

# ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

## April 2023



### NOTICE OF MEETING

The Ordinary Meeting of the Belyuen Community Government Council will be held in the Council Offices, Belyuen community commencing at 10am.

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Dave Ferguson - CEO

# AGENDA

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### April 2023

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## 1 OPEN MEETING

The meeting will be declared open at 10:00am.

President welcomes the Councillors, staff and visitors to the April meeting of 2023.

Councillors agree that all matters presented at this meeting will be administered on the principle of fair and equitable treatment. The President acknowledges that we each bring our own views to the table and on all matters unresolved, Councillors right to agree and disagree is respected.

Councillors are reminded to fulfil their administrative requirements and sign the attendance sheet associated with this meeting.

Acknowledgement is made to members not present and respect is paid to the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, to the elders past and present and to the Councillors and employees present for the meeting.

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 2.1.04.23

**Dave Ferguson - CEO**

**Nil**

#### **Summary**

This report is to table, for Council's record, any apologies, and requests for leave of absence received from Elected Members for this or future Ordinary General Meetings.

#### **Background**

Not applicable.

#### **Comment**

Council can choose to accept the apologies or requests for leave of absence as presented, or not accept them. Apologies or requests for leave of absence that are not accepted by Council will be recorded as absence without notice.

#### **Statutory Environment**

As per the *Local Government Act 2019* s.47 a person ceases to hold office as a member of a Council if the person is absent, without permission of the council in accordance with the regulations, from 2 consecutive ordinary meetings of the Council.

#### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

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**Recommendation**

1. *That Council accepts the apology of Cr. [Name] for the Ordinary Council April 2023; or,*
2. *That the Council notes the absence without apology of Cr. [Name].*

**Moved:****Seconded:****3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST****3.1.04.23****Dave Ferguson - CEO****NIL****Summary**

Elected members and staff are required to declare any conflicts of interest arising from the matters contained in this agenda. The President reminds everyone about their roles and responsibilities as an elected official and particularly of their obligations to declare their interest (material or personal) on matters presented today – that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.

**Background**

**Elected Members** are required to disclose an interest in a matter under consideration by Council at a meeting of the Council or a meeting of a Council committee by:

- 1) In the case of a matter featured in an officer's report or written agenda item by disclosing the interest to the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.
- 2) In the case of a matter raised in general debate or by any means other than the printed agenda of the Council by disclosure as soon as possible after the matter is raised.

The Council may elect to allow the Member to provide further and better particulars of the interest prior to requesting him/ her to leave the Chambers.

**Staff Members** of the Council are required to disclose an interest in a matter at any time at which they are required to act or exercise their delegated authority in relation to the matter. Upon disclosure the Staff Member is not to act or exercise his or her delegated authority unless the CEO or Acting CEO expressly directs him or her to do so.

**Comment**

NIL

### **Statutory Environment**

- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 114 (Elected Members)
- *Local Government Act 2019* Section 179 (Staff Members)

### **Policy Implications**

Conflict of Interest – Code of Conduct.

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

***That Council receives and notes the declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting for April 2023.***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***

## **4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

## **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **5.1.04.23**

**Dave Ferguson - CEO**

**Unconfirmed Minutes of the March Meeting 2023**

### **Summary**

*Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting and the Confidential Minutes from the meeting of the 28 March 2023 are submitted to Council for confirmation that those Minutes are a true and correct record of the meeting.*

# MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF THE BELYUEN COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT COUNCIL MEETING 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## 1 OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened 1:15pm

The Meeting opened with Confidential Agenda Item at 10:35am, closed at 12:57pm, followed by lunch until 1:15pm

PRESENT AT MEETING:

**Elected Members:**

- Cr Edmunds
- Cr Timber
- Cr Moreen
- Cr Holtze

**Staff:**

- Dave Ferguson – CEO
- Jasmine Brar – Finance Officer

**Visitors:**

Nil

**Apologies:**

- Cr Sing

## 2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

**Recommendation:**

<2.1.03.28> That the Council accepts the apology of Cr. Sing for Ordinary Council Meeting of BCGC held 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Moved:** Cr. Edmunds

**Seconded:** Cr. Holtze

### **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Elected members were reminded of their roles and responsibilities and particularly their obligations to declare any interest (material or personal) on any matters presented before Council today that may have a perceived or real conflict of interest.*

**<3.1.03.28> That Council receives and notes that there were no declarations of interest for the Ordinary General Meeting**

### **4 DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**<4.1.03.28> That Council note the presentation from the NLC.**

**Presentation:** Northern Land Council – Section 19 Land Use Agreement Proposal

*In Confidential Section*

### **5 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**Recommendation:**

**<5.1.03.28> That the Minutes of the February Ordinary General Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023 are confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.**

**Moved:** Cr. Holtze

**Seconded:** Cr. Edmunds

### **6 PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

*2pm - President Edmunds departed the meeting due to personal business. Deputy President Timber gave a report in the Presidents absence:*

- *A lot of good things are happening in the community*
- *There has been some hiccups, but hopefully everything will be back to normal by the end of the year*

**Recommendation:**

**<6.1.03.28> That Council:**

**Receives and notes the Deputy President's Report**

**Moved:** Cr. Moreen

**Seconded:** Cr. Holtze

### **7 CEO REPORTS**

#### **7.1 Incoming & Outgoing Correspondence**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.1.03.28> That Council receive and note the incoming and outgoing correspondence as tabled:**

**Moved: Cr. Moreen**

**Seconded: Cr. Timber**

**7.2 Delisaville Aerodrome**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.2.03.28> That Council notes the CEO report – Delisaville Aerodrome**

**Moved: Cr. Timber**

**Seconded: Cr. Holtze**

**7.3 Belyuen Culture Program**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.3.03.28> That Council instruct the CEO to negotiate a new contract to facilitate a Culture program in Belyuen post June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**Moved: Cr. Moreen**

**Seconded: Cr. Holtze**

**7.4 Funding Opportunities**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.4.03.28> That Council:**

- 1. Instructs the CEO to submit an application for the Northern Territory Men's Places Grant;**
- 2. Instructs the CEO to submit an application for the Community Place for People Grant;**
- 3. Notes the report from the CEO - Funding Opportunities as tabled**

**Moved: Cr. Holtze**

**Seconded: Cr. Moreen**

**7.5 Mandorah Jetty Project**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.5.03.28> That Council notes the Report from the CEO – Mandorah Jetty Project**

**Moved: Cr. Holtze**

**Seconded: Cr. Timber**



### **7.6 Leave Policy**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.6.03.28> That Council deferred the discussion on the Leave Policy till the April Meeting**

**Moved: Cr. Holtze**

**Seconded: Cr. Timber**

### **7.7 Kenbi Land Archive Project**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.7.03.28> That Council notes:**

- 1. Instruct the CEO to maintain communication with the Anthropologist and legal team and assist with the safe return of archival material associated with the Kenbi Land Archive Project back to Belyuen**
- 2. Notes the report from the CEO – Kenbi Land Archive Project**

**Moved: Cr. Holtze**

**Seconded: Cr. Moreen**

### **7.8 Recruitment**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.8.03.28> That Council notes the CEO report – Recruitment for March 2023**

**Moved: Cr. Timber**

**Seconded: Cr. Holtze**

### **7.9 Administrator of the NT**

**Recommendation:**

**<7.9.03.28> That Council notes the request from the Administrator of the Northern Territory to visit Belyuen on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**Moved: Cr. Timber**

**Seconded: Cr. Holtze**

### **7.10 General Business**

**Recommendation:**

<7.10.03.28> **That Council:**

1. **Instruct the CEO to progress with developing a presentation for the 2023 World Community Development Conference "FROM the EDGE"**
2. **Note the CEO report - General Business Operations**

