

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 30 OCTOBER 2024 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 2:15 PM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr W M Taylor chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr C J O'Neil, Cr J R P Birkett, Cr M K Brumpton, Cr A K Davis, Cr P J Flynn, Cr J M Hancock, Cr B R Seawright, Cr J R Vincent, Chief Executive Officer – Robert Hayward and Nikita Townsley Minutes Officer in attendance.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 2.23pm.

BUSINESS

Declaration of Interest

Item	3 - Staff Engagement Survey – Session 1 & 2
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 30 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Wendy Taylor
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	My brother-in-law, Ian Andrews
Particulars of Interest	Ian is employed by Maranoa Regional Council.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting/briefing. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision/briefing.

Resolution No. SM/10.2024/36	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Vincent
That it is in the public interest that Councillor Taylor participates in the discussion on agenda item 3 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.	
CARRIED	5/0

Declaration of Interest

Item	3 – Staff Engagement Survey – Session 1 & 2
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 30 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Amber Davis
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	My husband, Wayne Davis
Particulars of Interest	My husband is employed by Maranoa Regional Council.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting/briefing. However, I will

	respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision/briefing.
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Resolution No. SM/10.2024/37	
Moved Cr Seawright	Seconded Cr Vincent
That it is in the public interest that Councillor Davis participates in the discussion on agenda item 3 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.	
CARRIED	5/0

Declaration of Interest

Item	3 – Staff Engagement Survey – Session 1 & 2
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 30 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Meryl Brumpton
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	My daughter, Erin Brumpton
Particulars of Interest	Erin is employed by Maranoa Regional Council.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting/briefing. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision/briefing.

Resolution No. SM/10.2024/38	
Moved Cr Vincent	Seconded Cr Seawright
That it is in the public interest that Councillor Brumpton participates in the discussion on agenda item 3 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.	
CARRIED	5/0

Declaration of Interest

Item	3 - Staff Engagement Survey – Session 1 & 2
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 30 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr John Birkett
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	My sister, Elena Irwin
Particulars of Interest	Elena is employed by Maranoa Regional Council
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting/briefing. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision/briefing.

Resolution No. SM/10.2024/39	
Moved Cr Seawright	Seconded Cr Vincent

That it is in the public interest that Councillor Birkett participates in the discussion on agenda item 3 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.

CARRIED

5/0

Item Number:

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File Number: D24/103919

SUBJECT HEADING:

UPCOMING BRIEFING TOPICS | COUNCILLOR
BRIEFING – 30 OCTOBER 2024

Officer's Title:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

A declarable conflict of interest has been identified by a number of Councillors for a topic included on a Councillor Briefing scheduled on 30 October 2024. As the briefing / workshop is not a decision-making forum, a Special Meeting has been organised for eligible Councillors to consider this conflict and any other conflicts declared.

Resolution No. SM/10.2024/40

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Birkett

That Council receive and note the Officer's report as presented.

CARRIED

9/0

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2.29pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 13 November 2024.