



# **ORDINARY MEETING**

***Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2021***

***at 10.00 am***

***Council Board Room***

***Doomadgee***

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### **Item 1 - Declaration of Opening**

On establishing there is a quorum, the Chair will declare the meeting open.

### **Item 2 - Condolences**

A Minutes Silence will be held for departed Community Members: Mrs Doreen Peter, Mr Albert Daly, Ms. Saritta Lorraine and Master Vanlee Mitchell.

### **Item 3 - Record of Attendance and Leave of Absence**

#### **Elected Members**

Mayor Jason Ned  
Cr. Antoinette Diamond  
Cr. Elijah Douglas by Teleconference  
Cr. Myron Johnny  
Cr. Athol Walden

#### **Staff**

Troy Fraser –Chief Executive Officer  
Colin Duffy – Director of Corporate Services (to present his report)  
Robert Bottger - Director of Engineering (to present his report)  
Craig Oxlade – Director Economic and Community Development (to present his report)  
Marilou McKay – Finance Manager (call in if required)  
Pam Danaher – PA to CEO/Minute Taker

#### **Absentees**

### **Item 4 - Obligations of Councillors**

#### **4.1 PRESCRIBED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 2 Section 150EG when a Councillor has a prescribed conflict of interest – particular gifts or loans**

- (1) A Councillor has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter if –
  - (a) A gift or a loan is given by an entity (the donor) that has an interest in the matter in a circumstance mentioned in subsection (2); and
  - (b) The gift or loan is given during the relevant term for the Councillor; and
  - (c) All gifts, loans or sponsored travel or accommodation benefits under Section 150EH given by the donor to the Councillor, or a close associate of the Councillor, during the Councillor's relevant term total \$2,000 or more.
- (2) For subsection (1)(a), the circumstances are –
  - (a) Where –
    - (i) The donor gives the gift or loan to the Councillor; and
    - (ii) The gift or loan is required to be the subject of a return under the Local Government Electoral Act, Part 6; or
  - (b) Where –

- (i) The donor gives the gift or loan to a group of candidates for an election when the Councillor is a member of the group, or a political party that endorses the Councillor for an election; and
  - (ii) The Councillor is a candidate in the election; and
  - (iii) The gift or loan is required to be the subject of a return under the Local Government Electoral Act, Part 6 or the Electoral Act Part 11 Division 11; or
  - (c) Where the donor gives a gift to the Councillor, or a close associate of the Councillor, other than in a circumstance mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).
- (2A) Subsection (3) applies for gifts or loans given by a donor –
- (a) To a group of candidates when the Councillor is a member of the group; or
  - (b) To a political party that endorses the Councillor.
- (3) For working out the total gifts or loans given by the donor for subsection (1)(a), the amount of each gift or loan given to the group or political party must first be divided by –
- (a) For a group of candidates for an election – the total number of candidates in the group stated in the record of the membership of the group under the Local Government Electoral Act 2011, Section 41; or
  - (b) For a political party endorsing the candidate for an election – the total number of candidates endorsed by the political party in Queensland on the nomination day for the election under the Local Government Electoral Act 2011.

**Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 2 Section 150EH when a Councillor has a prescribed conflict of interest – sponsored travel or accommodation benefits**

- (1) A Councillor has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter if –
- (a) A sponsored travel or accommodation benefit is given by an entity (the donor) that has an interest in the matter to –
    - (i) The Councillor; or
    - (ii) A close associate of the Councillor; and
  - (b) The sponsored travel or accommodation benefit is given –
    - (i) During the relevant term for the Councillor; and
    - (ii) While the Councillor holds office as Councillor; and
  - (c) All gifts, loans or sponsored travel or accommodation benefits given by the donor to the Councillor or close associate during the Councillor's relevant term total \$2,000.00 or more.
- (1A) Section 150EG(2A) and (3) applies for working out the total gifts or loans given by the donor for subsection (1)(c).
- (2) In this section –
- Employment-related or upgraded, in relation to a person's travel or accommodation, means –
- (a) The travel or accommodation is paid for by the State or a local government; or
  - (b) The travel or accommodation –
    - (i) Is undertaken or used by the person in the course of the person's employment; and
    - (ii) Is contributed to, whether financially or non-financially, by the person's employer; or
  - (c) If the person is a director or a corporation – the travel or accommodation –
    - (i) Is undertaken or used by the person in the course of carrying out the person's duties as a director; and
    - (ii) Is contributed to, whether financially or non-financially, by the corporation; or
  - (d) If the travel is airline travel – an upgrade to the travel is given by the provider of the travel for no charge; or  
*(example – a free air travel upgrade to business class)*
  - (e) An upgrade to the accommodation is given by the provider of the accommodation for no charge.  
*(example – a free accommodation upgrade to a larger room)*
- Sponsored travel or accommodation benefit, received by a person, means travel or accommodation undertaken or used by the person, other than employment-related or upgraded travel or accommodation, if –
- (a) Another entity contributed, whether financially or non-financially, to the cost of the travel or accommodation; and
  - (b) The other entity is not the person's spouse, other family member or friend.

**Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 2 Section 150EI when a Councillor has a prescribed conflict of interest – other**

A Councillor has a prescribed conflict of interest in a matter if –

- (a) The matter is or relates to a contract between the Local Government and the Councillor, or a close associate of the Councillor, for –
  - (i) The supply of goods or services to the Local Government; or
  - (ii) The lease or sale of assets by the Local Government; or
- (aa) a person who is being considered for appointment as the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government is a close associate of the Council and the matters is or relates to the appointment of the person; or
- (b) The Chief Executive Officer is a close associate of the Councillor and the matter is or relates to the appointment, discipline, termination, remuneration or other employment conditions of the Chief Executive Officer; or
- (c) The matter is or relates to an application made to the Local Government for the grant of a licence, permit, registration or approval or consideration of another matter under a Local Government Act, if –
  - (i) The application was made to the Local Government by the Councillor or a close associated of the Councillor; or
  - (ii) The Councillor or a close associate of the Councillor makes or has made a written submission to the Local Government in relation to the Application before it is or was decided.

**4.2 DECLARABLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**Pursuant to Chapter 5B, Part 3 Section 150EN What is a declarable conflict of interest**

Subject to section 150EO, a Councillor has a declarable conflict of interest in a matter if -

- (a) The Councillor has, or could reasonably be presumed to have, a conflict between the Councillor's personal interests, or the personal interests of a related party of the Councillor, and the public interest; and
- (b) Because of the conflict, the Councillor's participation in a decision about the matter might lead to a decision that is contrary to the public interest.

**4.3 COUNCILLORS TO REVIEW EXISTING REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE**

**Item 5 – Confirmation of Minutes**

**5.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

**Recommendation:** That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved:  
Seconded:

**Item 6 – Business Arising from Minutes Previous Meeting**

**6.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021**

## **ITEM 7 - Visitors and Presentations**

- 7.1 SENATOR EILEEN McDONALD FROM TOWNSVILLE AND JULIAN TOMLINSON (MEDIA ADVISER)**
- 7.2 WAMBILBAYI RODEO AND SPORTING INDIGENOUS CORPORATION (WRSIC) - TONY DOUGLAS**
- 7.3 YELLAGUNDGIMARRA ABORIGINAL HEALTH COUNCIL – ROSEMARY FOSTER and KELLY BARCLAY**

## **Item 8 – Reports**

- 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT**
- 8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**
- 8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT**
- 8.4 DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT**
- 8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS**

## 8.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

**REPORT AUTHOR(S)** Troy Fraser, Chief Executive Officer  
**DEPARTMENT** Office of the Chief Executive Officer

### 8.1.1 OUTSIDE MEETINGS ATTENDED SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

DATE	WHERE	WHO WITH	REGARDING
19/3/2021	Council Chambers	Directors and Councillors with Jim Evans and Kristy Nau from Local Government	
22/3/2021	Teleconference	Bob Gee and Georgina Wilkinson – Government Champions	Regular monthly contact. Topics include On Country Program, Funding etc.
23/3/2021	Save The Children	Stakeholders Meeting	Re-commenced stakeholders meeting with DATSIP assistance.
24/3/2021	Council Chambers	Councillors and Senior Staff with Eddie Hollingsworth and Christine Watson DAPSIP –	Local Thriving Communities, Community Safety Plan, Living under the Act.
24/3/2021	Zoom Meeting	Director Corporate Services and Auditors	Discussed external auditors visit and preparation.
25/3/2021	Council Chambers	Gidgee Healing	COVID update.
26/3/2021	Zoom Meeting	Gulf Academy Steering Committee	Met with Geoff Richardson, Consultant re Gulf Academy. Provided update and community engagement.
29/3/2021	Council Chambers	Mayor and Doomadgee Police	Met with OIC Todd Noble. Discussed working together.
31/3/2021	Council Chambers	Directors and Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy – Tim Poole, Anna and Benjamin Thompson	Followed up with a meeting with Nikki Tiel from the Department. Completing Community Investment Plan to release Funds to commence.

