



Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council

Ordinary Council | Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday 17 June 2025

Time: 9.11am

Venue: Council Administration and MS Teams

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1. Opening of Meeting

- 1.1 Welcome | Opening of Meeting
- 1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

2. Attendance, Leave of Absence and Apologies

2.1 Attendance

Councillors:

- Councillor Alister Gibson, Mayor
- Councillor Robert Bloomfield
- Councillor Nikita Tayley
- Councillor Lucas Creek

WWASC Staff Representatives

- Acting Chief Executive Officer, John Kelly
- Operations Manager, Works and Building Services, Perry Gould
- Financial Accountant, Khushwant Kumar
- Community Services Manager, Kesa Strieby
- Executive Assistant, Bronwyn Barry (secretariat)

2.2 Leave of Absence | Apologies

Apology - Councillor Claudia Doughboy, Deputy Mayor – ***NOTE: Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy attended the meeting by telephone for item 12.1***

Apology - Finance Manager, Arminda David



2.3 Visitors | Presenters

The schedule for these presentations is as follows:

Time	Topic	Agency/Presenter
11:30 – 12:15am	Wujal Wujal Place of Refuge and Administration Building - Council Design review	Peddle Thorp, Alana Coburn
To be rescheduled for the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 July 2025	Small Business	Many Rivers, Patrick McArthur

3. Condolences | Congratulations

Condolences Snider Family Kuranda

Condolences to Arminda David

Congratulations – Teanna Darken started with Council on 4 June 2025 as a trainee for Receptionist/Administration.

Congratulations - AFL Crusaders - Lilly Tranby, Muyarr Solomon and Akeelah Doughboy

Congratulations - Rikkiesa Walker recently started working at the Bloomfield River State School

4. Mayoral Motion

Mayoral minutes/motion are used to introduce urgent/non routine matters only.



5. Confirmation of minutes of the Previous Meeting

5.1 Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting | 20 May 2025

Refer to [Appendix 1 \(Page 2 of the Appendices\)](#) to review the minutes of the meeting held 20 May 2025.

Resolution: Acceptance of the minutes meeting held Tuesday 20 May 2025

Resolution:	That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 May 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20250617-01	

5.2 Minutes of the Special Council Meeting | 27 May 2025

Refer to [Appendix 2 \(Page 27 of the Appendices\)](#) to review the minutes of the meeting held 27 May 2025.

Resolution: Acceptance of the minutes meeting held Tuesday 27 May 2025

Resolution:	That the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 27 May 2025 be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20250617-02	

6. Declarations of Interest in the matters on the Agenda

- Declaration of Prescribed Conflict of Interest of any Item of Business
- Declaration of Declarable Conflict of Interest of any Item of Business
- Councillors to review existing Registers of Interest and Related Parties Disclosures

7. Business Arising or Outstanding Matters from Previous Meeting



8. Items for Consideration and Decision

8.1 Microgrid Project

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Microgrid Project
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Status:	Decision

Refer to **Appendix 3 (page 31 of the Appendices) Attachment 3.1 - Presentation - Attachment 3.2 – (page 41) Wujal Wujal Solar Farm Flood Layer Attachment 3.3 – (page 42) WJL-SOW-0004 – Wujal Wujal Council Clearing-Volt Advisory**

Purpose

The microgrid will deliver increased resilience for the community, particularly during extreme weather events such as Cyclone Jasper. It will enable the continued supply of power to sections of the community that maintain poles and wires connectivity, allowing impacted families to relocate to powered homes during these events. In addition, the microgrid will ensure the ongoing operation of critical services including the Telstra tower, Health Centre, and water and sewerage systems, significantly mitigating the impacts of such extreme events.

Background

Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation and Volt Advisory are undertaking the microgrid project to provide more reliable power to the Wujal Wujal community.

