



**BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL**



# **MINUTES**

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**on 24 February 2015**

**COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**



**TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2015**

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# **BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL**



**2015-2020**

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## **ATTENDANCE**

Councillors W.C. Lewis (Mayor), R.H. Lewis (Deputy Mayor), L.D. McCathie, L. Loizou, U.E. Liessmann, P.M. Dalle Cort and E.J. Bawden

Mr. M. Magin - Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. D. Mulcahy – Manager Governance and Local Laws  
Mr. S. Great - Manager Planning and Development  
Mr. A. Scott – Manager Economic Development  
Mrs. K. Olsen - Manager Financial and Administrative Services  
Mr. W. Saldumbide - Manager Operations  
Mr. K. Byers - Manager Technical Services

Minutes Clerk – Mrs. C. Kirke

## **1 PRAYER**

The meeting prayer was delivered by Father Dway Goon Chew of the Anglican Church.

## **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Mayor called for declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were identified.

## **3 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING**

### **3.1 Ordinary Council Meeting - 10 February 2015**

#### **Recommendation**

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 February 2015 be received as a true and correct record.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Bawden, seconded Councillor McCathie, that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

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## **4 REPORTS**

### **4.1 Capital Projects Monthly Report for Period Ending 31 January 2015**

#### **Recommendation**

That the Capital Projects Monthly Report for Period Ending 31 January 2015 be received.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Liessmann that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

Noting that Councillor McCathie left the meeting during discussions on this matter.

### **4.2 Operating Statement for Period Ending 31 January 2015**

#### **Recommendation**

That the Operating Statement for the Period Ending 31 January 2015 be received.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Dalle Cort, seconded Councillor Lewis that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

## **5 GOVERNANCE & LOCAL LAWS**

### **5.1 Adoption of Corporate Plan 2015-2020**

#### **Executive Summary**

The Corporate Plan 2015-2020 is a new-look plan for Burdekin Shire Council. Extensive work has been undertaken to develop a better plan which is clear, concise, attractive and inclusive of performance measurements. The Corporate Plan 2015-2020 for Burdekin Shire Council outlines the Council's five-year strategic direction based on community priorities. The plan includes strategies in the five key strategic areas of Infrastructure, Economic Development, Social Wellbeing, Environment and Organisational Sustainability. The Corporate Plan includes concise strategies so as to permit the extensive range of services and projects conducted by Council to align with at least one strategy to contribute to achieving the outcomes

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defined in the plan. A supporting "Corporate Plan Summary" document will also be produced for easy and cost effective distribution of the plan.

### **Recommendation**

That Council adopts the attached Corporate Plan 2015-2020.

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

## **5.2 Adoption of Operational Plan 2014-2015**

### **Executive Summary**

Council are required to prepare and adopt an annual operational plan for each financial year. An operational plan for the current financial year (2014-2015) has been developed by the Senior Leadership Group.

### **Recommendation**

That Council adopts the attached operational plan.

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

## **6 CLIENT SERVICES**

## **7 FINANCIAL & ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

## **8 OPERATIONS**

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## **9 TECHNICAL SERVICES**

### **9.1 Request for Disabled Parking - East Ayr State School (Ross Street Entrance)**

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that Council install a disabled parking bay at the end of the existing bus zone in Ross Street.

CARRIED

### **9.2 Letter to Main Roads - Yellow Gin Creek Upgrade**

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Lewis that Council writes to the Department of Transport and Main Roads to confirm Council has no objection to the proposed Bruce Highway upgrade at Yellow Gin Creek providing access to Beachmount Road is maintained at all times during construction.

CARRIED

### **9.3 Disabled Parking - First In Physio (Queen Street)**

#### **Executive Summary**

Council has received requests to improve parking arrangements and access in the area of First-In Physio for customers requiring assistance to visit the physio and/or optometrist.

#### **Recommendation**

Council install a disabled parking bay and construct a pram ramp in front of First-In Physio to improve access to the physio and nearby optometrist.

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Bawden that the recommendation be adopted.

LOST

Noting that Councillor Liessmann and Councillor Bawden voted for the motion.

Councillor McCathie returned to the meeting during discussions on this item.