**For Council’s information.**

### 8.1.2 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

For quite a few months Mr Graham Locke from the Department of State Development has been attending by TEAMS Meetings and personal attendance with Council’s Senior Staff and also Councillors on the finalisation of the Economic Development Strategy for Doomadgee.

The Economic Development Strategy is now in the final stages and following further consultation with Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council the Strategy is now ready.

The document is before Council at this meeting for the purpose of moving a resolution for the adoption of the Economic Development Strategy for Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council.

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt the Economic Development Strategy for Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council as presented by Department of State Development (tabled) at this Council Meeting.

Moved:  
 Seconded:



### **8.1.3 LOCAL THRIVING COMMUNITIES**

Discussed with DATSIP Regional Staff and Director General Dr Chris Sarra regarding Council's strategy around the Local Thriving Communities (LTC) initiative. Council has strongly suggested that under the LTC, the Queensland Government resource the Council to do its duties and community engagement.

**For Council's information.**

### **8.1.4 LIVING UNDER THE ACT**

DATSIP has developed an information resource that will assist new police officers and other external departmental staff with an introduction around cultural sensitivity in regards to the history of Indigenous Living under the Act.

This has been presented to Council and Senior Council Staff and is a great resource Council can build on when developing their Cultural Awareness Training.

**For Council's information.**

### **8.1.5 WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (WH&S)**

The Chief Executive Officer has initiated conversations with Senior Staff around WH&S requirements.

It is envisaged with the assistance with WHS Officer, Peter van Heusen this will commence soon. Included in the requirements will be Pre-starts and Tool Box Meetings and Drug and Alcohol screening. Current Drug and Alcohol Policy [attached](#).

**For Council's information**

### **8.1.6 NGOODERI CDP JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP**

Attended a Ngooderi JV Meeting with Council and My Pathways Staff. Projects identified were the completion of the aquaculture facility as a priority.

Profit made from the JV will be discussed and projects will be identified in the Community.

**For Council's information**

### **8.1.7 COVID**

Update on the COVID Vaccine Rollout and latest information.

**For Council's information.**

### **8.1.8 PCYC**

Council has been approved the auspice of the PCYC Program from April 2021- June 2021.

This will provide direct management in regards to initiating active sport and recreation and also activating the Centre, basketball and rugby league facilities.

**For Council's information.**

### **8.1.9 GIDGEE HEALING – NEW PREMISES**

Gidgee Healing has identified a new space for its Practice during the current upgrade. The new space is behind the Ngoodero House Aged Facility.

Council are working with Gidgee Healing to ensure the lease documentation is finalised in time for the building works.

**For Council's information.**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and take note of the Chief Executive Officers report for April 2021.

Moved:

Seconded:

## 8.2 DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S)                      Colin Duffy, Director of Corporate Services  
REPORT APPROVED BY                 Troy Fraser  
DEPARTMENT                              Corporate Services

### 8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY

This monthly report illustrates the financial performance and position of Doomadgee Shire Council compared to its adopted Budget for the 2020-21 financial year as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. [Attached.](#)

**Recommendation:** That the Financial Statements attached to the report of the Director Corporate Services for April 2021 be received and noted.

Moved:  
Seconded:

### 8.2.2 CASHFLOW SITUATION FOR MARCH/APRIL 2021

During the month of March, Council's Cash position became difficult as payments to suppliers have been exceeding the funding coming in for the projects being worked on.

The Executive Management Team have been working very closely with a number of State Government agencies on ensuring that ALL necessary reports and supporting documentation was provided to those agencies so that funding could be released. Management has been in contact with QTC and the Department of Local Government to prepare the groundwork should a need for a Working Capital Facility Loan (similar to an Overdraft facility) be required.

That Council note that Executive Management has taken relevant steps to try to ensure that Council continues to have sufficient funds to pay its debts as they become due and payable.

