



Burdekin Shire Council

MINUTES

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

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

on 28 October 2025

COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Pierina Dalle Cort, Councillor Max Musumeci, Councillor Michael Detenon, Councillor John Furnell, Councillor Amanda Hall, Councillor Callan Oar, Councillor Fina Vasta

Mr. M. Magin - Chief Executive Officer
Mrs. K. Olsen - Director Corporate and Community Services
Mr. J. Stewart - Director Infrastructure, Planning and Environmental Services
Mr. K. Byers - Manager Technical Services (Part)
Mr. P. Day - Manager Environmental and Health Services (Part)
Mrs. E. Devescovi - Manager Client Services (Part)
Mrs. J. Manganaro - Manager Financial Services (Part)
Mr. J. Tickle - Manager Water and Waste Water (Part)
Mrs. E. Lovell - Economic Development Coordinator (Part)
Ms. L. Govan - Coordinator Environment and Health Projects (Part)
Mr. G. Keane - Manager Contract (Part)
Mrs. R. Martin - Coordinator Waste Services (Part)
Mr. M. Pearce - Senior Planning Officer (Part)
Ms. F. Smith - Financial Accountant Reporting (Part)
Ms. T. Quagliata - Community Development Officer (Part)

Minutes Clerk - Mrs. S. Iturriaga and Mrs. R. McLean

2. PRAYER

The meeting prayer was delivered by Pastor Andrew Ballin of the Baptist Church.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were identified.

4. MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

4.1. Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes - 14 October 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 October 2025 be received as a true and correct record.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Furnell, seconded Councillor Musumeci that the recommendation be adopted.

Voting on the Motion

FOR - Councillors Musumeci, Detenon, Furnell, Vasta, Hall and Dalle Cort

AGAINST - Councillor Oar

CARRIED

Councillor Oar previously suggested in the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 October 2025, that Council investigate its formal recording of Resolutions, specifically recommending a revision to the phrasing to clarify that when a Councillor moves or seconds a motion, it is intended to initiate discussion rather than imply endorsement. Councillor Oar notified he will be voting against the Ordinary Council Meeting minutes until this matter is resolved.

4.2. Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting Minutes - 15 September 2025

Executive Summary

This report provides the minutes of the Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting held on 15 September 2025.

Recommendation

That Council receives and notes:

1. the minutes of the Burdekin Shire Youth Council Meeting held on 15 September 2025; and
2. the recommendations as detailed in the minutes and summarised above in Items 5 and 9.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Vasta, seconded Councillor Furnell that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9:09am - Ms. Quagliata left the meeting.

4.3. Fleet Management Steering Committee Meeting Minutes - 1 October 2025

Executive Summary

This report provides the minutes of the Fleet Management Steering Committee Meeting held on 1 October 2025.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Fleet Management Steering Committee Meeting held on 1 October 2025 be noted.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Musumeci, seconded Councillor Hall that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

4.4. Burdekin Local Disaster Management Group Meeting Minutes - 17 October 2025

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Burdekin Local Disaster Management Group Meeting held on the 17 October 2025 be received as a true and correct record.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Furnell, seconded Councillor Musumeci that the recommendation be adopted noting the following amendments:

1. Councillor Musumeci's apology was incorrectly omitted from the minutes.
2. Wilmar, Transport Operations Manager's name was recorded incorrectly. His correct name is Mark Lazzarini.

CARRIED

5. EXECUTIVE

5.1. CEO

5.2. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

6. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1. CLIENT SERVICES

6.1.1. Burdekin Local Disaster Management Plan and Sub Plans

Executive Summary

Under section 57(1) of the *Disaster Management Act 2003*, a Local Government must prepare a plan (a “Local Disaster Management Plan”) for disaster management in the Local Government’s area.

On Friday 17 October 2025, the Burdekin Local Disaster Management Group approved the reviewed and updated 2025 Burdekin Local Disaster Management Plan and Sub Plans.