**Moved:** Cr. Moreen

**Seconded:** Cr. Holtze

## **8 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

### **8.1 Financial Report**

**Recommendation:**

<8.1.03.28> **That Council:**

**Notes and endorses the financial report for March 2023**

**Moved:** Cr. Holtze

**Seconded:** Cr. Moreen

## **9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

**NIL**

## **10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Nil**

## **11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**Recommendation:**

<11.1.03.28> **That pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the agenda.**

**Moved:** Cr. Holtze

**Seconded:** Cr. Moreen

*Return to open session: 12.58pm*

## **12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

*The meeting closed at 4:00pm*

*The next Ordinary Meeting of Council has been rescheduled due to the clash with ANZAC Day for **27<sup>th</sup> April 2023** at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at **11:00am**.*

### **Statutory Environment**

The Agendas and Minutes as submitted must comply with part Chapter 6 of the *Local Government Act 2019*.

### **Policy Implications**

Not applicable

### **Financial Implications**

Not applicable

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the March Ordinary General Meeting held on 28 March 2023 and the Confidential section of the meeting be confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of the meeting.

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 6 PRESIDENT’S REPORT

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>6.1.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>President Rex Edmunds</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### Summary

The President reports to Council on his activity and any items of importance that have arisen since the last ordinary Council meeting.

### Comment

The President gives a verbal report of activities since the last council meeting.

### Financial Implications

Not applicable.

### Recommendation

**That Council receives and notes the President’s Report.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

## 7 CEO REPORTS

### 7.1 Report from the CEO – Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.1.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>various documents</b>

### Background

Council is provided with items of correspondence both received and sent since the last Council meeting.

The correspondence inwards and outwards will be tabled at every meeting or included in agenda items as part of the background information for that issue.

### Comment

Nil

**Correspondence In**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Regarding</b>
A.	March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Chief Minister & Cabinet	Council member allowances
B.	March 24 <sup>th</sup>	Palmerston City Council	Invitation to President Edmunds
C.	March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Winsley	Resignation
D.	March 29 <sup>th</sup>	The ARK Animal Hospital	February Visit
E.	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Emergency Services	Disaster Ready Fund
F.	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	INPEX	Environment Plan Consultation
G.	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Quality Construction Maintenance	Mandorah Shed Demolition
H.	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	DLG	Financial Information
I.	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dept. Health	Podiatrist visit
J.	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Chief Minister & Cabinet	Immediate Priority Grant
K.	April 6 <sup>th</sup>	Core Lithium	Community Grants
L.	April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Lenard Sing	BCGC
M.	April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Timber	BCGC
N.	April 17 <sup>th</sup>	NT Health	Mosquito report & calendar
O.	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	DIPL	NT Subdivision Development Guidelines
P.	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Chief Minister & Cabinet	Application to Declare a Cemetery
Q.	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	NIAA	Draft contract – Solar Street Lighting
R.	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	NIAA	Draft Contract – Store Upgrade
S.	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Council of Local Government	Invitation for President to attend National Conference
T.	April 28 <sup>th</sup>	NT Electoral Commission	By-Election Service Agreement

**Correspondence Out**

<b>Ref</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Regarding</b>
A.	March 30 <sup>th</sup>	Numerous recipients	Workshop Mechanic Advertisement
B.	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chief Minister & Cabinet	Immediate Priority Grant acceptance
C.	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chief Minister & Cabinet	WARM grant acceptance
D.	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Chief Minister & Cabinet	IJDF grant acceptance
E.	April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Parker	12-month Tenancy Agreement

**Recommendation**

**That Council receives and notes the report from the CEO – Incoming and Outgoing Correspondence as tabled.**

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

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## 7.2 Report from the CEO – Barunga Festival

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.2.03.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### Summary

The Barunga Festival is an annual event. This year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. June 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Comment

Belyuen community have expressed interest in attending this year's Barunga Festival. Belyuen have patronized the Barunga Festival in previous years and have a close connection to this annual event. During a recent community meeting, a survey was presented to the meeting attendees to gauge whether there was enough interest to attend this year's festival. The response was positive, Council may have the capacity for between 30 – 40 people to attend. This number of people will comprise of:

- Mens AFL team
- Women's Softball team
- Kenbi Cultural Dance group and musicians
- Local Artists
- Children & families wishing to participate.