It is proposed the microgrids will be built on Council's quarry site on Cape Tribulation Road, as agreed from the previous Councillors in 2023. The project will span 30 years and Jabalbina and Volt Advisory have confirmed all maintenance, risk management, materials, equipment, replacements, insurance and works on the site will be the responsibility of Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation.

If Council agrees to lease the site to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation, Council's lawyers would ensure the lease would minimise the risk to Council.

Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation and Volt Advisory have requested approval to mow and tidy the quarry site for initial inspections to take place prior to construction of the microgrid.

Council has advised that cultural monitors will have to be consulted during clearing the quarry site.

Resolution: Microgrid

Resolution:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council agrees in principle to lease the quarry site to Jabalbina Yalanji Aboriginal Corporation for the microgrid project, subject to negotiation and agreement of Terms and Conditions including length of term, fees and other special and general conditions. 2. Council approves the clearing and tidying of the quarry site. Council has requested Operations Manager Perry Gould to investigate whether our Council workforce could undertake the clearing and tidying of this site for the purposes of the microgrid project for Jabalbina (at their cost) and to include whether Council has sufficient machinery and manpower to undertake the work. 	
Moved:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Nikita Tayley	
Resolution No	20250617-03	



8.2 ALGA National General Assembly

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	ALGA National General Assembly
Reporting Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Status:	Decision

Purpose

To provide Councillors with information to inform their decision regarding attendance at the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly (ALGA NGA) to determine who should attend.

Background

The ALGA NGA is the primary Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly for the year and includes this year some interesting and potentially valuable items on the program, in addition to the value that will be gained from advocacy and networking.

LGAQ Annual NGA Breakfast

The annual NGA Breakfast will feature keynote speaker Brendan Moon AM, Coordinator-General of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and new Shadow Minister for Local Government Dr Anne Webster MP. The theme for 2025 is 'Weathering the Storm: Working together to face Queensland's evolving disasters', off the back of the significant weather events impacting 73 of our 77 councils across the North, Southeast, and Central and Southwest of Queensland in 2025. This breakfast offers a valuable opportunity for Queensland's elected members to engage directly with Federal Ministers, Queensland MPs and Senators, and key policy makers.

Proposed Resolution:

That Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy and Cr Lucas Creek attend the ALGA NGA in Canberra.

Resolution: ALGA NGA Attendance

Resolution:	Council endorses Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy and Cr Lucas Creek to attend the ALGA NGA in Canberra on behalf of Council.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Nikita Tayley	
Resolution No	20250617-04	



8.3 Rodeo 2025 | Status Update and endorsement of date

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Rodeo 2025 | Status Update and endorsement of date
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive Officer
Status: Decision

Overview

The Wujal Wujal Rodeo 2025 (the "Wujal Rodeo") was originally scheduled for Saturday 13 September 2025. The event was being coordinated in affiliation with the Australian Bushmen’s Campdraft and Rodeo Association (ABCRA). However, ABCRA has since advised that they are unable to support the event on the agreed date and have requested a change to Saturday 4 October 2025.

Despite ABCRA’s withdrawal, efforts are ongoing to secure an alternative rodeo contractor to ensure the successful delivery of the 2025 event.

Event Management

Event planning was initially led by Community Services Manager, Kesa Strieby. Given the workload and the need for her to focus on higher-level Community Services Manager KPIs and grant reporting responsibilities, the management of the Rodeo event has been transitioned to Governance Officer, Tania Edwards.

Kick’n Up Dust in The Rainforest |Status Report

We are currently in the process of sourcing an alternative contractor for the event. Two potential providers have been engaged and are expected to submit quotes shortly:

1. **North Queensland Rodeo Association**
 - o Connecting us with a contractor for supply of bulls and chutes.
 - o Quote expected within the week.
2. **Borghero Mini Buckers (Danny and Leah Borghero)**
 - o Organised the Wujal Rodeo in 2021.
 - o Offering a complete rodeo package including advertising, set-up/pack-down, licenses, and insurance.
 - o Also providing a quote for a youth coaching session the day prior to the event.
 - o Their quote is expected within two weeks.