**For Council's information.**

### 8.2.3 BUDGET FOR 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR

Work has commenced on preparations for next financial years Budget. The spreadsheet for calculating the Wages/Salaries is almost completed with only the Oncost calculations to be finalised.

The Policies required to be adopted as part of the Budget are being reviewed, and discussions are taking place with relevant staff as the Schedule of Fees and charges are reviewed also.

That Council note that work has commenced on preparing the 2021/22 financial year Budget.

**For Council's information.**

### 8.2.4 EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR 2020/21

The external auditors-Grant Thornton-have been in contact with Council and have proposed an External Audit Plan which involves onsite visits at Councils Cairns Office in late May and late September.

Council is required to prepare a set of “shell” Financial Statements plus two Position Papers detailing how Council intends to address two items in the Financial Statements by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021, and a final set of financial statements by 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021, to allow Grant Thornton time to review/comment/recommend adjustments to enable completion and sign off of Audit by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

This External Audit Plan has been agreed to by Management and was returned to Grant Thornton by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

That Council note that there is an agreement in place with the external Auditors for the purpose of ensuring that the Audit of the 2020/21 Financial Statements meets the required timeframes.

**For Council’s information.**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Corporate Services Report for April 2021.

Moved:  
Seconded:

## 8.3 DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING REPORT

**REPORT AUTHOR:** Robert Bottger, Director of Engineering  
**REPORT APPROVED BY:** Troy Fraser, Chief Executive Officer  
**DEPARTMENT:** Infrastructure and Building Works

**PURPOSE:** Presentation of the Monthly Activity report to Council.

**COMMENT:** All grant funded projects are currently under review for financial timing of delivery and resource management.

### 8.3.1 COVID WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) 2020-2021

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs (\$1,430,000)

*Note: This grant is under review. Some elements cannot be completed before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021. A request for an extension of time and re-allocation of elements within the schedule to be submitted. AECOM are assisting with the re-scoping.*

Airport Carpark - \$340,000  
Completed.

Solar Street Lights – \$220,000  
56 No. solar lights were delivered. The cost of supply has exceeded funding allocation. This project is now under review.

Optic Fibre Network – \$70,000  
Telstra advised 23 February 2021 fibre connection on hold due to monsoonal event.

Splash Park - \$320,000  
A new grant submission is being prepared as the allocated funds are insufficient to complete.

Sewer Pump Stations - \$220,000  
Works include replacement of metal works and railing, pipework and blasting/epoxy sealing of flooring.

Concrete Plant - \$90,000  
Currently being planned within the Works Depot Master Plan.

“On Country” Youth Camp - \$170,000  
This project has been cancelled.

**May Forecast:** Re-scoping of the grant and a variation application to the Department to be finalised before 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

### W4Q 2017 – 2019 (Works Ongoing Post Acquittal)

#### Stores Shed

Planning is under way to move plumbing materials into the stores building.

Future stores development includes:

- Stores office – Materials were procured by former Engineer, Richard McKeown and only arrived 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2021
- Entrance foyer for materials collection
- Toilet facility
- Possible stores extension.

**May Forecast:** Relocate shelving from old Council shed to new stores shed.

New Mechanical Workshop

Works to be completed:

- Mezzanine level office, toilet and kitchen
- Internal water supply
- Sanitary drainage to septic tank. NB: Temporary absorption trench to be installed until future development is determined
- Security mesh to internal wall of stores
- Two coat epoxy sealant to floor
- Grease trap.

**May Forecast:** Continue with plumbing installation if workload permits.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.2 INDIGENOUS COUNCILS CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (ICCIP)**

Department of Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs (\$6,656,420)

This grant is being re-scoped with the assistance of AECOM.

No.	Project	Budget	% Complete
	<b>Water Treatment Plant</b>		
1.02	Structural assessment of steel reservoir & repairs	167,235	
1.03	SCADA upgrades	85,716	
1.04	Upgrade chemical dosing	92,308	
1.05	Upgrade gas chlorination	77,335	
1.06	Clean lamella plates and clarifiers	174,064	
1.07	Replace leaking valves	23,656	
1.08	Connect WTP lagoons to sports field	51,960	
1.09	Perform air scouring	140,364	
1.10	Repair valve pit lids	14,585	
1.11	Water security review	375,955	
	<b>Sewerage</b>		
2.01	Upgrade sewerage pump stations (SPS)	379,500	
2.02	Replace ductile iron pipework in SPS	278,300	
	<b>Solid Waste</b>		
3.01	Clean up night soil pit	135,088	95
3.03	Clean up riverside tipping	799,662	95
3.04	Clean up Little Century	363,612	0
3.05	Close existing landfill (tip)	1,223,635	0
3.06	New Regional Waste Transfer Facility	2,273,445	15
3.07	De-sludge WTP lagoons (cancelled)		n/a
3.08	De-sludge sewerage settling ponds (cancelled)		n/a
		<b>6,656,420</b>	

Additional works to be incorporated:

- WTP Operational Plan (Austek)
- Miscellaneous pipe leaks and surface ponding.

