


# *Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council*

***Minutes – Council Meeting 11 November 2026***

Unconfirmed

***MINUTES***

***COUNCIL MEETING***

***HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2026***

***Attendance***

***Mayor Bruce Simpson***
***Deputy Mayor Gordon Wragge***
***Cr Tom Langton***
***Cr Daniel Weazel***

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

***9.35 am*** ***Mayor Bruce Simpson opened Meeting***
***Welcome to Country – Cr Daniel Weazel***
***Sorry Business – 1 Minute Silence***

*Councillor Obligations*

*Nil*

***Minute Approval***

***That Council resolves to confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 15 October 2026.***

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

***Motion No. 3200 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***MAYORS REPORT***

*Mayor presented his Report.*

***Report Approval***

***That Council resolves to adopt the Mayors Report.***

***Moved:*** ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
***Seconded:*** ***Cr Tom Langton***

***Motion No. 3201 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

Unconfirmed

***9.46am Cr Carla Fisher entered meeting***

***CHIEF EXECUTUVE OFFICER***

*CEO presented his report*

*Annual Report*

***Council's Annual Report for 2025/2026 was presented for council endorsement.***

***Resolution***

***That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council;***

1. ***Adopt the annual report 2025/2026 to comply with legislation.***
2. ***Publish the report on council's website within two weeks of adoption. LGR s182(4)***

***Moved: Cr Tom Langton***
***Seconded: Cr Daniel Weazel***

***Motion No. 3202 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

*Acting Chief Executive Officer Arrangements During CEO Annual Leave:*

*The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be taking annual leave commencing Wednesday, 9 December 2026, and concluding Thursday, 21 January 2027.*

*In accordance with the Local Government Act, Council is requested to consider and resolve the appointment of Acting Chief Executive Officers for the period of the CEOs absence. Following discussions with the mayor, the following arrangements are proposed to ensure continuity of leadership, management and operational decision-making during this period:*

***Resolution***

***That Council:***

1. ***Approve the appointment of Warren Collins, Director Corporate Services, as Acting Chief Executive Officer for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council from Wednesday, 9 December 2026 to Monday, 5 January 2027 inclusive.***

2. ***Approve the appointment of Sean Nicholson, Director Economic and Community Development, as Acting Chief Executive Officer for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council from Tuesday, 6 January 2027 to Thursday, 21 January 2027 inclusive.***

Unconfirmed

3. ***Note that these appointments are required to ensure continuity of executive leadership, Council operations and statutory responsibilities during the CEO's annual leave period.***

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

***Motion No. 3203 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Christmas 2026 - Employee Appreciation Gift Cards***

*Council approval sought to provide all eligible Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council employees with a $100 IGA gift card for Christmas 2026, in recognition of their hard work and dedication throughout the year.*

*Council acknowledges the important contribution made by all employees in delivering essential services, programs and projects, and in supporting the Cherbourg community throughout 2026.*

*The Mayor, Councillors and Executive Leadership Team recognise the commitment, professionalism and efforts of Council employees, and consider it appropriate to provide a Christmas appreciation gift as a gesture of thanks.*

*Each eligible employee would receive a $100 IGA gift card to assist with grocery expenses during the Christmas holiday period. The estimated cost to Council is approximately $14,000 to $15,000, based on 140–150 eligible employees receiving a $100 gift card each.*

***Resolution***

***That Council:***

1. ***Approve the provision of a $100 IGA gift card to every eligible Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council employee for Christmas 2026.***

2. ***Approve the estimated expenditure of $14,000 to $15,000, subject to the final number of eligible employees and available budget.***

3. ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to coordinate the purchase and distribution of the gift cards.***

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

***Motion No. 3204Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***9.59am*** ***Meeting Adjourned***
***10.39am*** ***Meeting Recommenced***

Unconfirmed

***2026 Final Management Report - Queensland Audit Office***

*The Queensland Audit Office, through its appointed external auditors, has completed the external audit of Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council's financial statements for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.*