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## **10 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

### **10.1 Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot at 32875 Bruce Highway, Horseshoe Lagoon (Lot 1 on RP733802 Parish of Selkirk, County of Gladstone)**

#### **Executive Summary**

A Development Application has been received from Brazier Motti on behalf of their client Salvatore Casella seeking approval for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 into 3 Lots) at 32875 Bruce Highway, Horseshoe Lagoon (Lot 1 on RP733802 Parish of Selkirk, County of Gladstone).

A Development Application (Code Assessable) has been triggered in accordance with the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme (*the Scheme*). Given the 'Rural' zoning, it is considered that the application to subdivide does not meet specific requirements of the scheme. Therefore, refusal of the application is recommended.

#### **Recommendation**

That Council refuse the Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 into 3 Lots) at 32875 Bruce Highway, Horseshoe Lagoon (Lot 1 on RP733802 Parish of Selkirk, County of Gladstone) based on the following grounds:

- The proposed development compromises the achievement of specific Desired Environmental Outcomes (DEO's) contained within the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme.
- The development proposed has not demonstrated sufficient grounds in the public interest to justify or override the identified conflicts with the Burdekin Shire Council's IPA Planning Scheme and in particular the Reconfiguration of a Lot Code and Rural Zone Code.
- The development proposed is not located in an area planned to benefit from all relevant urban infrastructure and current planning assumptions. The proposal may require out of sequence infrastructure upgrades, which have not been considered for funding trunk infrastructure. Consequently, the proposal conflicts with the provisions of the scheme.
- The proposed development is contrary to the State Interest Agriculture contained in the State Planning Policy



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## **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Lewis, seconded Councillor Dalle Cort that the recommendation be adopted.

LOST

### Reasons for Council not accepting Officer's recommendation

1. The proposed reconfiguration does not change any existing land uses.
2. Currently, two houses exist on the one lot. This reconfiguration will allow each house to have its own title.
3. The State Interest – Agriculture will not be compromised by this reconfiguration.
4. The proposed subdivision will not result in the loss of agricultural land as the land that is being excised is not used for farming purposes due to the existing houses.

Moved Councillor Dalle Cort, seconded Councillor Lewis that Council approves the Development Application for Reconfiguring a Lot (1 into 3 Lots) at 32875 Bruce Highway, Horseshoe Lagoon (Lot 1 on RP733802 Parish of Selkirk, County of Gladstone) subject to the following conditions:

### **GENERAL**

- 1.1 The Council will not release the formal Plan of Reconfiguration until all rates and charges in arrears in respect of the land, the subject of the application, are paid in full.
- 1.2 Pay the sum of \$65.90 calculated on the basis of a charge of \$32.95 per lot to be levied on the Council by the Department of Environment & Resource Management for each new valuation.

### **PROPOSAL PLAN**

2. The reconfiguration of the land must be carried out generally in accordance with:-
  - (a) (i) the proposed Brazier Motti plan numbered 56124/001A;
  - (ii) the plans, specifications, facts and circumstances as set out in the application submitted to Council;Except where modified by the conditions of approval and any approval issued there under; and
  - (b) any approval issued under this approval; and
  - (c) any development permit for operational works relating to the reconfiguring of a lot;

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## **ROADWORKS**

3. The construction of any crossovers to give access to the land is to be the owner's responsibility and to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.

## **DRAINAGE**

4. The approved development and use(s) must not interfere with the natural flow of stormwater in the locality in such a manner as to cause ponding or concentration of stormwater on adjoining land or roads.

## **PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES**

5. If any existing public utility service including telephone, electricity, water, sewerage or gas needs to be altered or relocated to complete the reconfiguration the developer must bear the cost of alteration or relocation.

### ***ADVICE (Note: These are not conditions)***

*Unless otherwise specified by these conditions, the conditions must be complied with prior to approval of the Plan of Survey;*

*It is noted that the existing dwelling houses located on proposed Lots 2 and 3 will be in the vicinity of existing agricultural uses. The owner of proposed Lots 2 and 3 is to be responsible for the establishment and ongoing maintenance of any buffer required between any residential and agricultural land uses. Any buffer should incorporate measures to minimise the impact of dust, smoke, noise and ash in accordance with the "Planning Guidelines: Separating Agricultural and Residential Land uses – August 1997."*

CARRIED

## **11 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

## **12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Burdekin Economic Development Strategy  
Overview of Remplan – Economic Modelling System

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## **12.1 Adoption of Burdekin Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020**

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Liessmann, seconded Councillor McCathie that Council adopts the Burdekin Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020 as attached.

