. Wiseman from this position.

   Item 7 - Queensland Mental Health Week Youth Event Proposal - Movie Night at Burdekin Delta Diner - Friday 16 October 2026
   That Council notes the proposed plans to host a Youth Movie Night at Burdekin Delta Diner on Friday 16 October, in conjunction with Burdekin PCYC, as part of Queensland Mental Health Week 2026.

CARRIED

4.4. ICT Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - 6 October 2026

Officer's Recommendation
That the minutes of the ICT Steering Committee Meeting held on 6 October 2026 be noted.

Resolution No. 2026-10-5

Moved: Councillor Detenon

Seconded: Councillor Furnell

That the minutes of the ICT Steering Committee Meeting held on 6 October 2026 be noted.

CARRIED

4.5. Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting Minutes - 12 October 2026

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. note the minutes of the Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting held on 12 October 2026.

Resolution No. 2026-10-6

Moved: Councillor Detenon

Seconded: Councillor Furnell

That Council:

1. note the minutes of the Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting held on 12 October 2026.

CARRIED

4.6. Community Grants Panel Meeting Minutes - Round 2 - 19 October 2026

Officer's Recommendation
That Council :

1. note the minutes of the Community Grants Panel Meeting held on 19 October 2026; and
2. adopt the recommended funding of grant applications for Round 2 - 2026/27 Financial Year as listed; and

No.	Applicant	Recommended Cash Funding	Recommended In-kind Support
2.1	Rotary Club of Home Hill	$1,500.00	
2.2	Burdekin Canine Club Inc	$1,000.00	

2.3	Far NQ Regional Committee of Highland Dancing Assoc Inc	$1,500.00	
2.4	Osborne State School P&C Assoc.	NIL	
2.5	Burdekin Rugby League Inc.	$1,500.00	
2.6	Burdekin BMX Club Inc	$1,500.00	$900.00
2.7	Rotary Club of Ayr		$600.00
2.8	Home Hill Chamber of Commerce	$2,500.00	$5,000.00

3. note the total expenditure to date for the 2026/27 Community Grants Program is:
   - Cash Funds: $30,000.00 expended ($20,000.00 remaining, of which $9,000.00 is pre-approved)
   - Estimated in-kind funds: $26,500.00 expended (Approx $10,300.00 remaining, of which $5,000.00 is pre-approved); and
4. approve an additional $1,300.00 in cash funding to the Home Hill Harvest Festival Committee to meet the cost of Queensland Police Service traffic control for the Festival road closure, noting this will bring total cash funds remaining to $18,700.00; and
5. approve an additional $10,000.00 to the 2026/27 Community Grants Program cash funding pool, to be included in the 2026/27 second budget revision, increasing the total cash funding from $50,000.00 to $60,000.00.

Resolution No. 2026-10-7

Moved: Councillor Hall

Seconded: Councillor Furnell

That Council :

1. note the minutes of the Community Grants Panel Meeting held on 19 October 2026; and
2. adopt the recommended funding of grant applications for Round 2 - 2026/27 Financial Year as listed; and

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5. approve an additional $10,000.00 to the 2026/27 Community Grants Program cash funding pool, to be included in the 2026/27 second budget revision, increasing the total cash funding from $50,000.00 to $60,000.00.

CARRIED

9:20am - Mr. Arboit and Mrs. Quagliata left the meeting.

5. OFFICE OF THE CEO

5.1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

5.1.1. Social Housing Allocation and Advocacy for Burdekin Residents

Executive Summary
Council has expressed concern regarding the increasing number of social housing developments being constructed and proposed within the Burdekin Shire and the potential impacts on local services and broader community wellbeing. During discussion at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 September 2026, Councillors acknowledged that the provision and allocation of social housing is a State Government responsibility and is outside Council's direct control.

Notwithstanding this, Council identified a need to proactively advocate on behalf of the Burdekin community to ensure local interests are considered in future social housing planning and allocation processes. A key point arising from Council's discussion was the importance of supporting local residents who are experiencing housing stress and ensuring that, where possible, residents with an existing connection to the Burdekin are given priority consideration for social housing located within the Shire.

This report provides Council with an opportunity to formalise its position and establish an advocacy approach that seeks greater engagement with the Queensland Government on future social housing developments and allocation practices within the Burdekin.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. adopt a proactive advocacy position seeking greater consultation and early engagement from the Queensland Government regarding future social housing developments within the Burdekin Shire; and
2. advocate to the Queensland Government that in accordance with relevant legislation and policy, Burdekin residents or applicants with an established connection to the Burdekin be given first preference when allocating social housing located within the Burdekin Shire.