*The QAO has issued an unmodified audit opinion, confirming that Council's financial statements comply with the applicable legislative requirements and accounting standards and present fairly Council's financial position and financial performance.*

*Management acknowledges the audit findings and is committed to implementing the recommendations to strengthen Council's procurement, financial management and internal control arrangements.*

*The report is presented to Council in accordance with section 213 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

***Resolution***

***That Council:***

1. ***Receive and note the Queensland Audit Office 2026 Final Management Report for Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council for the financial year ended 30 June 2026.***
2. 
3. ***Note that the Queensland Audit Office has issued an unmodified audit opinion on Council's 2025-2026 financial statements.***

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

***Motion No. 3205 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Administrative Action Complaints Policy and Procedure - Endorsement***

*Endorsement sought for the Administrative Action Complaints Policy and Procedure.*

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council recognises the importance of maintaining public confidence, accountability and transparency in the delivery of Council services and administrative functions. Community members, residents, stakeholders and other affected persons should have an accessible and appropriate avenue to raise concerns about Council decisions, actions or failures to act.*

*An effective complaints management framework provides Council with an opportunity to:*

*1. Address concerns fairly, consistently and in a timely manner.*

*2. Improve service delivery and administrative practices.*

*3. Identify recurring issues and opportunities for organisational improvement.*

*4. Strengthen accountability and transparency.*

*5. Maintain community confidence and trust in Council.*

Unconfirmed

*The proposed Administrative Action Complaints Policy and Procedure is intended to formalise Council's approach to managing administrative complaints and ensure employees understand their responsibilities when receiving and referring complaints. The proposed policy and employee information guide have been prepared for internal review and consideration.*

***Resolution***

***That Council***

- ***Endorse the proposed Administrative Action Complaints Policy and Procedure, subject to final administrative and legislative review by management.***
- ***Approve the supporting employee information guide, Complaints Handling - What Every Employee Needs to Know, for internal distribution and employee awareness.***
- ***Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and implement the policy and associated procedures, ensuring consistency with applicable legislation and Council's governance requirements.***

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

***Motion No. 3206 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Proposed Renewal of Lease - Ny-Ku Byun Elders Village, 1 Fisher Street, Cherbourg***

*Ny Ku Byun Elders Village is seeking Council's approval in principle to grant a new 10-year lease to Blue Care (Pinangba} for the continued operation of the Ny-Ku Buun Elders Village. BlueCare has formally requested a new 10-year lease to continue providing aged care, respite and associated community services to the Cherbourg community.*

*The Ny-Ku Buun Elders Village provides an important service to local Elders and families and contributes to community wellbeing, cultural connection and local First Nations employment. BlueCare has proposed the following lease arrangements:*

*Due to Legislative Requirements – Leases of Council Land will now require a separate Trustee Meeting.*

***Resolution***

***That Council hold a meeting in early December to discuss Leases***

- ***Ny Ku Byun Elders Village Lease Renewal***
- ***Cobbo & Co On-Country Eco Park***

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

***Motion No.3207 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

Unconfirmed

*Kai Kai Cherbourg Café*

*Seeking Council Financial Support for Opening of Kai Kai Cherbourg Café Hangi, to make it free for the Community.*

*Council cannot partner and provide any financial support for the hangi but will donate the usage of its BBQ Trailer at the opening of the Kai Kai Cherbourg Café.*

***Resolution***

***That Council is unable to provide any financial support for the event, but it is pleased to support the community Hāngi by making a BBQ available for use on the day.***

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

***Motion No. 3208Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Report Approval***

***That Council resolves to adopt the Chief Executive Officer's Report.***

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

***Motion No. 3209 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***CORPORATE SERVICES***

*Corporate Services Manager Presented his Report*

***Report Approval***

***Council resolves to adopt the Corporate Services Report***

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

***Motion No. 3210 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Finance Report***

*CEO presented the Finance Report & the Project Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council ERP Implementation Report.*