Work is underway on the Council 18-seater Coaster bus and is expected to be roadworthy and registered within the next 2 weeks.

Council is also negotiating with Belyuen School to access the school bus for the weekend as well as the Belyuen Aged Care program to gain access to the aged care bus if required. We will be engaging 2 community members to act as managers/coordinators and assist with driving duties.

Purchase of camping equipment, food & drinks, cooking equipment, uniforms, sporting equipment and other consumables will be actioned in the next 2 weeks.

### Consultation

Community consultation via community meetings and surveys.

### Statutory Environment

Not applicable

### Policy Implications

Nil

**Financial Implications**

BCGC receive funding from the NTG department of Health to participate in this years Barunga festival.

**Recommendation:**

*That Council note the report from the CEO – Barunga Festival*

*Moved:*

*Seconded:*

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**7.3 Report from the CEO – Belyuen Culture Program**

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.3.03.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**Summary**

Belyuen Community Government Council have oversight of the Belyuen Culture Program funded through the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). This program runs in collaboration with the Belyuen School to pass Indigenous knowledge and culture on to the younger generations of Belyuen. The current contract ends on June 30<sup>th</sup> this year. A new contract after June 30<sup>th</sup> is yet to be negotiated with NIAA.

**Comment**

Negotiations are expected to commence prior to June for a new Culture program funding agreement for Belyuen.

**Consultation**

Discussion at recent Community meeting regarding types of activities and projects Belyuen residents wish to be included as part of the 2023/24 Belyuen Culture Program.

Surveys were handed out at the community meeting and information was gathered and is being collated to provide to the NIAA to include requests from the community into the new Culture Program contract.

**Statutory Environment**

Not applicable

**Policy Implications**

Not applicable

**Financial Implications**

Program to be 100% funded.

**Recommendation:****That Council:**

- 1. Instruct the CEO to negotiate a new contract to facilitate a Culture program in Belyuen post June 30<sup>th</sup> 2023**
- 2. Notes the CEO report - Belyuen Culture Program**

**Moved:****Seconded:**

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**7.4 Report from the CEO - Funding Opportunities**

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.4.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>Nil</b>

**Summary**

Belyuen Council apply for and receive numerous grant funded programs and projects on an ongoing basis. Below is a summary of existing grants along with the current status of recent funding submissions.

**Comment****Belyuen Town Oval Project**

The Belyuen Town Oval Project is funded by the Northern Territory Government through the Immediate Priority Grant funding. This funding is due to be acquitted this month. Belyuen Council have also recently been successful in the latest round of Immediate Priority Grant funding receiving \$55,000 in the next financial year to go towards stage 2 of the Belyuen Town Oval Project which will see new maintenance equipment and upgrades to further enhance and maintain the existing facility.

**NIAA – ABA's**

Belyuen Council have been successful obtaining funding for Solar Street Lighting and continuing upgrades to the Belyuen Store.

**Sport & Recreation**

Council receives \$77,000 funding per annum from the Northern Territory Government to facilitate sport & recreation programs in Belyuen. The funding is provided to employ local Indigenous people to deliver structured sporting competition to local residents.



**Recommendation**

***That Council:***

***Notes the report from the CEO - Funding Opportunities as tabled.***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***

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**7.5 Report from the CEO – ANZAC Day**

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.5.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**Summary**

Each year members of Belyuen community are invited to participate in ANZAC commemorations in Wagait Beach.