**May Forecast:** Re-scoping of the grant and a variation application to the Department to be finalised before 24<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Activity Nos. 3.01 and 3.03 submit final progress claim.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.3 REMOTE AIRSTRIP UPGRADE PROGRAM (RAUP)**

Department Industry Science Energy and Resources (\$519,893)

*Note: This grant is made up of 7 activities / elements. A budget has not been allocated direct to the activities but to combined activity breakdown structures.*

Vacuuming of entire airstrip surface

Completed

Line marking entire airstrip

Completed

Replace existing runway lighting with LED

Lighting components received – to be installed

Provide Automated Weather Station

- Total supply cost including spare parts \$176,260
- Annual maintenance cost \$41,830 (\$3,485/month)
- Delivery and install on track for June 2021

Provide electronic security gates

Not done

Replace unsafe airport markers

Not done

Repair existing drainage

Open drain modification - not done

**May Forecast:** Director of Engineering and Clements Electrical to undertake runway site inspection and confirm all materials have been delivered. Clements to provide a quote to instal. A program of works including scoping to be prepared with the assistance of Airside Services who have been engaged to commission new lighting.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.4 REMOTE HOUSING PROGRAM 2019 - 2023 (DPW)**

Department Housing and Public Works

**8.3.4.1 \$40M Queensland Government Investment Program 2020 - 2021**

**Doomadgee Portion - \$2,350,000**

**6 Social Houses at New Estate Road, Doomadgee**

- Project is at 60% completion.
- All floor slabs placed
- Four houses near lockup stage.
- Kitchen and cabinets delivery due 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
- Windows and doors delivered.

**May Forecast:** Complete walls to Houses 3, 4 including roofs. Install internal plumbing fixtures. Install cabinets. Complete all houses to 85% stage.

**8.3.4.2 \$105M Commonwealth Investment Program 2021 - 2023  
Doomadgee Portion - \$6,962,951  
Social Houses at Marradgee Road, Doomadgee**

*This project is being undertaken in conjunction with the New Subdivision Project Marradgee Road and Foster Street.*

Process to secure funding:

- Meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 with Department Housing and Public Works (Mick Gooda) to discuss grant.
- Upon confirmation of an agreed template, Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council to submit Housing Investment Plan.
- Minister for Department Housing and Public Works endorses Council's Housing Investment Plan.
- Letter of Offer from Queensland Government approving Council's Housing Investment Plan and funding allocation.

**May Forecast:** Timing of process and template to be confirmed with Department Housing and Public Works.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.5 NEW SUBDIVISION – MARRADGEE ROAD / FOSTER STREET**

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council Contribution (238,549)

AECOM are currently designing the entire subdivision (99 lots) adjacent Marradgee Road and Foster Street. This project is under review and has been placed on hold.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.6 STAFF HOUSES – 3 HOUSES**

Department Local Government Racing and Multicultural Affairs (\$) Local Government Grant Subsidy Program (LGGSP)

- All houses are complete
- Minor IT work ongoing.
- Fencing to be installed to two houses by Council work crews.
- Sewer connection Potter Street (Adjacent guest house) by internal pump station well.

**May Forecast:** Complete 100% and submit final progress claim.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.7 QUEENSLAND RECONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY (QRA)**

Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund 2019-2020 (\$534,996)

- Project completion 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- Signs for road curves have been procured for Old Doomadgee Road (near "On Country" Camp site and at the Nicholson River crossing).
- Construction of three flood ways Old Doomadgee Road

**May Forecast:** A 1.0M Expression of Interest for the 2020-21 Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Funding (QRRRF) was submitted and will be followed up with the Department.