Recommendation

That the 2025 Burdekin Local Disaster Management Plan and Sub Plans be adopted by Council as attached to this report.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Vasta, seconded Councillor Furnell that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9:16am - Mrs. Devescovi left the meeting.

9:16am - Mrs. Martin entered the meeting.

9:18am - Mr. Day, Mrs. Lovell, Mrs. Horan and Ms. Govan entered the meeting.

9:34am - Mr. Byers entered the meeting.

6.2. COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.3. FINANCIAL SERVICES

6.3.1. Monthly Financial Report - September 2025

Recommendation

That the Monthly Financial Report for Period Ending 30 September 2025 be received.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Vasta that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

6.3.2. First Revised Budget Report 2025/26

Executive Summary

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may, by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year. As required by the regulation, Council has completed a budget revision for 2025/26 and the next two (2) financial years.

Management has completed a high-level review of the 2025/26 budget based on results to the end of September and estimated transactions for the remainder of the financial year.

The first amended budget includes capital carryover projects and funding from the previous financial year.

An amended budget for the 2025/26 financial year is submitted for adoption.

Recommendation

That the amended budget and report for the period ending 30 June 2026 as tabled be adopted.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Detenon, seconded Councillor Hall that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9:44am - Mr. Byers, Mrs. Manganaro and Ms. Smith left the meeting.

6.4. GOVERNANCE

6.4.1. Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund - Funding Application

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's endorsement of a funding submission to the Queensland Government's Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund which will seek funding up to \$300,000.00 to create infrastructure by installing an ablutions block, septic system and dump point at Giru Park to attract more visitors and improve regional tourism outcomes.

Recommendation

That Council endorses the submission of a funding application to the Queensland Government's Regional Tourism Infrastructure Fund for funds of up to \$300,000.00 to create infrastructure by installing an ablutions block, septic system and dump point at Giru Park (described as Lot 1 on G7134 and Lot 3 on G71311 and situated at 27 - 31 Luxton Street, Giru), to attract more visitors and improve regional tourism outcomes.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Furnell that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9:49am - Mrs. Lovell left the meeting.

6.4.2. Trustee Lease - Lot 70 on Survey Plan 317980 - 1777 Jerona Road, Jerona - Jerona Citizens Association Inc.

Executive Summary

Council approval is requested to enter into a Trustee Lease as follows:

Lessor:	Burdekin Shire Council
Lessee:	Jerona Citizens Association Inc.
Leased Area:	Lot 70 on SP317980
Term:	Ten Years, 2 December 2025 to 1 December 2035 (Nil Options)
Rent:	\$0.10 (if demanded)

Recommendation

That Council agrees in principle to enter into a Trustee Lease with Jerona Citizens Association Inc. over Lot 70 on Survey Plan 317980, shown on Attachment 1, for a renewed term of ten-years being 2 December 2025 to 1 December 2035 (Nil Options) for uses consistent with recreation purposes.

The Trustee Lease will be subject to the Prescribed Terms pursuant to the *Land Regulation 2020 (Qld)* and Council's Standard Tenure Terms for a Trustee Lease.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Vasta, seconded Councillor Detenon that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9:51am - Mrs. Martin left the meeting.

9:53am - Mrs. Martin re-entered the meeting.

6.4.3. Freehold Lease - Lease A on Survey Plan 202797, Part of Lot 106 on Registered Plan 898777, Ayr Aerodrome, Brandon - Ian Haigh and Patricia Haigh

Executive Summary

Council approval is requested to enter into a Freehold Lease as follows:

Lessor:	Burdekin Shire Council
Lessee:	Ian Douglas Haigh and Patricia Carmel Haigh
Leased Area:	Lease A on Survey Plan 202797, Part of Lot 106 on Registered Plan 898777
Term:	Ten Years, 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2036 (Nil Options)
Rent:	Sum equivalent to 10% of the gross proceeds (including GST) of the crops of sugar cane to be harvested by the lessee from the demised lands during the 2026 to 2036 sugar crushing seasons.