**Comment**

Staff from Wagait Shire Council approached the BCGC CEO and enquired whether Belyuen had interest in this year's ANZAC Day service held at the Wagait Beach Cenotaph. BCGC took part in the official ceremony reciting the history of Delisaville during World War 2. Several members of Belyuen attended the service.

Belyuen School also participated with children included in the program reading their own stories of what ANZAC Day meant to them. There was also laying of wreaths and a march before breakfast at the Cox Country Club.

**Recommendation**

***That Council notes the Report from the CEO – ANZAC Day***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***

## 7.6 Report from the CEO – NT Administrators Visit

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.6.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### Summary

The Administrator of the NT and his partner visited Belyuen on the 18<sup>th</sup> April as part of a tour of the Cox Peninsula Region.

### Comment

The office of the NT Administrator contacted BCGC and requested the Honorable Professor Hugh Heggie and partner visit Belyuen on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

In consultation with Belyuen local residents, it was agreed that BCGC would provide a cultural welcome to the couple upon their arrival in community. This took place down at the waterhole. Kenbi Cultural dancers performed for the visitors along with indigenous music and singing. Following that, the visitors participated in a tour of the community including the school, aged care, Knucky centre and Council offices.

Lunch was provided before the visitors departed Belyuen at approximately 2.30pm. the Administrator thoroughly enjoyed the experience and thanked everyone for making him feel so welcome in our community.

### Recommendation

*That Council notes the report from the CEO – NT Administrators Visit*

*Moved:*

*Seconded:*

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## 7.7 Report from the CEO – LGANT AGM

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.7.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### Summary

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) held their annual general meeting in Alice Springs from the 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Comment**

this year was the first time that Belyuen Council have had representation at the AGM for several years. The 2-day event was a great opportunity to network with local government councils from across the NT as well as be involved in the decision making for NT Local Government Authorities.

**Recommendation**

*That Council note the CEO report – LGANT AGM as tabled*

*Moved:*

*Seconded:*

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**7.8 Report from the CEO – Indigenous Radio Station**

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.09.03.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**Summary**

Consultation with community residents suggested interest in a local Indigenous Radio Station for Belyuen

**Comment**

The General Manager of Top End Aboriginal Bush Broadcasting Association (TEABBA) visited Belyuen in April to discuss the option of having a local Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Station here in Belyuen.

The information received from TEABBA is positive, there is an opportunity to create something either at the community hall or at the Council admin office.

Community consultation and surveys were provided to attendees at a recent community meeting. The feedback has also been positive.

TEABBA will gather the information from Belyuen and advise the next step required with the process.

**Recommendation**

*That Council:*

- 1. Instructs the CEO to engage with TEABBA and negotiate a remote Indigenous Broadcasting station here in Belyuen*
- 2. notes the CEO report - Indigenous Radio Station*

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**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

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## **7.9 Report from the CEO – Audit & Risk Management Committee**

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>7.10.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>NIL</b>

### **Summary**

Legislative requirements dictate all Local Government Authorities facilitate an Internal Audit Committee.

### **Comment**

BCGC have implemented an Audit & Risk Management Committee (ARMC) as part of Councils compliance requirements. The ARMC consists of an independent chair, independent member and 2 elected members of BCGC. Due to the resignation of one of BCGC elected members in April, BCGC need to nominate another elected member to the role of Audit & Risk Management Committee member.

The next meeting of the ARMC is scheduled for Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> commencing at 11am.

### **Recommendation**

#### ***That Council:***

- 1. Nominate Cr. Holtze to the role of an official member of the Audit & Risk Management Committee for Belyuen Council***
- 2. Note the CEO report - Audit & Risk Management Committee as tabled***
- 3. Endorse June 6<sup>th</sup> as the date for the next meeting of the Audit & Risk Management Committee***

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

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## 7.10 Report from the CEO – Changes to Banking Requirements

**Report Number** 7.10.03.23  
**Author** Dave Ferguson - CEO  
**Attachments** NIL

### Summary

CEO and Finance Officer reviewed BCGC banking structure in November 2022.

