Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Minutes – Council Meeting 17 & 18 September 2025

MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 17 & 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Attendance

Mayor Bruce Simpson
Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Cr Carla Fisher
Cr Tom Langton
Cr Daniel Weazel

Officers: ***CEO - Zala***
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs
Advisor – Brett De Chastel

9.30 am ***Mayor Opened Meeting***
Welcome to Country – Cr Daniel Weazel
Sorry Business – 1 Minute Silence

Leave of Absence – Cr Tom Langton

Cr Tom Langton has made a request for Leave of Absence from Council Meeting on 18 September due to Cherbourg Rangers Event.

Resolution

Council resolves to grant a Leave of Absence to Cr Tom Langton from council meeting to be held on 18 September 2025 due to other important event.

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2823 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Councillor Obligations

Prescribed Conflict of Interest

Nil

Declarable Conflict of Interest

Cr Carla Fisher reported that she has a Conflict of Interest as her partner has submitted correspondence seeking sports assistance to this meeting.

Council agreed that there was a Conflict of Interest.

Resolution

Council resolved that Cr Carla Fisher has a Conflict of Interest when her partner's correspondence regarding sports assistance is presented to the meeting.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Motion No. 2824 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Register of Interest

Nil

Minute Approval

That the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 & 21 August 2025 be confirmed.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Motion No. 2825 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Bruce Simpson presented his Report.

Visit – Stars Facility – Metro North Health

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council has been invited to visit the Stars Facility – Metro North Health on 13 November 2025.

With the health issues being faced by Cherbourg, Council has agreed to accept the invitation to visit Metro North Health to investigate their programs.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council accepts Stars Facility – Metro North Health's invitation to visit their facility yon 13 November 2025.

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Cr Carla Fisher***

Motion No. 2826 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Mayor's Report be adopted.

Moved: ***Cr Tom Langton***
Seconded: ***Cr Carla Fisher***

Motion No. 2827 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

The CEO presented his report

Queensland Indigenous Council Leaders Accord

There is a proposal to set up an accord between the Qld State Government and First Nations Council (indigenous/discrete local governments) which would give Indigenous councils a seat at the decision-making table in State Government matters. The Accord will be co-chaired by the TCICA Chair and LGAQ PE Initiative on an alternating basis.

Council is not a part of TCICA and does not believe that it will have a voice in this accord. Cherbourg will ***not*** *be joining this Accord under the current arrangements.*

Resolution

that

1. ***The Accord will be the key group working between the state government and first nation council, there are benefits of joining the Accord to have our voice.***

2. ***We are not part of TCICA and there should have been better consultation with southern first nation councils on the formation of the group. Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council will not be joining this Accord under the current arrangements.***

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2828 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Native Title Update

ILUA Negotiations have stalled while QSNTS (lawyers for the RNTBC) and RILIPO negotiate costs to recommence the ILUA as further information is required from QSNTS.

Current Housing Priorities – 5 sites require action to address native title, either via formal CEO request or a Council resolution.

Resolution

That Council: -

A. ***Proceed with 24 JAA process on : 9 Cobbo Street; 50 Barber Street; 51 Barber Street and 13 Collins Road, 2-4 Allan Douglas Ave.***

B. ***CEO email or Council resolution to ask RILIPO to request the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development to carry out advanced native title research to identify if the public works extinguishment covers the entire parcel.***

C. ***Council request RILIPO to prepare a Native Title Map identifying subject to native title deter, and extinguished areas***

Moved: ***Cr Carla Fisher***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2829 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Christmas Closure 2025/2026

Each year council traditionally closes it administrative offices and selected services during the Christmas and New Year period. It is proposed that Council's administrative offices closes from 12.00pm Wednesday 24 December 2025, and reopen on Monday 5 January 2026.

Resolution

That council administrative offices

Close : ***12.00pm Wednesday, 24th December 2025***
Reopen: ***Monday, 5 January 2026***

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Motion No. 2830 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Elders Advisory Group

The Elders Advisory Group held a meeting on 27 August 2025 and their Minutes are submitted for council information. Elders Advisory Group also recommended erecting a sign at the cemetery " No Alcohol Past this Point".

Council agreed that it would not erect a sign at the cemetery however messages to be respectful when visiting the cemetery is to be placed on the radio, Council's web page and around the community.

Biosecurity Advisory Committee Terms

South Burnett Regional Council has drafted the Terms of Reference for the South Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Biosecurity Advisory Committee. This committee will advise on invasive plant and animal related matters and assist with development implementation and review of the Biosecurity Plan. The committee will also act as a conduit and point of contact enabling community members to raise issues with council before matters become significant.