Resolution No.	2026-10-8
Moved:	Councillor Detenon
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That Council:

1. adopt a proactive advocacy position seeking greater consultation and early engagement from the Queensland Government regarding future social housing developments within the Burdekin Shire; and
2. advocate to the Queensland Government that in accordance with relevant legislation and policy, Burdekin residents or applicants with an established connection to the Burdekin be given first preference when allocating social housing located within the Burdekin Shire.

During discussion, the motion was varied, with the consent of the mover and seconder, to include an additional point regarding Council's support for the Queensland Government's approach to behaviour management of residents in social housing.

The motion, as varied, was put:

That Council:

1. adopt a proactive advocacy position seeking greater consultation and early engagement from the Queensland Government regarding future social housing developments within the Burdekin Shire; and
2. advocate to the Queensland Government that, in accordance with relevant legislation and policy, Burdekin residents or applicants with an established connection to the Burdekin be given first preference when allocating social housing located within the Burdekin Shire; and
3. support the Queensland Government’s approach to behaviour management of residents in social housing.

CARRIED 4/1

For:	Mayor Dalle Cort, Councillors Detenon, Furnell and Hall
Against:	Councillor Musumeci

5.2. EXECUTIVE SUPPORT

5.2.1. Amendment to Ordinary Council Meeting Date – December 2026

Executive Summary
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to amend the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting currently scheduled for Tuesday, 8 December 2026. At its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 9 June 2026, Council resolved to vary the monthly meeting cycle for December 2026, with the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 8 December 2026. It is now proposed that this meeting be rescheduled to Tuesday, 15 December 2026, commencing at 9:00am at the Council Chambers, 145 Young Street, Ayr.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council approve the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 8 December 2026 be rescheduled to Tuesday, 15 December 2026, commencing at 9:00am at the Council Chambers, 145 Young Street, Ayr.

Resolution No.	2026-10-9
Moved:	Councillor Hall
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That Council approve the Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 8 December 2026 be rescheduled to Tuesday, 15 December 2026, commencing at 9:00am at the Council Chambers, 145 Young Street, Ayr.

CARRIED

9:30am - Mrs. Stockdale and Mrs. Waterson entered the meeting.

6. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1. CLIENT SERVICES

6.1.1. Awarding on Contract TBSC/26/024 - Project Management Consultancy for the TechnologyOne Property & Rating (P&R) Ci to CiA Transition Project

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council's approval to award Contract TBSC/26/024 to Xamplify Services Pty Ltd for the provision of Project Management Consultancy for the TechnologyOne Property & Rating (P&R) Ci to CiA Transition Project.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. award Contract TBSC/26/024 - Project Management Consultancy - TechnologyOne Property & Rating Ci to CiA Transition Project to Xamplify Services Pty Ltd and approve a budget allocation of $525,000.00 (excluding GST) to be funded from the Strategic Projects Fund in the Recurrent Maintenance reserve, noting that travel and accommodation expenses will be invoiced at cost; and

2. delegates authority under section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with the contract.

Resolution No.	2026-10-10
Moved:	Councillor Furnell
Seconded:	Councillor Detenon

That Council:

1. award Contract TBSC/26/024 - Project Management Consultancy - TechnologyOne Property & Rating Ci to CiA Transition Project to Xamplify Services Pty Ltd and approve a budget allocation of $525,000.00 (excluding GST) to be funded from the Strategic Projects Fund in the Recurrent Maintenance reserve, noting that travel and accommodation expenses will be invoiced at cost; and
2. delegates authority under section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with the contract.

CARRIED

6.1.2. ICT Additional Budget Allocation for ICT Help Desk Officer Position

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council approval to convert the existing ICT Trainee position to an ongoing ICT Help Desk Officer position and provide the associated additional budget allocation. The proposed change would occur following completion of the current traineeship and would maintain the ICT Department's existing establishment of 5.0 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).

Officer's Recommendation
That Council approve the conversion of the existing ICT Trainee position to an ongoing ICT Help Desk Officer position, maintaining the ICT Department establishment at 5.0 FTE, and approve additional employee costs of up to $30,000 for the 2026/2027 financial year, to be incorporated into the next budget review.

Resolution No.	2026-10-11
Moved:	Councillor Detenon
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That Council approve the conversion of the existing ICT Trainee position to an ongoing ICT Help Desk Officer position, maintaining the ICT Department establishment at 5.0 FTE, and approve additional employee costs of up to $30,000 for the 2026/2027 financial year, to be incorporated into the next budget review.