Both providers have confirmed availability for the proposed new date of 4 October 2025.

Resolution: Rodeo 2025 – new date proposed Saturday 4 October 2025.

Resolution:	Council endorses the new date proposed for the Wujal Wujal Rodeo as Saturday 4 October 2025 and that the liquor licence will only cover the rodeo site and Wujal Wujal AMP will remain in force for the town.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20250617-05	



8.4 Project Scope - Elders' Residences Redevelopment Project

Report to:	Mayor and Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Project Scope - Elders' Residences Redevelopment Project
Prepared by:	Chief Executive Officer
Status:	Decision

Purpose:

To confirm Council's direction for the Elders' Residences Redevelopment Project scope and the development of 3x concept options.

- **Option 1 - Housing (self-contained)**
 - Maximising yield across the sites with self-contained (1 and 2 bedroom) accommodation
- **Option 2 - Housing (combination)**
 - Maximising yield across the sites with a mix of self-contained (1 and 2 bedroom) and shared accommodation with communal living, kitchen, and social spaces
- **Option 3 – Housing and wrap-around services**
 - Maximising yield across the sites with a mix of self-contained (1 and 2 bedroom) and shared accommodation with communal living, kitchen, and social spaces
 - Incorporation of wrap-around services as confirmed by Council

Resolution: [Project Scope for the Elders' Residences Redevelopment Project](#)

Resolution:	Council has deferred consideration of the Elders' Residences Redevelopment Project until the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 July 2025 and invite Danielle Sturton, Department of Housing and Public Works to provide an updated presentation to Council.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20250617-06	



9. Reports: Elected Members and Council Officers

9.1 Mayor's Monthly Portfolio Report

Report to: Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Portfolio Report: Finance, Governance and all other portfolios
Reporting Officer: Councillor Alister Gibson, Mayor
Status: Noting

Mayor Alister Gibson represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council since the last Ordinary Council meeting 20 May 2025 and reported on his portfolio: Governance, Finance and all other portfolios.

Note: Mayor met Noosa Mayor Frank Wilkie at the Queensland Disaster Management Conference in Brisbane. Mayor Wilkie has invited Wujal Wujal Council to visit Noosa Council to see how they deal with disaster management.

Action: Executive Assistant Bronwyn Barry to contact Noosa Council to organise a visit.

Resolution: That Council note Mayor Alister Gibson's portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Mayor Alister Gibson's portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Lucas Creek	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20250617-07	

9.2 Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy: Economic Development, Tourism and Health

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Portfolio Report: Economic Development, Tourism and Health
Reporting Officer: Councillor Claudia Doughboy, Deputy Mayor
Status: Noting

Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 May 2025 and reports on her portfolio: Economic Development, Tourism and Health.

Resolution: That Council note Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy's portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Deputy Mayor Claudia Doughboy's portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20250617-08	



9.3 Councillor Robert Bloomfield: Community Sports and Lifestyle

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Portfolio Report: Community, Sports and Lifestyle
Reporting Officer: Councillor Robert Bloomfield
Status: Noting

Councillor Robert Bloomfield represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 May 2025 and reports on his portfolio: Community, Sports and Lifestyle.

Resolution: That Council note Councillor Robert Bloomfield’s portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Councillor Robert Bloomfield’s portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20250617-09	

9.4 Councillor Nikita Tayley: Environment and Culture

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Portfolio Report: Environment and Culture
Reporting Officer: Councillor Nikita Tayley
Status: Noting

Councillor Nikita Tayley represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 May 2025 and reports on her portfolio: Environment and Culture.

Resolution: That Council note Councillor Nikita Tayley’s portfolio report as presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Councillor Nikita Tayley’s portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Mayor Alister Gibson	
Resolution No	20250617-10	



9.5 Councillor Lucas Creek: Law and Order

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Monthly Portfolio Report: Law and Order
Reporting Officer:	Councillor Lucas Creek
Status:	Noting

Councillor Lucas Creek represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last Ordinary Council meeting on 20 May 2025 and reports on his portfolio: Law and Order.