South Burnett Regional Council has included all the councillors members from their council to be on the committee. Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council will do the same.

Resolution

That all members of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council nominate to be on the South Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Biosecurity Advisory Committee.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Carla Fisher***

Motion No. 2831 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Christmas Ham Distribution

Council has taken proactive steps to support residents during the festive season through the distribution of Christmas hampers, hams, and hosting community events. This initiative provides practical support and fosters a sense of community and shared celebration.

Council will continue with this initiative this year.

Resolution

That

Council endorses that every House in Cherbourg receives either Ham or Chicken - with distribution in mid to late December 2025.

Moved: ***Cr Tom Langton***
Seconded: ***Cr Carla Fisher***

Motion No. 2832 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Local Housing Plan – Update Plan

The Cherbourg Local Housing Plan – (Update Plan) has been submitted for Council endorsement.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the Cherbourg Local Housing Plan – Update Plan.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Motion No. 2833 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Cherbourg Footpath – Naming

The Cherbourg Culture path project is almost completed, the Team is working on the fencing project. Council is seeking a name for the Footpath. "Many Tribes, One Community Footpath" was a popular choice for the footpath.

Council agreed.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the name "Many Tribes, One Community Footpath".

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2834 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the CEO's Report be adopted.

Moved: ***Cr Tom Langton***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2835 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

CORPORTATE SERVICES REPORT

The Corporate Services Manager presented his Report.

Write Offs

Council agreed to write off housing debts more than 6 years old for deceased tenants. The total amount of the write off is $24,391-99.

Council agreed that the housing debts for deceased tenants are to be written off.

Resolution

That Council resolves that the housing debts for deceased tenants of $24, 391.99 be written off.

Moved: Cr Tom Langton
Seconded: Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge

Motion No. 2836 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

EFT/Signatory

It is recommended that the new Corporate Services Manager, Warren Collins be added as an authorised signatory for EFT and Cheque transactions. It will provide flexibility in the authorisation process, particularly when other signatories are unavailable.

Resolution

That the new Corporate Services Manager, Warren Collins be added as an authorised signatory for Council's EFT and Cheque transactions.

Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2837 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Petty Cash – Debit Card

It is intended to have a petty cash float of $400 and introduce a debit card for petty cash-type purchases, to be ordered in the CEO or Corporate Services Manager name. The float of $400 will be transferred from the General Fund account to this zero-balance account to replicate the petty cash float electronically. The cards will be allocated to authorisd officers under strict usage, approval and reconciliation controls.

Resolution

That council implement a debit card petty cash system, with a float of $400.

Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel
Seconded: Cr Tom Langton

Motion No. 2838 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Resolution

Council resolves that the Corporate Services Report be adopted.

Moved: ***Cr Carla Fisher***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2839 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

The Economic & Community Development Manager presented his report

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Economic & Community Development Report be adopted.

Moved: ***Cr Tom Langton***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2840 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

OPERATION DEPT REPORT

The Operation Manager presented his report.

Pound

Request that the Pound be named the Steven "Stevie" Hill Memorial Pound. Steven Hill was instrumental in the establishment of the pound.

Council agreed

Resolution

That the Pound be named the Steven "Stevie" Hill Memorial Pound.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Carla Fisher***

Motion No. 2841 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Orange Sky

Orange Sky is seeking a resolution for their proposal for a pod style laundromat in Cherbourg.

More Information in relation to cost is to be obtained before council can consider this proposal.

Resolution

That Council requires more information in relation to cost before it can consider the Orange Sky Pod style laundromat proposal.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Motion No. 2842 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Operation Dept Report be adopted.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Carla Fisher***

Motion No. 2843 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Report Approval

Council resolves that the Community Services Report be adopted.

Moved: ***Cr Carla Fisher***
Seconded: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Motion No. 2844 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

12.15pm ***Meeting adjourned for lunch***
1.00pm ***Meeting recommenced***

1.00pm ***Presentation (Data Driven Decision Making) – Brett De Chastel***

1.20pm ***Meeting Closed***

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COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2025

Attendance

Mayor Bruce Simpson
Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge
Cr Carla Fisher
Cr Daniel Weazel

Apologies: ***Cr Tom Langton***

Officers: ***CEO - Zala***
Minute Taker - Eileen Jacobs

9.17am ***Mayor Opened Meeting***

CORRESPONDENCE

Rebecca Sullivan

Rebecca is seeking sport financial support for her daughter Gertrude West- Sandow to participate in the Rugby League 13-14 Girls State Championship in Townville 15-18 September 2025.

Council agreed to donate $200 for Gertrude West- Sandow to assist her to compete in the in the Rugby League 13-14 Girls State Championship in Townville 15-18 September 2025.