Recommendation

That Council agree to enter into a Freehold Lease with Ian Douglas Haigh and Patricia Carmel Haigh over Part of Lot 106 on Registered Plan 898777, Ayr Aerodrome, shown on Attachment 1 as Lease A on Survey Plan 202797 for a renewed term of ten years being 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2036 (Nil Options) for uses consistent with Sugar Cane Farming Operations.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Detenon that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

9:56am - Mr. Pearce entered the meeting.

7. INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

7.1. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

7.1.1. Twelve Month Extension of Council's Biosecurity Plan

Executive Summary

Council Officers are seeking a 12-month extension of Council's Biosecurity Plan 2020–2025 to facilitate a comprehensive review and update. This extension is necessary due to pending updates from the Department of Primary Industries, anticipated changes to the invasive species assessment framework, and recent internal staffing changes. The review will align with regional and state frameworks, incorporate stakeholder input, and ensure the Plan remains effective and responsive to emerging biosecurity risks. The revised Plan is scheduled for completion by December 2026, with minimal budget implications expected.

Recommendation

That Council endorses a 12-month extension of the Biosecurity Plan 2020–2025 until December 2026, to allow for a comprehensive review and stakeholder engagement process.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Furnell that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

7.1.2. Environmental Levy Application: Revive and Restore: Parker Lagoon Nature and Mind Rest Space

Executive Summary

An application has been received from the Lower Burdekin Landcare Association (LBLCA) requesting \$9,300.00 (excluding GST) from the Environmental Levy Fund. The funding will support the “Revive and Restore: Parker Lagoon Nature and Mind Rest Space” project, which aims to rehabilitate an overgrown area adjacent to Parkers Lagoon into a tranquil, nature-based retreat for community use. This report recommends Council approval of the funding request.

Recommendation

That Council approves the allocation of \$9,300.00 (excluding GST) from the Environmental Levy Fund to Lower Burdekin Landcare Association for the project Revive and Restore: Parker Lagoon Nature and Mind Rest Space.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Detenon, seconded Councillor Vasta that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10:01am - Ms. Govan left the meeting.

10:04am - Mr. Byers re-entered the meeting.

7.1.3. Trial Changes to Dalbeg Community Waste Skip Bin

Executive Summary

A 15m³ general waste skip bin was installed at Dalbeg Hall in November 2017 for domestic hard waste disposal. However, the bin has been consistently misused, with frequent disposal of prohibited items including metal, commercial waste, tyres, oil, mattresses, and hazardous materials such as gas bottles and waste oils. These practices pose safety risks and undermine the Council’s waste management objectives.

To address this issue, a six-month trial is proposed. The permanent bin will be removed, and Cleanaway will be engaged to deliver a 15m³ bin quarterly on a Saturday for a four-hour period. A casual waste attendant will supervise disposal and offer a pay-to-dispose service for commercial and recyclable items that attract a fee, using a tray-back utility and box trailer. This report is seeking approval for the six-month trial.

Recommendation

That Council:

- Remove the permanent skip bin at Dalbeg Hall.
- Engage Cleanaway to deliver a 15m³ bin quarterly on a Saturday for a four-hour period.
- Deploy a casual waste attendant to supervise disposal and manage a pay-to-dispose service for items such as:
 - Small commercial trailer or utility loads
 - Mattresses
 - Tyres
 - Gas bottles
- Trial the new service for six (6) months, with usage monitored and evaluated.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Furnell, seconded Councillor Vasta that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10:04am - Mr. Day and Mrs. Martin left the meeting.

10:05am - Mrs. Olsen left the meeting.