Resolution: That Council note Councillor Lucas Creek's portfolio report presented.

Resolution:	Council noted Councillor Lucas Creek's portfolio report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20250617-11	

9.6 Chief Executive Officer Report

Report to:	Mayor and Councillors
Subject:	Chief Executive Officer's Report
Reporting Officer:	A/Chief Executive Officer John Kelly
Status:	Noting

The A/Chief Executive Officer represented the interests of the Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council at the following meetings since the last council meeting on 20 May 2025.

Discussion

In a closed session – consideration of the Chief Executive Officers contract term

The current contract expires in October 2025. Council needs to decide whether to extend the contract or advertise the position to test the market.

A/Chief Executive Officer will table a recommendation based on discussions held with the Mayor and Councillors at the councillors pre-meeting briefing on Wednesday 11 June 2025.

Resolution: Acceptance of the A/Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Report

Resolution:	That Council receive the A/Chief Executive Officer's Monthly Report as presented.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Lucas Creek	
Resolution No	20250617-12	

Meeting adjourned at 10:04am for morning tea

Meeting resumed at 10:30am



9.7 Corporate and Commercial Report

Report to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Monthly Portfolio Report: Corporate and Commercial Finance Report
Reporting Officer:	Finance Accountant Khush Kumar
Status:	Noting

Refer to [Appendix 6](#) (Page 60 of the Appendices) to view Financial Report.

Action: Financial Accountant Khush Kumar to provide Councillors with expenditure breakdown of all Council capital projects, what funds are coming in and going out.

Resolution: Acceptance of the Corporate and Commercial Report

Resolution:	That Council accept the Financial Corporate and Commercial Report as presented.	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20250617-13	



9.8 Operations Report

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Operations Report
Reporting Officer: Operations Manager, Perry Gould
Status: Noting/Information

This report outlines the works undertaken during the month of May 2025 including Civil, Building, Water Supply, Sewer Services, Parks and Gardens, Animal Management, Environmental Health, Disaster Management.

Council discussed a proposal from a local contractor to lease part of the council's quarry site.

Key points:

- The contractor inquired about using the site, which council is considering, more information is needed, including a plan showing the proposed area, operating hours, and potential impacts like dust/noise
- Council will visit the site, get more details, and present the proposal at the next council meeting on 15 July 2025 for further consideration

Resolution:	Council requests more information to be presented at the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 July 2025 by Manager Operation Perry Gould, to consider the proposal to lease part of the Council quarry site at the bottom of China Camp Road.	
Moved:		Lost/Carried
Seconded:		
Resolution No		

Resolution: Acceptance of the Works and Building Services Monthly Report.

Resolution:	That Council receive the Works and Building Services Monthly Report for May 2025 as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Lucas Creek	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Nikita Tayley	
Resolution No	20250617-14	

9.9 Community Services Report

Report to: Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject: Monthly Community Services Report
Reporting Officer: Community Services Manager, Kesa Strieby
Status: Noting

This report outlines the works undertaken during the month of May 2025.

Resolution: Council accept the Community Services Report for May 2025

Resolution:	Council accepts the Community Services Report as presented.	
Moved:	Cr Nikita Tayley	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20250617-15	



10. Presentations to Council

10.1 Wujal Wujal Place of Refuge and Administration Building - Council Design review

Presentation to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Wujal Wujal Place of Refuge and Administration Building - Council Design review
Presenters:	Peddle Thorp, Alana Coburn
Status:	Discussion
Time on agenda:	11:00 – 11:45am

11:28am presentation started.

Peddle Thorp attendees:

- Alana Coburn
- Esther Chew

Alanna and Esther from Peddle Thorp presented the concept designs for the Wujal Wujal Place of Refuge and the Council Administration Building. They provided an overview of the two sites - the Place of Refuge is located on higher ground near the existing Men's Shed, while the Administration Building is situated closer to the river and more susceptible to flooding.