CARRIED

## **13 GENERAL BUSINESS**

## **14 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

## **15 NOTICES OF MOTION**

## **16 URGENT BUSINESS**

## **17 CLOSED MEETING ITEMS**

### **Council Meeting closed to Public under Section 275 of Local Government Regulation 2012**

#### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor McCathie, seconded Councillor Liessmann that the Council meeting be closed to the public under the following sections of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

275(1)(b) industrial matters affecting employees;

for the purpose of discussing:

- 1) Changes to Burdekin Cultural Complex Board and implications to Council

CARRIED

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## **Council Meeting opened to Public**

### **Resolution**

Moved Councillor Loizou, seconded Councillor Liessmann that the Council meeting be opened to the public.

CARRIED

## **18 DELEGATIONS**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.10pm.

**These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 10 March, 2015.**

**MAYOR**

# *Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020*



**Burdekin**  
Shire Council

# Our Vision

The Burdekin Shire Council Economic Development Strategy 2015-2020 has been developed to prepare for change and take advantage of the emerging economic opportunities, explore new directions for our future and commit to creating a robust and resilient economy for the region.

This strategy reinforces economic development as a priority for Council. Council also is committed to being a key enabler for our Shire's economic future.

The Burdekin Shire Council is aware that without action there is a risk our local economy may stagnate. To achieve the economic change required, we are focused on five key strategic themes to create an open, responsive and diversified economy. For each of these themes, the Burdekin Shire Economic Development Strategy outlines various priorities and goals, designed to prepare for our region's future. These themes are:

- Enable Economic Infrastructure
- Attract Investment
- Strengthen Networks
- Encourage Innovation
- Empower Future Generations

Ultimately, the success of the strategy will see improvements in liveability, which can also be described as quality of life. This Plan is not just for Council, but can be useful for other levels of government and the business community as it:

- defines the economic vision of the Shire; and
- highlights the key strategic themes and underlying strategic objectives.

Each year a range of projects and activities, consistent with the strategy, will be undertaken.



# Themes & Objectives

## Enable Economic Infrastructure - *Building the physical capital*

### **Strategic Objectives**

- Expand irrigated agricultural land
- Expand supply of industrial land
- Enhance the transportation network
- Improve and increase the waste water treatment capability

*Project Champions: Talbot Cox & Darren West*

## Attract investment - *Investing in strategic industries*

### **Strategic Objectives**

- Prepare specific advice to attract new and encourage reinvestment
- Increase the diversification of industry
- Focus on value-adding
- Develop the aquaculture industry

*Project Champions: Lyndy McCathie & Dan Horan*

## Strengthen Networks - *Enhancing social capital*

### **Strategic Objectives**

- Support business and industry networks
- Collaborate on matters of State or National significance
- Assist local organisations in building an entrepreneurial culture
- Continue to be project champions for regional leadership in agribusiness

*Project Champions: Gary Spotswood & Jim Collins*

## Encourage Innovation - *Putting technology at the heart of economic development*

### **Strategic Objectives**

- Build a digitally connected community to enhance business performance
- Support increased adoption of research and development
- Support continued growth and development of existing industries
- Support the development of a small business innovation centre

*Project Champion: Gordon Edwards*

## Empower Future Generations - *Developing confidence & ability*

### **Strategic Objectives**

- Establish relationships with key agribusiness educational institutions
- Pursue the creation of Burdekin scholarships and business awards
- Promote traineeship and apprenticeship schemes to local industry
- Facilitate a Young Leaders Network