CARRIED

9:36am - Ms. Austin entered the meeting and Mrs. Devescovi left the meeting.

6.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES

There were no reports presented for consideration.

6.3. FINANCIAL SERVICES

6.3.1. Monthly Financial Report - September 2026

Officer's Recommendation
That the Monthly Financial Report for Period Ending 30 September 2026 be received.

Resolution No.	2026-10-12
Moved:	Councillor Detenon
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That the Monthly Financial Report for Period Ending 30 September 2026 be received.

CARRIED

9:42am - Ms. Davies entered the meeting.

9:45am - Mrs. Swinney and Ms. Smith left the meeting.

6.4. GOVERNANCE

6.4.1. Investigation of Suspected Conduct Breach by Councillor Policy

Executive Summary
This report seeks a resolution from Council to rescind the Investigation of Suspected Conduct Breach by Councillor Policy due to the removal of Conduct Breaches from the *Local Government Act 2009* and the removal of the requirement to have an Investigation Policy.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council rescinds the Investigation of Suspected Conduct Breach by Councillor Policy.

Resolution No.	2026-10-13
Moved:	Councillor Hall
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That Council rescinds the Investigation of Suspected Conduct Breach by Councillor Policy.

CARRIED

6.4.2. Petitions Policy

Executive Summary
The Petitions Policy has been reviewed as part of Council's Corporate Policy Program. The review identified that the policy remains fit for purpose, however minor amendments are proposed to improve operational efficiency and reflect Council's preferred approach to the management of petitions. The key amendments include extending the policy review period from 12 months to 36 months and confirming that petitions must be submitted using Council's approved process rather than through external electronic petition platforms. The amended policy is presented for Council's consideration and adoption.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council adopts the amended Petitions Policy, as attached to this report including an extended review time to 36 months.

Resolution No.	2026-10-14
Moved:	Councillor Furnell
Seconded:	Councillor Detenon

That Council adopts the amended Petitions Policy, as attached to this report including an extended review time to 36 months.

CARRIED

6.4.3. Trustee Lease - Ayr Surf Life Saving Club Inc - Part of Lot 2 on SP184052

9:46am - Councillor Furnell left the meeting at the commencement of this discussion as he had a Material Personal Interest in relation to Item 6.4.3 Trustee Lease - Ayr Surf Life Saving Club Inc. - Part of Lot 2 on SP184052 due to his position as a current committee member of the Ayr Surf Life Saving Club Inc.

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council approval to enter into a Trustee Lease as follows:

Lessor: Burdekin Shire Council

Lessee: Ayr Surf Life Saving Club Inc

Premises: Part of Lot 2 on SP184052, 15-31 Sandowns Street, Alva Qld 4807

Term: Ten (10) Years (Nil Options) being 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2036

Rent: $0.10 per annum, if and when demanded

Purpose: Sport and Recreation

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. agrees in principle to enter into a Trustee Lease with Ayr Surf Life Saving Club Inc over land described as part of Lot 2 on Survey Plan 184052, 15-31 Sandowns Street, Alva for a term of ten (10) years (Nil Options) being 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2036 for the purpose of Sport and Recreation at a rental of $0.10 per annum, if and when demanded. The Trustee Lease will be in accordance with the Council Property and Leasing Policy, Schedule 3 of the *Land Regulation 2020*, and other terms and conditions specific to Council requirements; and
2. delegates to the Chief Executive Officer its power to take all necessary action on Council's behalf, including negotiating, executing, and discharging the lease. Any significant changes are to be approved by Council.

Resolution No. 2026-10-15

Moved: Councillor Detenon

Seconded: Councillor Musumeci

That Council:

1. agrees in principle to enter into a Trustee Lease with Ayr Surf Life Saving Club Inc over land described as part of Lot 2 on Survey Plan 184052, 15-31 Sandowns Street, Alva for a term of ten (10) years (Nil Options) being 1 January 2027 to 31 December 2036 for the purpose of Sport and Recreation at a rental of $0.10 per annum, if and when demanded. The Trustee Lease will be in accordance with the Council Property and Leasing Policy, Schedule 3 of the *Land Regulation 2020*, and other terms and conditions specific to Council requirements; and
2. delegates to the Chief Executive Officer its power to take all necessary action on Council's behalf, including negotiating, executing, and discharging the lease. Any significant changes are to be approved by Council.

CARRIED

9:49am - Councillor Furnell re-entered the meeting and Mr. Sandona entered the meeting.