Focus has shifted on the Place of Refuge from a multi-purpose sports facility to a more flexible community centre. Key features include a large hall space, activity room, and disaster coordination centre. The design aims to connect the building to the outdoors through elements like verandas, natural ventilation, and integration with the future Arts Centre.

Peddle Thorp is working to update cost estimates, as the steep site may require additional retaining walls and remediation work. There are also questions around whether the accommodation unit can be included in the funding, which would significantly impact the building layout

The Administration Building will have three main areas: council offices and executive spaces, shared community facilities like the Indigenous Knowledge Centre and digital call centre, and a small two-bedroom accommodation unit. The design prioritises an open, welcoming entry and connection to the river through large verandas.

The team plans to proceed with community engagement sessions in July to gather feedback on the concepts. They will also work to finalise the engagement schedule and coordinate with the various stakeholders, including the Department of Local Government.

Actions:

- **Ricardo Sandoval Lillo (RILIPO)** to finalise community consultation dates (15-17 July) with Council next week.
- **A/CEO John Kelly** to email Alan Neilan requesting Ricardo's attendance on 15 July 2025 for the community consultation.
- **Alanna Coburn** to discuss accommodation component with Grants Officer Stephanie Little and Operations Manager Perry Gould.



- **Operations Manager Perry Gould** to arrange a meeting with Mel Ison regarding the possibility of including staff accommodation in the administration building funding. Perry to include Ricardo Sandoval in this meeting.

Operations Manager Perry Gould and A/CEO John Kelly reported on their attendance at the LGGSP meeting on Friday 13 June and in particular on the suggestion by Mark Askins LGGSP A/Manager on the feasibility of combining both the Refuge Centre and the Administration Building onto the one site near the Men’s Shed to save on costs. Council is not in favour of this suggestion as it would remove the Administration Centre from the centre of Town. This is not desirable nor acceptable. Council directed the Architect Peddle Thorp to proceed on the bases of two separate buildings – the Administration Building in the centre of Town and the Refuge Centre next to the Men’s Shed.

Resolution: Council note the presentation by Peddle Thorp

Resolution:	Council notes the Wujal Wujal Place of Refuge and Administration Building - Council Design review presentation by Peddle Thorp	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 4/4
Seconded:	Cr Robert Bloomfield	
Resolution No	20250617-16	

Meeting adjourned at 12:30pm

Meeting resumed at 1:10am

10.2 Small Businesses

Presentation to:	Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer
Subject:	Small Businesses
Presenters:	Patrick McArthur, Many Rivers
Status:	Discussion
Time on agenda:	11:45am – 12:15pm

Refer to **Appendix 7 (page 71 of the Appendices)**

This presentation will be rescheduled to the next Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 July 2025.

Resolution: Council note the presentation by Many Rivers

Resolution:	Council notes the Small Business presentation by Many Rivers	
Moved:		Lost/Carried
Seconded:		
Resolution No		



11. General Business

Council discussed ongoing challenges with stray and uncontrolled dogs in the community, including:

- Incidents of aggressive dogs threatening or attacking residents
 - Residents having too many dogs at their homes, creating nuisance issues
 - Difficulties enforcing animal management regulations and impounding dogs
 - Plans to engage an external animal management service provider to help address the problems
 - The need for more community education and enforcement to address irresponsible pet ownership
 - This issue should be raised at the next Community Meeting.
- **Deputy Mayor**
 - Vandalism is a problem in community; Art Centre toilets need to be cleaned up. Toilets next to hall don't seem to be getting cleaned regularly.
 - Deputy Mayor has suggested some sort of incentive to get the children to help clean up the hall.
 - Councillors would like it to be considered to close the hall at 5:00pm not 6:00pm.
 - Councillors would like it to be considered that If the children keep giving attitude to hall supervisors, then close the hall for a day as a consequence.
 - **Mayor Alister Gibson**
 - Council officers took the Mayor's trailer to the rubbish dump and only called him after it was taken. The Mayor has asked Council staff to inform people if they are going to come and take away personal property. Council needs more communication with community members.
 - Mayor and Councillors have asked what chemicals council is using when spraying in and around community and can signage be erected when spraying is occurring. Operations Manager confirmed Roundup was used for spraying in community.
 - Apunipima are holding a free Mental Health Workshop "family Wellbeing program" on 24-25 June 2025 from 8:30am – 4:00pm at MyPathway.
 - **Cr Robert Bloomfield –**
 - Cr Bloomfield asked if fundraising money for the football team and go into a Council account. Cr Bloomfield will be organising a BBQ to raise funds for the team. A/CEO John Kelly advised that he would see if he could get a Wayne Bennett jersey for a fundraising raffle.
 - **Cr Nikita Tayley**
 - Cr Tayley would like to know if Council staff driving the ATV/side by side have the appropriate tickets.
 - How do people put in an EOI for a Rodeo stall? Community Services Manager Kesa Strieby will take the calls and forward them on to Tania Edwards who is now organising the Rodeo.
 - Cr Tayley said that she was attacked by a wild dog (Travis dog) in Community on her the way to work. Cr Tayley did not put in a complaint but asked that staff inform the owner to control his dog.
 - **Cr Lucas Creek**
 - A community member raised concerns that some residents are having difficulty accessing their mail due to mobility issues or other barriers. Council discussed potential solutions, including; exploring options for the Council to assist with mail delivery or provide more centralised mailboxes; acknowledging the limitations on the Council's ability to take on postal services directly and agreeing to further investigate the issue and potential ways to support affected residents.



- The council discussed a request from the Mayor of Hope Vale for a letter of support for a consortium bid to provide RAES services in the Cook region.

Key points:

- The consortium includes several Aboriginal councils and organisations
 - The council agreed to seek legal advice on the implications of participating before deciding whether to provide a letter of support
 - This matter to be brought back to the 15 July Council meeting with the legal advice.
- Community Meeting
Action – Executive Assistant Bronwyn Barry to find a date in early July for the Community meeting.
 - State of the Region Roadshow – any Councillors want to attend see Bronwyn Barry
 - Community Services Manager advised that her house was broken into last Thursday (12/6/25) as well as a few other houses and the depot.
 - Operations Manager advised that there was a break in at the depot last night (16-6-2025).

The Meeting agreed to go into Closed session for the purpose of considering a report from the A/Chief Executive Officer John Kelly dealing with a staff matter. The public left the meeting.

12. Closed Session

The Mayor reported that whilst in the closed session Council considered the Contract of Employment for the Chief Executive Officer.

12.1 Consideration of Contract of Employment for Chief Executive Officer

Report to:	CEO, Mayor and Councillors
Subject:	Consideration of Contract of Employment for Chief Executive Officer
Prepared by:	Acting Chief Executive Officer, John Kelly
Status:	Report: NOT FOR PUBLIC RELEASE

Deputy Mayor joined the meeting on speaker phone for this report.

The closed session began at 2:10pm and finished at 2:57pm

Resolution: [Contract of Employment of the Chief Executive Officer](#)

Resolution:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council advises the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) that it will await the outcome of the audit into the overtime matter before deciding on offering a new Contract, 2. Council approves extending the existing Contract of employment for the CEO for a further 6 months from the 17 October 2025 until the overtime audit is released and considered by Council. 	
Moved:	Mayor Alister Gibson	Carried 5/5
Seconded:	Cr Robert Creek	
Resolution No	20250617-17	



13. Next Ordinary Council Meeting Date

The next Ordinary Council Meeting is set for Tuesday 15 July 2025.

14. Meeting Closure

Meeting closed at 2:57pm

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