*Project Champions: Carmel Dal Ponte & John Moloney*



# Overview of the Burdekin Economy

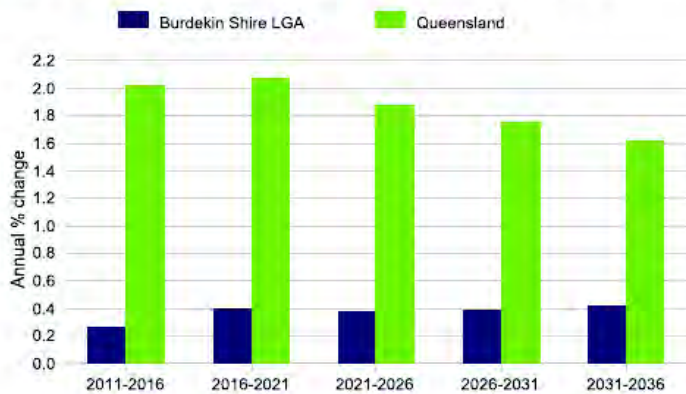
The Burdekin region is highly specialised around agribusiness - especially the growing of cane and sugar production. There are opportunities to grow and diversify this sector including the supply of infrastructure such as irrigation assets, to expand the total hectares under irrigation.

A continual supply of industrial land will be required together with wastewater management, especially for food processors. Transportation networks need to be improved, especially roads and bridges. Aquaculture is a growing sector in the Burdekin economy and additional investment funds will be required for this sector and others in the region.

Most of the projects derived from this plan require collaboration to succeed and this means networks particularly with business, will be strengthened. Constant innovation will be a vital ingredient for success and we recognise the need for more research and development in the Burdekin.

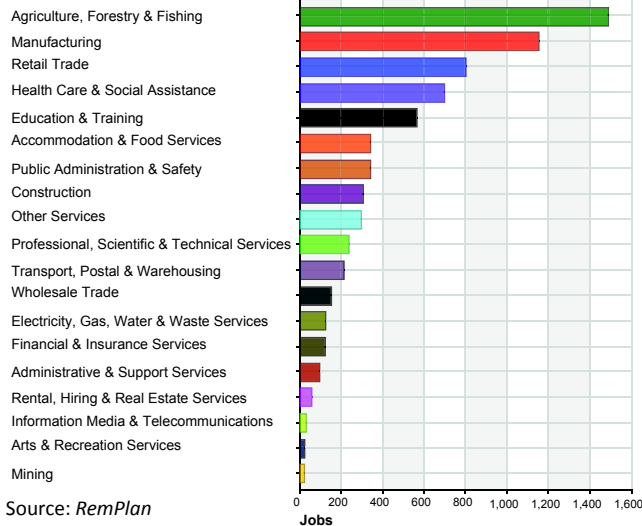
An enhancement in liveability will bring with it an increased retention of young people. Ultimately it will be their leadership, skills and vision that will drive improved outcomes. This is why this strategy includes "Empowering Future Generations" as one of its foundation themes.

**Figure 5 Projected population change, Burdekin Shire LGA and Queensland**



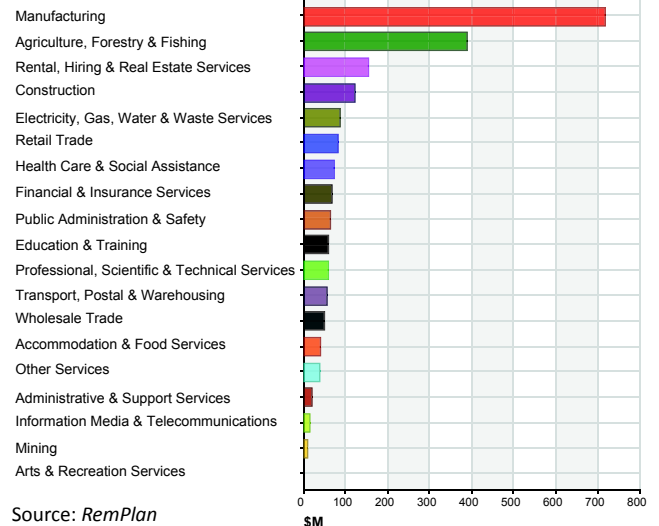
Source: *Queensland Government Population Projections, 2013 edition (medium series) and Queensland Treasury and Trade estimates.*

**Employment (Jobs) - Burdekin (S) (Jan 2015)**



Source: RemPlan

**Output (\$M) - Burdekin (S) (Jan 2015)**



Source: RemPlan

The total output for tourism in the Burdekin is \$42 million, included in the above categories.

This report shows the gross revenue generated by businesses & organisations in Burdekin. The total output estimate for Burdekin is \$2,092.547 million.



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