***Report Approval***

***Council resolves to adopt the Finance Report & Project Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council ERP Implementation Report.***

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

***Motion No. 3211Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

Unconfirmed

***HR Report***

*HR Officer presented her Report*

*Higher Duties*

*The Higher Duties policy was presented for council endorsement.*

***11.2 Calculation of Payment***

*Where an employee is entitled to Higher Duties under an applicable Award or industrial instrument, remuneration will be calculated in accordance with the applicable industrial instrument and at a rate of 85% of the role they are acting in unless lower than their current rate. For employees covered by Clause 12.5 of the Queensland Local Government Industry Award (Stream A) – State 2017, payment will be made in accordance with the classification and salary provisions applicable to the position being relieved.*

***Resolution***

***That Council endorses the submitted Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Higher Duties Policy.***

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

***Motion No. 3212 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Report Approval***

***Council resolves to adopt the HR & Workplace Health & Safety Report.***

***Moved: Cr Daniel Weazel***
***Seconded: Cr Tom Langton***

***Motion No. 3213Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT***

***Building & Planning Report November 2026***

*The Economic & Community Development Manager presented his report.*

Unconfirmed

***Building Report***

*QuickStart Funding Schedule 1 – Variation*

*Funding Schedule 1 lists 7 units of accommodation as its outcome consisting of new housing projects over 3 sites:*

*3a/b Oak Ave – Duplex 2-bed*
*3 Jerome St – 5 Bed house*
*10/11 Jerome St – 4x 2-bed villas*

*Council's preference to meet housing waiting lists is to construct 2x 4-bed houses on the 10/11 Jerome Site delivering a total of 5 units of accommodation.*

*This information has been communicated to the Dept of Housing for response. Dept has considered Council's preference & indicated a preference to maintain the 7 units of accommodation outcome for Funding Schedule 1 QuickStarts.*

*Proposed Variation - Dept of Housing, Remote Capital Delivery team has communicated acceptance of a request for variation to Funding schedule 1 as below:*

*3a/b Oak Ave – (Platinum) Duplex 2-bed*
*3 Jerome St – (Gold) 5 Bed house*
*10 Jerome St – (Gold) 4-bed house*
*11 Jerome St – (Gold) 4-bed house 23 Broadway St – (Gold) 4-bed house 20 Bell St – (Gold) 4-bed house*

***Resolution***

***That Council endorse the request for variation to QuickStart Funding Schedule 1 items – Proposal, Funding, Land, & Works encompassing the above list of sites, dwelling type, accessibility levels, for assessment & approval by Dept of Housing Public Works for the purpose of housing delivery under the Cherbourg Strategic Capital Plan.***

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

***Motion No. 2314 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

*Traineeship Proposal*

*To address skill shortages & create employment opportunities for Cherbourg youth the Building Dept. has sought opportunities for skilled apprenticeships &traineeships with the network of contractors & consultants working on housing development & delivery under the Strategic Capital Plan.*

*ONF Surveyors have responded with a proposal to create a full-time paid traineeship opportunity based in Kingaroy commencing in 2027 with a pathway to achieving surveyor qualifications CPP20126 - Certificate II Surveying and Spatial Information Services.*

Unconfirmed

***Resolution***

***That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses***

- ***the Surveying Traineeship opportunity created by ONF Surveyors & invite ONF's representative to a future Council meeting to present the employment opportunity in detail.***

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

***Motion No. 2315 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Procurement Exemption – 3a/b Fisher St construction stage 2/3/4 – BHS Constructions***

*The 3 Fisher St site has been approved for Material Change of Use & demolition of the existing Superintendents residence. Demolition & Stage 1 site preparation works are completed ready for construction of 2x 3-bed gold accessibility houses under the Forward Remote Capital Program Funding Agreement. The 3 Fisher St site is the final site to be developed for social housing under this Funding Schedule. The construction work will be procured under the below framework, managed by CASC Building Dept:*