7.2. OPERATIONS

7.3. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

7.3.1. Adoption of Revised Floor Heights for Buildings with Habitable Rooms Policy

Executive Summary

The Floor Heights for Buildings with Habitable Rooms Policy aims to reduce the risk of inundation to habitable dwellings within the Burdekin Shire Local Government area, as a result of flood waters. The policy has been reviewed recently by Planning and Development Officers in accordance with the nominated 12-month policy review cycle with the policy to be updated to reflect the requirements of the State Planning Policy which requires the finished floor level of habitable rooms within a building to achieve a minimum 300mm above the defined flood level.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the revised Floor Heights for Buildings with Habitable Rooms Policy as attached to this report.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Detenon, seconded Councillor Vasta that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10:07am - Mrs. Olsen re-entered the meeting.

10:08am - Mr. Keane entered the meeting.

7.3.2. Cultural Heritage Study

Executive Summary

As part of the State's approval to commence Burdekin Shire Council's (Council) new 2022 *Burdekin Shire Council Planning Scheme* in March 2023, Urbis was engaged by Council in September 2024 to complete a Cultural Heritage Study as per the requirements of the State Planning Policy 2017. Urbis commenced the study in November 2024 and completed in July 2025.

This report provides Council with a copy of the completed study including recommendations for noting.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Note the Cultural Heritage Study (Final), dated July 2025, prepared by Urbis; and
2. Note the recommendations contained within the study, which are to be further considered at such times Council completes a major planning scheme amendment.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Musumeci, seconded Councillor Furnell that the recommendation be adopted, noting a minor change to the wording of Recommendation 1: the term 'Endorse' has been replaced with 'Note'."

CARRIED

10:13am - Mr. Tickle entered the meeting.

7.3.3. Request for Exemption of Bond Payment - Relocation of Dwelling at 42 Bartlett Road, Horseshoe Lagoon

Executive Summary

Council has received a written request from a local resident seeking exemption from the bond payment associated with the relocation of a dwelling onto their property.

The applicant has outlined significant personal hardship, including the recent loss of a child, medical challenges within the family, and the destruction of their caravan accommodation following heavy rainfall.

The applicant requests that Council waive the bond requirement and fast track the approval process to enable the relocation of a modest home onto their property to provide stability and safety for their family.

This report seeks Council's consideration of the request, taking into account the applicant's circumstances and relevant policy provisions, and potential implications for precedent and financial risk.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the exceptional personal hardship faced by the applicant and the potential community benefit in supporting a local family to establish stable housing; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to determine the matter under delegated authority, taking into account the applicant's individual circumstances, applicable policies.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Vasta, seconded Councillor Musumeci that the recommendation be adopted.

Amended Recommendation

That Council:

1. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to determine the matter under delegated authority, taking into account the applicant's individual circumstances, applicable policies.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Vasta, seconded Councillor Musuemci that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10:25am - Mr. Pearce left the meeting.

7.4. TECHNICAL SERVICES

7.4.1. School Transport Infrastructure Program

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council's endorsement of a funding submission to the Department of Transport and Main Roads School Transport Infrastructure Program which will seek funding to install school zone threshold treatments on Chippendale, Adelaide and Melbourne Streets, Ayr and a new footpath along Melbourne Street from the school to Palm Court to improve safety issues at the Burdekin Christian College. The proposed path will encourage pedestrians including children and parents to use the footpath and reduce people using the road carriageway and parking areas. The existing verge is steep and uneven in places which deters people from using it especially in wet weather.

The proposed threshold treatments are intended to increase driver awareness of the school zones.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the submission of a funding application to the Department of Transport and Main Roads School Transport Infrastructure Program of \$140,000.00 (excluding GST) for the installation school zone threshold treatments on Chippendale, Adelaide and Melbourne Streets, Ayr and a new footpath along Melbourne Street to address and improve safety issues at Burdekin Christian College.
2. Fund \$70,000.00 (excluding GST) as Council's 50% contribution to the total cost of the project if successful.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Furnell, seconded Councillor Hall that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

7.4.2. Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers - Trade Services - Plumbers, Builders, Carpenters, Fabricators, Painters, Cabinetmakers, Surveyors and Bore Maintenance

Executive Summary

Tenders for TBSC/25/025 – Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers – Trade Services – Plumbers, Builders, Carpenters, Fabricators, Painters, Cabinetmakers, Surveyors and Bore Maintenance closed on 18 September 2025 at 2:00pm.