9:50am - Mrs. Stockdale and Mrs. Waterson left the meeting.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

7.1.1. Adoption of Revised Flying Fox Management Policy

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council's adoption of the revised Flying Fox Management Policy. The Policy provides the framework for the assessment, monitoring and management of flying fox roosts within the Burdekin Shire and has been updated to improve clarity, strengthen alignment with the Flying Fox Roost Management Plan (2024), and reflect current legislative requirements.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council adopts the revised Flying Fox Management Policy, as attached to this report.

Resolution No.	2026-10-16
Moved:	Councillor Furnell
Seconded:	Councillor Detenon

That Council adopts the revised Flying Fox Management Policy, as attached to this report.

CARRIED

9:52am - Ms. Davies left the meeting.

7.1.2. Clare Swimming Pool - Interim Service Arrangement and Procurement

Executive Summary
The contract for services at Clare Swimming Pool expired on 30 April 2026, with services subsequently continuing without a current contractual arrangement.

This report seeks to regularise the procurement position, enable payment for services already provided, and establish an appropriate interim arrangement while Council considers the future operating and community access model, including associated insurance and liability implications.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. authorises payment of verified invoices for services provided at Clare Swimming Pool following expiry of the previous contract; and
2. authorises an interim procurement arrangement for continued services while the future operating and community access model is being determined.

Resolution No.	2026-10-17
Moved:	Councillor Furnell
Seconded:	Councillor Detenon

That Council:

1. authorises payment of verified invoices for services provided at Clare Swimming Pool following expiry of the previous contract; and
2. authorises an interim procurement arrangement for continued services while the future operating and community access model is being determined.

CARRIED

9:55am - Ms. Austin left the meeting.

7.2. OPERATIONS

There were no reports presented for consideration.

7.3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

7.3.1. Floor Heights for Buildings with Habitable Rooms Policy

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council's consideration and adoption of an updated version of the Floor Heights for Buildings with Habitable Rooms Policy. The purpose of this Policy is to set out Council's standard for how buildings with habitable rooms achieve appropriate flood immunity. The Policy has been reviewed by staff in line with the review cycle with minor amendments made to ensure consistency with the relevant planning scheme definitions, as well as formatting and correcting administrative errors.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council adopts the updated version of the Floor Heights for Buildings with Habitable Rooms Policy, as attached to this report.

Resolution No.	2026-10-18
Moved:	Councillor Furnell
Seconded:	Councillor Musumeci

That Council adopts the updated version of the Floor Heights for Buildings with Habitable Rooms Policy, as attached to this report.

CARRIED

7.3.2. Economic Stimulus Policy - Development Incentives

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council's consideration and adoption of an updated version of Economic Stimulus Policy – Development Incentives. The purpose of this Policy is to provide Council with discretion to waive infrastructure charges for developments that attract and retain business investment in the region. The Policy has been reviewed by staff in line with the review cycle with minor amendments made to provide additional guidance regarding the 'Development Incentive Agreement' entered into with successful applicants, reformatting the title of the Policy to ensure consistency across Council policies, as well as amending the review cycle to 24 months.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. accepts the reformatted Policy title being Economic Stimulus (Development Incentives) Policy.
2. adopts the updated version of the Policy, as attached to this report.

Resolution No.	2026-10-19
Moved:	Councillor Detenon
Seconded:	Councillor Musumeci

That Council:

1. accepts the reformatted Policy title being Economic Stimulus (Development Incentives) Policy.
2. adopts the updated version of the Policy, as attached to this report.

CARRIED

9:57am - Mr. Tickle entered the meeting.

9:58am - Mr. Sandona left the meeting.

7.4. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

There were no reports presented for consideration.

7.5. TECHNICAL SERVICES

7.5.1. Proposed Drainage Easement - 301 Beach Road, Ayr (Lot 23 on RP865842)

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council approval to progress the acquisition of a drainage easement over part of 301 Beach Road, Ayr (Lot 23 on RP865842). An existing open stormwater drainage channel traverses the property and forms part of the broader Beach Road drainage network.

The owner of 301 Beach Road, Ayr (Lot 23 on RP865842), has requested consideration of an easement to address ongoing management of the channel and restrictions on use of his land. A preliminary easement area of approximately 192m² has been identified, subject to survey and confirmation that no further changes are required to ensure the easement covers any future upgrades identified in the Residential Activation Fund (RAF) design.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. endorse the acquisition of a drainage easement over part of 301 Beach Road, Ayr (Lot 23 on RP865842).
2. authorise Council Officers to engage an independent registered valuer to determine appropriate compensation.
3. authorise Council Officers to negotiate and present an offer based on the independent valuation, subject to applicable financial delegations and budget availability.
4. subject to agreement and applicable requirements, authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to progress survey, legal documentation and registration of the easement.