Resolution

that Council resolves to donate $200 for Gerturde West-Sandow to participate in the Rugby League 13-14 Girls State Championship in Townville 15-18 September 2025.

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2845 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Mayor Bruce Simpson declared interest and left meeting as Stephen Simpson is Mayor Bruce Simpson's grandson

Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge chaired meeting whilst Mayor Bruce Simpson left the meeting.

Resolution

That Council accepts Mayor Bruce Simpson declaration of conflict of interest and that he leaves the meeting.

Moved: ***Cr Carla Fisher***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2046 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Stephen Simpson & Mitch Wilson

Stephen and Mitch are seeking sponsorship/Donations for the Ian "Chook" Wilson Memorial Rugby League Team to compete in the Toowoomba Knockout Carnival 2026.

Resolution

That Council donates $200 to the Ian "Chook" Wilson Memorial Rugby League Team to compete in the Toowoomba Knockout Carnival 2026

Moved: ***Cr Carla Fisher***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2047 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Mayor Bruce Simpson entered meeting

Cr Carla Fisher declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting as Preston Rewald is her partner.

Resolution

That Council accepts Cr Carla Fisher's declaration of conflict of interest and that she leaves the meeting.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2048 Carried

Preston Rewald

Preston is seeking financial assistance for his son to compete in the Qld State Athletics Championship in Townsville

Resolution

That Council donates $200 for Raven Rewald to compete in the Qld State Athletics Championship in Townsville

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2049 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

QCoal Foundation

QCoal Foundation Scholarship information- application for next QCoal Foundation Scholarship will be accepted from 1 October this year at James Cook University.

Qld Reconstruction Authority

Local Disaster Resilience Action Plan Review Update and Implementation information.

John Smith

Official Collective Expression of Interest.

Office of the Information Commissioner Qld

Examination of the use of privacy impact assessments and CCTV surveillance in public spaces.

Muslim Votes Matter

Info - Muslim perspective on combating antisemitism Local Government and Community Reponses conference.

Dept Justice Qld State Archives

Info - noted
Geoff Clark

Granny Flat Affordable Housing and creative assembly

Noted

South Burnett Regional Council

South Burnett Regional Council and Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Biosecurity Committee Terms of Reference

LGAQ

Info - Local Govt Awareness Research

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Youth Justice Forum

The Youth Justice Forum will be held in Brisbane on 2-5 December 2025.

Cr Carla Fisher & Cr Tom Langton have been nominated to attend.

Resolution

That Cr Carla Fisher & Cr Tom Langton attend the Youth Justice Forum from 2-5 December 2025 in Brisbane

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2050 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Offer for Property – Cherbourg Road Murgon

This adjoining property to Cherbourg is being offered at $950,000. Council has decided to make an offer of 750,000 for this property

Council views this property as a great investment for the future of Cherbourg.

Resolution

That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council will seek funding to make an offer of $750,00 for the Cherbourg Road Murgon property.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2051 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

LGAQ – 2025 AGM & Conference Delegate Voting

Total Voting Entitlement at the Conference is 2. Council appointed Mayor Bruce Simpson & Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge as Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council voting delegates at the LGAQ 2025 AGM & Conference.

Resolution

that Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council nominates Mayor Bruce Simpson & Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge as their voting Delegates at the LGAQ – 2025 AGM & Conference.

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Cr Carla Fisher***

Motion No. 2052 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Proxy - LGAQ – 2025 AGM & Conference Delegate Voting

Council has nominated Cr Carla Fisher as Proxy for Mayor Bruce Simpson or Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge if they are unable to vote in the LGAQ – 2025 AGM & Conference

Resolution

That Cr Carla Fisher be nominated as Proxy for Council LGAQ – 2025 AGM & Conference if delegates (Mayor Bruce Simpson or Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge are unable to attend).

Moved: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
Seconded: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***

Motion No. 2053 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

George Fisher

George is seeking funding for the Men & Women Rugby League Teams to compete in the Queensland Murri Carnival on 19-27 September 2025.

Resolution

that Council is unable to financially assist as it has already sponsored the Cherbourg Aboriginal Junior Rugby League Club this year.

Moved: ***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***

Motion No. 2054 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

Rockhampton QIBN Meeting

Mayor Bruce Simpson & Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge have been nominated to attend this event (Queensland Indigenous Business Network) in Rockhampton.

Resolution

that Mayor Bruce Simpson & Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge attend the QIBN Meeting in Rockhampton on

Moved: ***Cr Carla Fisher***
Seconded: ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
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Motion No. 2055 Carried
For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously

11.00am ***meeting closed***