Four hundred and sixty-six sets of documents were requested from prospective tenderers through Vendor Panel (Marketplace).

Ten tenders were received from companies at the nominated closing time. Five (5) were from local firms, three (3) from Townsville firms, one (1) from Mackay and one (1) from Brisbane.

No tenders were received for the categories of Painters and Cabinetmakers.

Recommendation

That Council accepts the tenders submitted by the following contractors for inclusion in the Register of Pre-qualified Suppliers - Trade Services, covering the categories of Plumbers, Builders, Carpenters, Fabricators, Painters, Cabinetmakers, Surveyors and Bore Maintenance:

- R.P.S. Consulting – Surveying
- Brazier Motti – Surveying
- Maxi-built Machinery – Fabrication
- Ferguson Plumbing – Plumbing
- Data Right Pty. Ltd. – Plumbing
- Michael Conway – Building, Carpentry and Concreting
- M.D.L. & Co. – Carpentry and Concreting
- B & M Drilling – Bore Maintenance
- Professional Pump Services and Irrigation – Bore Maintenance
- Eureka Water & Filtration – Bore Maintenance

The register will be effective for a period of two (2) years from 3 November 2025.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Furnell, seconded Councillor Musumeci that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

7.5. WATER AND WASTEWATER

7.5.1. Sewer Relining - Package 1

Executive Summary

Tenders for TBSC/25/026 - Sewer Relining - Package 1 closed on 18 September 2025 at 2:00pm.

Thirty-five sets of documents were requested and issued to prospective tenderers. Three (3) tenders were received at the nominated closing time, one (1) from Townsville, one (1) from Cairns and one (1) from Victoria.

Recommendation

That Council enters into a contract with Relining Solutions for \$462,219.00 (excluding GST) to undertake sewer and stormwater relining program in accordance with the 2025/2026 Capital Budget.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Furnell that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10:47am - Mr. Byers and Mr. Keane left the meeting.

7.5.2. Demand Management Policy - Integrated Water Management Strategy and Operational Standard Implementation

Executive Summary

This report presents the Integrated Water Management Strategy and the associated Operational Standard for the implementation of demand management. These documents establish a proactive framework to manage potable water demand, protect groundwater quality, and respond to contamination risks such as Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). The strategy outlines resilience building measures, community engagement, and infrastructure planning, while the operational standard provides a staged restriction model based on reservoir levels, aquifer drawdown, and PFAS thresholds.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorse the Integrated Water Demand Management Strategy as a guiding framework for water sustainability.
2. Adopt the Demand Management Operational Standard and Demand Management Policy for implementation across all Burdekin Shire communities.
3. Authorise the Executive Leadership Team to activate restriction stages as required under the standard in consultation with Council.
4. Endorse a move to Stage 1 management to support the upcoming planned works on the 10 ML Storage for the South Ayr Filtration Plant project.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Detenon, seconded Councillor Hall that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

10:48am - Mr. Tickle left the meeting.

10:48am - Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea.

10:59am - Meeting recommenced.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

9. RECEIPT OF PETITIONS

10. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

11.1. Late Councillor Report for August 2025

Recommendation

That Council notes the late August 2025 monthly report.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Furnell that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

11.2. Councillor Reports for September 2025

Recommendation

That Council notes the September 2025 monthly reports.

Resolution

Moved Councillor Hall, seconded Councillor Vasta that the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

12.1. Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting

Councillor Vasta highlighted her attendance at the Local Government Association of Queensland Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting, alongside Mayor Dalle Cort, Councillor Furnell and Mr. Magin. Councillor Vasta appreciated the opportunity to attend and found the Conference valuable, with Councillor Furnell seconding these comments.