**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.8 DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM INNOVATION AND SPORT**

Riverside Shade Shelters (75,000)

- Shade shelters completed 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
- Seating and bench sets to be installed.
- Some minor earthworks trimming at weir shelter.
- Extension of time granted to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.
- Project acquittal 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**May Forecast:** Complete the project 100% and submit final progress claim..

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.9 SECURITY FENCING – WTP, PCYC, WORKS DEPOT**

Program to complete – under review.

**For Council's Information.**

**8.3.10 WORKS CREWS**

General Crew

Installing fencing for Director Corporate Services house.

Parks and Garden Crew

Normal duties.

Road Crew

Normal duties

Airport Crew

Normal duties.

Water & Sewerage Crew

Normal duties.

Mechanical Workshop

Mainly routine maintenance.

Rubbish Crew

Working as normal.

**For Council's Information.**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and take note of the Director of Engineering Report for April 2021.

Moved:

Seconded:

## 8.4 DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

REPORT AUTHOR(S)                      Craig Oxlade, Director Economic & Community Development  
REPORT APPROVED BY                 Troy Fraser  
DEPARTMENT                              Economic and Community Development

### 8.4.1 MEETINGS AND TRAINING ATTENDED

- Service Provider / Stakeholders meeting - Issued Service provider questionnaire [\(attached\)](#).
- Met with NAIDOC Committee re organising event.
- Meeting with Doomadgee seniors arranging 'Seniors Event'.
- Jeanie Macintosh – Skills Funding.
- Vicki Williams – Youth Hub Action Work Plan.
- Meetings with Eddie Hollingsworth and Christine Watson from Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships re Community Safety Plan and a presentation on "Living Under the Act", prior to being presented to the Doomadgee Police.
- Meeting Anne Hodge – Save the Children – Holiday swimming programs.
- Attended the bi-monthly Ngooderi JV Meeting.

For Council's Information.

### 8.4.2 GRANTS AND FUNDING INFORMATION

- Submitted application for NAIDOC Funding.
- Music Program grant approved \$25,000 from Indigenous Regional Arts Development Fund (IRADF).
- \$2,500 received Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships for the holding of a Reconciliation Event.
- Acquittal report submitted for Pool Program Funding. Second payment \$23,343 due shortly.
- Ongoing development of Action Work Plan for Youth Hub funding.
- Second half payment of the Youth Hub grant received this month.
- Community Safety Plan is still under development – extension applied for to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

For Council's Information.

### 8.4.3 YOUTH HUB

- Second half payment of the Youth Hub grant received from National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) this month.
- Staff have been out of the community:
  - Kelly Barclay was out of Doomadgee for one week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.
  - Adam Kavanagh left Community the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and has not been able to return due to road flooding.
- The Youth Hub cannot operate with only one supervisor due to Work Health & Safety concerns, therefore the Youth Hub has been closed for three weeks.
- Ongoing core activities of the Youth Hub include Pool / Snooker and Table Tennis, playing music, watching Movies - Netflix and Art.
- Consultation with the following services - Youth Justice, Doomadgee State School, Public Health re Young Persons' Quick Health Checks, Doomadgee Community Action Group and North West Queensland Indigenous Catholic Social Services (NWQICSS).

- Boxing equipment has been ordered – Funded by National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) via the Youth Hub funding.

**For Council's Information.**

#### **8.4.4 RADIO**

Breakfast Show	-	7.30 am - 9.30 am
Afternoon Power Drive	-	12.30 pm - 2.30 pm

- This month the radio crew have been encouraging parents to make sure their kids go to school every day.
- The radio station worked together with Queensland Health on the Quick Men & Woman Health Check - promoting and carrying out interviews.
- The radio had live interview with Doomadgee School, My Pathways, Health Council, Gidgee Healing and the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC).
- This month the radio has had five live interviews on air, talking about the services and programs that are happening in the Community.
- The language program by Councillor Elijah Douglas has been a success with good response from our listeners and has been on air 3 times a week.
- The radio station is working together with Doomadgee School on having two high school students for attending work experience at the Radio Station for the next term.
- This month consultation has occurred with all service providers. Regular updates and notices are provided every Monday. Sai has had a meeting with Doomadgee State School regarding school attendances.
- The Radio Broadcaster touched base with the Community by visiting members and bringing them to the studio to take part in live interviews about community life.