Resolution No.	2026-10-20
Moved:	Councillor Musumeci
Seconded:	Councillor Detenon

That Council:

1. endorse the acquisition of a drainage easement over part of 301 Beach Road, Ayr (Lot 23 on RP865842).
2. authorise Council Officers to engage an independent registered valuer to determine appropriate compensation.
3. authorise Council Officers to negotiate and present an offer based on the independent valuation, subject to applicable financial delegations and budget availability.
4. subject to agreement and applicable requirements, authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to progress survey, legal documentation and registration of the easement.

CARRIED

7.6. WATER AND WASTEWATER

7.6.1. Demand Management Policy

Executive Summary
The Demand Management Policy establishes Council's commitment to managing water demand, protecting water security and promoting the sustainable use of water resources across the Burdekin Shire.

The policy provides a framework for reducing potable water demand through demand management initiatives, supporting drought preparedness, protecting groundwater resources and promoting responsible water use through community education and engagement. The policy also outlines Council's approach to monitoring water consumption trends, implementing water restrictions when required and responding to emerging risks that may impact long-term water security. The policy supports responsible service delivery while ensuring the ongoing sustainability of Council's water supply system.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council adopts the revised Demand Management Policy as attached to this report.

Resolution No.	2026-10-21
Moved:	Councillor Musumeci
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That Council adopts the revised Demand Management Policy as attached to this report.

CARRIED

7.6.2. Asset Disposal - Nelson's Lagoon Chlorination Equipment

Executive Summary
Council has identified a chlorine dosing system that is surplus to operational requirements following changes to water and wastewater operations. The equipment has an estimated current disposal value of approximately $3,000.00 and is no longer required for foreseeable Council purposes.

The Home Hill Boat Club has expressed interest in the equipment and intends to utilise it for community benefit within its operations. As the asset has an estimated carrying/disposal value of less than $5,000.00, Council's Asset Disposal Policy permits disposal by donation to a community organisation.

The proposed donation supports the principles of asset reuse, waste minimisation, and community benefit while avoiding ongoing storage, maintenance and disposal costs to Council. The recipient organisation will be responsible for removal and any future maintenance or compliance requirements associated with the equipment. Consistent with Council's operational standard, the asset will be transferred on an "as is basis”.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. approves the disposal of the chlorine dosing equipment, with an approximate disposal value of $3,000.00, by donation to Home Hill Boat Club.
2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute any documentation necessary to facilitate the transfer.

Resolution No.	2026-10-22
Moved:	Councillor Musumeci
Seconded:	Councillor Furnell

That Council:

1. approves the disposal of the chlorine dosing equipment, with an approximate disposal value of $3,000.00, by donation to Home Hill Boat Club.
2. authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute any documentation necessary to facilitate the transfer.

CARRIED

7.6.3. Awarding of Contract TBSC/26/005 - Consultancy Services for Stage 2 of the Burdekin Water Security Plan

Executive Summary
This report seeks Council approval to award Contract TBSC/26/005 – Consultancy Services for Stage 2 of the Burdekin Water Security Plan, pursuant to Local Buy Contract LB312, to Beca HunterH2O Pty Ltd for the provision of professional engineering, strategic planning, business case, design and technical specification services.

Officer's Recommendation
That Council:

1. awards Contract TBSC/26/005 – Consultancy Services for Stage 2 of the Burdekin Water Security Plan, pursuant to Local Buy Contract LB312, to Beca HunterH2O Pty Ltd for the total lump sum price of $443,605.00, (excluding GST); and
2. delegates authority under section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with the contract.

Resolution No.	2026-10-23
Moved:	Councillor Hall
Seconded:	Councillor Musumeci

That Council:

1. awards Contract TBSC/26/005 – Consultancy Services for Stage 2 of the Burdekin Water Security Plan, pursuant to Local Buy Contract LB312, to Beca HunterH2O Pty Ltd for the total lump sum price of $443,605.00, (excluding GST); and
2. delegates authority under section 257(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act 2009* to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute all matters associated with the contract.

CARRIED

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

9. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1. Approved Leave of Absence - Mayor Pierina Dalle Cort - 27 June 2027 to 11 July 2027

Resolution No.	2026-10-24
Moved:	Councillor Musumeci
Seconded:	Councillor Detenon

That Mayor Dalle Cort be granted Approved Leave of Absence for 27 June 2027 to 11 July 2027.

CARRIED

12. CLOSED BUSINESS ITEMS

13. DELEGATIONS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:39am.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24 November 2026.

MAYOR