Mayor Dalle Cort noted that Burdekin Shire Council's two (2) motions were tabled at the Annual General Meeting and passed. The two (2) motions were:

1. Residential Tenancies Act reform to address housing availability; and
2. Development of a sector-wide AI policy framework and support for adoption of ethical, efficient AI in Local Government.

12.2. *Local Government Act 2009 Reforms through the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill*

Councillor Oar noted the recent announcement of the *Local Government Act 2009 Reforms through the Local Government (Empowering Councils) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill* which will be tabled in Parliament this year. Councillors noted the key changes proposed including:

- re-empowering Councillors to appoint senior Council staff, giving them a say in senior, strategic appointments to the Council,
- clarifying the powers of the Mayor and other Councillors to provide certainty about their responsibilities,
- removing conduct breaches from the Councillor conduct framework and streamlining training requirements, so Councillors can focus delivering for their communities,
- allowing election candidates to include contact information other than their residential address, protecting the privacy and safety of participants, and
- making the conflict-of-interest framework clearer and more straightforward, to remove red tape from Councillors without sacrificing integrity in government.

12.3. Request for Deputation to Council - Gerard Tuffin of Tuffin Harvesting Pty Ltd

Councillor Oar noted correspondence received by Councillors directly from Mr. Gerard Tuffin of Tuffin Harvesting Pty Ltd, which requested a deputation at an upcoming Council Meeting. Councillors requested further information be presented to them, which will occur at the Council Workshop to be held on 4 November 2025.

12.4. Tender Updates - Residential Activation Fund and Mould Remediation

Mr. Stewart provided an update to Councillors on recent Tenders including the Residential Activation Fund and Mould Remediation. Mr. Stewart noted that a presentation will be made to Councillors at the Council Workshop to be held on 4 November 2025, before being tabled at the Council Meeting on 11 November 2025 for decision.

Mr. Magin noted that the second round of the Residential Activation Fund is expected to be released in early 2026.

12.5. Community Cabinet - Mackay - 2 November 2025

Mr. Magin noted that Council has requested delegations with a number of Ministers at the upcoming Community Cabinet Meeting to be held in Mackay on 2 November 2025. Mr. Magin noted that delegations have not been confirmed; however early indications show the two (2) are successful:

1. Minister Mickelberg - Redevelopment of the Craig Street and Bruce Highway intersection in Ayr to enable a second entrance to the Ayr Industrial Estate; and
 2. Minister Last and Minister Leahy - Future roles and responsibilities of River Trusts in managing riverine environments.
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12.6. Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland - Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting - Burdekin - 29 October 2025

Mayor Dalle Cort advised that Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland will be holding their Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting at the Burdekin Shire Council Chambers on Wednesday 29 October 2025. Mayor Dalle Cort highlighted that the Board would be undertaking site inspections, including one to the Macroalgae Bioremediation Facility.

Mayor Dalle Cort advised that the North Queensland Regional Organisation of Councils (NQROC) will also be hosting their upcoming meeting in the Burdekin in November 2025 and will also undertake site inspections. Mayor Dalle Cort invited Councillors to attend.

12.7. Local Government Mutual Services 2025 Risk Excellence Awards

Mayor Dalle Cort acknowledged the recent Local Government Mutual Services 2025 Risk Excellence Award received by Burdekin Shire Council for delivering the world's first macroalgae wastewater treatment facility, protecting the Great Barrier Reef through nature-based innovation. Mayor Dalle Cort commended the nomination undertaken by Council Officers and acknowledged that Burdekin Shire Council receives \$20,000.00 in funding to further invest in risk management.

13. CLOSED BUSINESS ITEMS

14. DELEGATION

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:17am.

These minutes were confirmed by Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 11 November 2025.

MAYOR