### Comment

Having reviewed BCGC banking requirements, CEO and Finance Officer met with Westpac Banking personnel to negotiate a more efficient and effective banking structure that will be beneficial to BCGC's business continuity.

Westpac advised several areas where BCGC can improve on financial arrangements that are currently in place.

### Recommendation

***That Council endorse the recommendations from Westpac Financial Institution that will improve BCGC financial business efficiencies:***

- 1. Combine Trust Fund and Income Management Funds Account – transfer everything to Income Management Funds Account and delete Trust Fund Account***
- 2. Setup a new bank account (Community Solutions) – This account will be one-to-sign. Link new bank cards to this account. Cancel all cards linked to General Cheque Account***
- 3. Make all bank accounts as Community Solutions Account to avoid paying bank fees***
- 4. Make General Cheque Account, Store Account two-to-sign***
- 5. Add Jasmine Brar and Kelly Murphy as signatories on the bank accounts***
- 6. Cancel any cards for Catherine Winsley, Peter Winsley and Mark Perejuan***
- 7. Note the CEO report - Changes to Banking Requirements as tabled***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***

**7.11 Report from the CEO – Nomination of Deputy President**

**Report Number** 7.11.04.23  
**Author** Dave Ferguson - CEO  
**Attachments** NIL

**Summary**

As per the Local Government Act, President elects a member of Council to act in the role of Deputy President.

**Comment**

President Edmunds to give consideration to nominating a Deputy President.

**Resolution**

*That council:*

- 1. Elect Cr ..... To the position of Deputy President of Belyuen Community Government Council*
- 2. Note the CEO report - Nomination of Deputy President*

*Moved:*

*Seconded:*

## 8 FINANCIAL REPORTS

### 8.1 Monthly Financial Report

<b>Report Number</b>	<b>8.1.04.23</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dave Ferguson - CEO</b>
<b>Attachments</b>	<b>finance report</b>

#### Summary

The Council is provided with a financial report at each meeting.

#### Background

Not applicable.

#### Comment

Please refer attached financial report.

#### Statutory Environment

Section 17 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* refers.

##### **17 Monthly financial reports to council**

- 1) The CEO must, in each month, give the council a report setting out:
  - a) the actual income and expenditure of the council for the period from the commencement of the financial year up to the end of the previous month; and
  - b) the most recently adopted annual budget; and
  - c) details of any material variances between the most recent actual income and expenditure of the council and the most recently adopted annual budget.
- 2) The report must also include:
  - a) details of all cash and investments held by the council (including money held in trust); and
  - b) the closing cash at bank balance split between tied and untied funds; and
  - c) a statement on trade debtors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed to the council; and
  - d) a statement on trade creditors and a general indication of the age of the debts owed by the council; and
  - e) a statement in relation to the council's payment and reporting obligations for GST, fringe benefits tax, PAYG withholding tax, superannuation and insurance; and
  - f) other information required by the council.

Financial report included as separate attachment to this agenda.

**Policy Implications**

Not applicable

**Financial Implications**

See the body of this report.

**Recommendation**

***That Council:***

***Notes and endorses the financial report for April 2023.***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***



## 9 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

Members are invited to raise any questions.

## 10 GENERAL BUSINESS

Call for any other general business.

**Discussion**

## 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

**Recommendation**

***THAT pursuant to section 99(2) and 293(1) of the Local Government Act 2019 and section 51(1) of the Local Government (General) Regulations 2021 the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential items of the agenda.***

***Moved:***

***Seconded:***

Return to open session:

## 12 NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

***The next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> at the Belyuen Council Offices, Belyuen commencing at 11:00am.***