**For Council's Information.**

#### **8.4.5 ANIMAL MANAGEMENT, ENVIRONMENT AND BIO SECURITY**

- Continuing the clean up around the Community with mowing, rubbish collection and a general clean with the Town Beautification Crew.
- Weed spraying of Chinese Apple Tree and Goat Heads.
- Extensive spraying in the Airport and surrounds.
- Taking care of sick and dead animals.
- Mosquito fogging is being conducted between 7.00 pm and 10.00 pm three evenings per week and will continue as needed.
- Burton Veterinary vets were working in Doomadgee between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March. During this visit the vet desexed 28 dogs, 10 animals were euthanized. 121 dogs were treated with Bravecto Chews (parasite preventative for ticks and fleas). A total of 194 animals were treated across the course of the week.
- There is an ongoing alert for Ehrlichiosis Canis which is a tick borne disease originating in Western Australia.

**For Council's Information.**

#### **8.4.6 CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- Attended meeting with the Police and DATSIP re presentation of Doomadgee history and "Living under the Act".
- Attended meeting re organising Senior's Day.
- Helping with the local funeral arrangements and working on a procedure and guidelines to help with the process.

- Processing Ergon refunds.
- Working on Yard Maintenance procedures.
- Organising help for families re-erecting tombstones on graves.
- Organising a monument for the “Old Orchard”.
- Facilitating an event to be held during the NAIDOC week celebration re unveiling of Darcy Walden’s painting at the Airport.

**For Council’s information.**

**8.4.7 OTHER**

- Work is being carried out on the Youth Hub and the PCYC to bring the building up to a standard that Council will be able to hire out the venues. At present each time Council donates one of its venues for functions it is costing power, cleaning and labour without recouping any costs. If the buildings can be hired out there will be a way to recoup some of these costs.
- Animal proof rubbish bins is another proposal that the Environment and Community Development section are working on. They will be placed in strategic places around the Community and also in the town parks to enable the locals to place their rubbish in bins rather than scattering on the ground.
- Funding is being sourced to implement programs for Doomadgee for litter control, tidy yards and a garden day event. - Cheryl Portch is following this up.
- A photo competition is another project that is being worked on for Council.
- A music program will be implemented during NAIDOC week. This program will include all members of the Community - not only the youth.
- Vehicles hire form, is being developed for outside use of Councils vehicles. Council have commenced charging for the use of its vehicles by external service providers.
- Organising of the NAIDOC event is progressing well. Cr. Elijah Douglas is overseeing the event. The proposed program will run over five days and will feature an Art Expo, a NAIDOC Ball, a March, Traditional Dancing, a sporting carnival and other ad hoc events from various service providers
- Queensland Health - Sexual Health Unit, operated testing out of the PCYC from 15<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. Queensland Health presented an original framed Artwork by Kelly Barclay, in appreciation of the assistance rendered by Council in delivering this important health initiative.

**For Council’s Information.**

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and take note of the Director Economic & Community Development Report for April 2021.

Moved:  
Seconded:

## **8.5 COUNCILLORS VERBAL REPORTS**

**LUNCH BREAK -**

**pm**

A luncheon break was called at            pm.

Council Meeting resumed at            pm.

## ITEM 9 - CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1** Email received from Franz Skeen, Indigenous Advisor, Crime and Corruption Commission (CCC) advising that the Commission wishes to visit Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council to take part in their “Listening Tours”. (Attached). Due to COVID restrictions last year they were unable to attend.

Also attached is an email to Mark Kelleher further explaining the role of the (CCC) and the purpose of their visits to the Communities. They believe that their “Listening Tours” are vital for the improvement of their services and also the building of meaningful relationships with Councils.

On further contact with Mr Skeen he has advised that the time needed for their “Listening Tour” would most probably be one hour.

**Recommendation:** That Council contact Crime and Commission and invite them to attend either the Council Meeting to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021 or 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021. If those dates do not fit into their schedule Council will meet with them out of a Council Meeting.

Moved:  
Seconded:

- 9.2** Email received from Shannon Fentiman MP, Attorney General and Minister for Justice. She is seeking representation of women in Queensland’s memorials and monuments and is asking for Council’s help in improving gender representation and diversity in public spaces.

