



**MINUTES OF YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE YARRABAH ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON THURSDAY, 23 DECEMBER 2021 AT 3.00PM**

PRESENT: Cr Ross Andrews (Mayor), Cr David Baird, Cr Lucrecia Willett, Cr Kenneth Jackson

IN ATTENDANCE: Leon Yeatman (CEO)

1 WELCOME

Mayor Andrews declared the meeting open at 10.37 am.

The Mayor welcomed councillors and staff members present to the meeting.

The Mayor acknowledged the traditional custodians from both Gunggandji and Mandingalbay Yidinji nations also he acknowledged the South Sea Islanders, whose elders, past present and emerging still reside in Yarrabah, on whose country the meeting is being held today.

Acknowledgment also offered for our historical elders past present and emerging who also call Yarrabah home and support the progress in the shire.

One minutes silence was observed to respect those who have passed away.

2 APOLOGIES

Councillor Underwood apologises but was not able to attend due to previous commitments.

RESOLUTION 01:23/12/2021

That the apology received from Cr Underwood be accepted and leave of absence granted.

Moved: Cr Ross Andrews

Seconded: Cr David Baird

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES

The Mayor reminded the Councillors of the requirement to declare their conflicts of interest to the CEO prior to the meeting and called on all councillors to re-declare them now.

No declarations made.

4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 POSTPONEMENT OF YARRABAH MUSIC FESTIVAL

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

Discuss risks posed to the Yarrabah Music & Cultural Festival planned for April 2022– Covid Omicron and Vaccination issues (policing covid mandates, staffing, local performers and support crew). Action required mitigating risks identified for the event.

The CEO read to the report.

Joel Edmondson from Queensland Music Festival raised concerns about the planned 2022 Yarrabah Culture & Music Festival. Discuss risks posed by boarder opening on 12/12/21, the heightened potential spread of the highly contagious Omicron variant and Vaccination issues (policing covid mandates, staffing, local performers and support crew) for Yarrabah.

Council advised that risk mitigation action required to secure maximum opportunity for the event.

The CEO advised council that supporting the recommendation would secure the event and manage risks. Council informed the postponement will also allow the event to realign with the 2023 Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair – how the event was originally planned.

RESOLUTION 02:23/12/2021

That Council endorse the recommendation provided by the QMF to post pone the Yarrabah Cultural and Music Festival to 2023. The action will allow the current developments with the Coronavirus Pandemic to pass and offer financial security for the event.

Moved: Cr Kenneth Jackson

Seconded: Cr Lucrecia Willett

CARRIED

5 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE

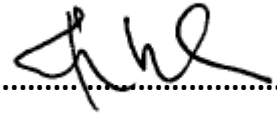
Councillors to provide updates on Meetings and Trips and other information for the meeting.

6 CLOSE OF MEETING

Date for the next Council Ordinary Meeting is Wednesday 19 January 2022.

The Mayor thanked the councillors and staff for their participation and attendance at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 10.48 am.



MAYOR