

Minutes



Special Council Meeting

**To Consider Adoption of Council's Budget
For the Financial Year 2026 - 2027**

Wednesday 17th June 2026

Boardroom Hopevale Shire Office

1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 Declaration of Opening of Meeting

Mayor Gibson declared the meeting open at 9.08 am.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Mayor Gibson acknowledged the traditional owners of the lands on which the meeting was held and elders, past, present and emerging.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 Members Present: Cr Bruce Gibson – Mayor

Cr Barry Bowen – Deputy Mayor

Cr Sha-lane Gibson (arrived 9.17am)

Cr Rowan Hart

Cr Eva Bounghi

2.2 Officer Present: Chief Executive Officer – Lew Rojahn

Finance Manager – Micah Nkiwane

BDO Advisor – Ben Schierhuber

BDO Advisor – Nicolaj Kraemer

2.3 Apologies: Nil

Mayor welcomed all Councillors and Officers

3 OBLIGATIONS OF COUNCILLORS

Section 150EF of the Local Government Act 2009

Personal interests in ordinary business matters of a local government

- (1) This chapter does not apply in relation to a conflict of interest in a matter if the matter—
- (c) is solely, or relates solely to, the preparation, adoption or amendment of a budget for the local government;

The Mayor called for a minutes silence to remember passed members of the community.

The Ceo congratulated Council on their support for the budget process and noted this was a milestone day in the history of this Council.

Mr Ben Schierhuber congratulated Council on the proposed budget and the manner it was collated.

He then provided a short presentation on what the process is going into the future.

4 ADOPTION OF THE 2026 – 2027 BUDGET

4.1 Adoption of the Operational Plan

Moved by Cr Bounghi

Seconded by Cr Gibson

Resolution

That Council adopt the 2026/27 Operational Plan as attached to the report by the Council Advisor.

CARRIED 5 / 0

4.2 Adoption of the Revenue Policy, Revenue Statement, Debt Policy and Investment Policy for 2026-2027

Moved by Cr Bowen

Seconded by Cr. Mayor Gibson

Resolution

That Council adopt the following policies and Statements as attached to the report of the Council as part of the 2026/2027 budget, namely:

- The Revenue Statement 2026/27;
- The Revenue Policy 2026/27;
- The Debt Policy; and
- The Investment Policy

and further, that pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), Council's utility charges (service charges) be levied for the year 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 - in July 2026;

and further, that pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), that Council's utility charges (service charges) be payable within 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice;

and further, that pursuant to section 129 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), that Council's utility charges (service charges) may be payable by either weekly, fortnightly, monthly, or yearly instalments within the levied financial year.

CARRIED 5/0

4.3 Adoption of the 2026 – 2027 Council Budget and Associated Documents.

Moved by Cr Gibson

Seconded by Cr Bounghi

Resolution

That pursuant to s104(5)(a)(iv) of the *Local Government Act 2009* (Qld) and ss168, 169, 170, 171, 172 and 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), the Council adopts the Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year, incorporating:

- i. The statements of financial position;
- ii. The statements of cash flow;
- iii. The statements of income and expenditure for 2026/27 and subsequent two financial years;
- iv. The statements of changes in equity;
- v. The long-term financial forecast;
- vi. The Capital Works Program;
- xi. The relevant measures of financial sustainability;
- x. The statement of the estimated financial position; and
- xii. That the Council states that the total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges (service charges) levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges (service charges) levied in the previous budget is 35.76%.

Further, that pursuant to s205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld), the statement of the financial position of the Council in respect of the previous financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position") be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED 5/0

4.4 Adoption of the Council Fees and Charges

Moved by Cr. Bowen

Seconded by Bounghi

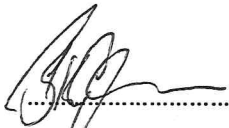
Resolution

That Council adopt the 2026/27 Fees and Charges Register as attached to the report by BDO (NTH QLD) and note that the fees and charges will apply from 1 July 2026.

CARRIED 5/0

5 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.52am



Cr Bruce Gibson

Mayor



Lew Rojahn

Chief Executive Officer