Any questions may be forwarded to her Chief of Staff, Laura Fraser Hardy on the telephone number and email provided. (Attached)

### For Council’s information.

- 9.3** Email from Peta Irvine, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Managers Australia Queensland advising of the date for the 2021 Local Government Annual Conference which has been set for 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at the Shangri La Marina Hotel at Cairns. Councillors will recall that Cr. Walden, Cr. Douglas and Cr. Diamond attended that last Conference at the Gold Coast with Mr Steve Linnane, Acting Director Corporate Services.

### For Council’s information and discussion on which three Councillor may represent Council at the Local Government Annual Conference.

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and take note of the Correspondence presented for the April 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved:  
Seconded:

## ITEM 10 - GENERAL BUSINESS

### 10.1 COUNCILLORS PORTFOLIOS

List of Councillors current portfolios ([attached](#)).

### 10.2 BUS POLICY

The Chief Executive Officer will talk on suggestions regarding a Bus Policy for the Community. A copy of the current Bus Hire Agreement is [attached](#).

**Recommendation:** That Council receive and take note of the General Business presented for the April 2021 Council Meeting.

Moved:  
Seconded:



## **ITEM 11 - LATE ITEMS**

Any matters of Late Items will be provided with the Minutes of the Council Meeting.

## ITEM 12 - CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

### *That Council close the meeting to the public under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012.*

Items to be considered in Closed Session will be listed and marked accordingly. This section of the Agenda is for those items deemed necessary for discussion in a meeting Closed to the Public in accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012 – Division 1A, Section 254J, Administration – Part 2 Local Government Meetings and Committees –

- (1) A Local Government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the Local Government be closed to the public.
- (2) A committee of the Local Government may resolve that all or part of a meeting of the committee be closed to the public.
- (3) However, a local government or a committee of Local Government may make a resolution about a Local Government meeting under subsection (1) or (2) only if its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting to discuss one or more of the following matters –
  - a. The appointment, discipline or dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer;
  - b. Industrial matters affecting employees;
  - c. The Local Government's Budget;
  - d. Rating concessions;
  - e. Legal advice obtained by the Local Government or legal proceedings involving the Local Government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the Local Government;
  - f. Matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an individual or a group of individuals;
  - g. Negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the Local Government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the Local Government;
  - h. Negotiations relating to the taking of land by the Local Government under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967;
  - i. A matter the Local Government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or State.
- (4) However, a Local Government or a committee of a Local Government must not resolve that a part of a Local Government meeting at which a decision mentioned in Section 150ER(2), 150ES(3) or 150EU(2) of the Act will be considered, discussed, voted or made be closed.
- (5) A resolution that a Local Government meeting be closed must –
  - a. State the matter mentioned in subsection (3) that is to be discussed; and
  - b. Include an overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed.
- (6) A Local Government or a committee of a Local Government must not make a resolution (other than a procedural resolution) in a Local Government meeting, or a part of a Local Government meeting, that is closed.

**Recommendation:** That the Council closed the meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ am under section 254J Local Government Regulations 2012:

Moved:  
Seconded:

**ITEM 13 - NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**ITEM 14 - MEETING CLOSED**

Meeting closed at            pm.

**ITEM 15 - ATTACHMENTS TO BUSINESS PAPER 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

**15. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Nil.

**15. ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES REPORT**

**8.2.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PROVIDED BY FINANCE MANAGER – MARILOU MCKAY**

**15. ACTING DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

Nil.

**15. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATORS REPORT**

**8.4.1 MEETINGS AND TRAINING ATTENDED**

Service Provider Questionnaire.

**15. CORRESPONDENCE**

**9.1 (1) EMAIL RECEIVED FROM FRANZ SKEEN, CRIME AND CORRUPTION COMMISSION ADVISING THAT THE COMMISSION WISHES TO VISIT DOOMADGEE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL TO TAKE PLART IN THEIR "LISTENING TOURS". DUE TO COVID THEY WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND LAST YEAR.**

**9.1 (2) EMAIL TO MARK KELLEHER FURTHER EXPLAINING THE ROLE OF THE CRIME AND CORRPURATION COMMISSION.**

**9.2 EMAIL FROM SHANNON FENTIMAN MP, ATTORNEY GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE.**

**15. GENERAL BUSINESS**

**10.1 COUNCILLORS PORTFOLIOS 2020 - 2024**

List of Portfolios.

**10.2 BUS POLICY**

Copy of current Bush hire Agreement.

15. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

NIL

15. **DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

NIL

15. **DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

NIL

15. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATORS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT**

NIL