*This stage system enables the Building Dept. to deliver quality outcomes while maximising employment opportunities for Cherbourg residents. There are currently 2 full-time apprentices working on housing projects under Building Dept. supervision.*

*For the 3a/b Fisher St site it is proposed to contract BHS Constructions to complete the builders' stages 2/3/4. At present BHS Constructions is the only available builder who Council can reasonably rely upon to facilitate delivery of this scale capital asset by completing Stage 2/3/4 on this project in our contractual timeframe with the Dept. of Housing, negating the benefit of proceeding to public tender for procurement.*

***Resolution***

***That Council approves the Building Dept. to enter into a large-size contract greater than $280,000.00 ex gst to complete 3a/b Fisher St stages 2/3/4 as Council is satisfied BHS Constructions is the only builder reasonably available as per S.235(a) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.***

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

***Motion No. 2316 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

Unconfirmed

***Progress on current new housing projects***

*First Nations Housing & Homelessness have communicated to Council their proposed 26/27 Upgrade & Maintenance programs consisting of:*

*Upgrade Budget of $1,137,876, noting delivery expenditure on upgrades of $3,145,915 in 2025-26.*

- *9 projects in progress or not commenced by 30 June 2026*
- *15 projects to be quoted*
- *Maintenance Budget of $4,600,041 which is a further 36% ($1,236,122) uplift on the 2025-26 budget*

*The Upgrade program offer represents a substantial reduction in upgrade expenditure & scope of work being undertaken with very little in the way of improvements to health, safety, running costs of Cherbourg housing.*

*The Maintenance budget allocation represents a substantial uplift in budget without a corresponding trend in increasing demand 24/25 to 25/26.*

*25/26 total upgrades & maintenance total $6,509,834.00 26/27*
*total proposed upgrades & maintenance total $5,737,917.00*
*26/27 overall reduction minus $771,917.00*

*First Nations Housing & Homelessness (FNHH) has made a unilateral decision to modify the scope of the Upgrade program. FNHH has notified CASC the 12x planned lawn lockers will now not proceed in 2026/27. FNHH has replaced the lawn lockers within the current budget allocation with 5 tender requests for bathroom upgrades at various locations.*

***Resolution***

***That Council approves***

- ***that The Building Dept. will tender for the requested work & aim to complete all approved work within the 26/27 financial year.***

- ***Additionally, the Building Dept. will continue to pursue other funding opportunities to improve the health, safety, & energy efficiency of Cherbourg housing such as the Queensland Community Housing Energy Upgrades (QCHEU) program***

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

***Motion No. 2317 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***<u>Report Approval</u>***

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

***Moved:*** ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
***Seconded:*** ***Cr Tom Langton***

***Motion No. 2318 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

Unconfirmed

***OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT***

*The Operations Dept Manager Presented his Report*

***Funeral Policy***

*The funeral Policy was presented for council endorsement.*

***Resolution***

***That Council endorse the submitted Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Funeral Policy.***

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

***Motion No. 2319 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Report Approval***

***Council resolves to adopt the Operation's Dept Report***

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

***Motion No. 2320 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***12.42pm Meeting Adjourned for lunch***
***1.31pm Meeting Recommenced***

***1.32pm Entered Meeting - Michael Monk, Chris Krosch, Catherine Haig (Via Teams)***

***Michael, Chris & Chatherine made a presentation on Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council new Local Government Council Web Site.***

***Requested Council feedback to complete the site.***

***1.50pm Left Meeting - Michael Monk, Chris Krosch, Catherine Haig (Via Teams)***

***COMMUNITY SERVICES***

***Community Services Manager Presented her Report.***

*YAG – Coffee Van*

*A proposal has been developed for Council's consideration regarding the integration of a YAG Coffee Van to provide additional community services and support opportunities for youth within Cherbourg.*

Unconfirmed

*Community Services/YAG is seeking Council support of $68,135 to enable the delivery of the Cherbourg Community Coffee Van Project, an innovative social enterprise designed to create training, employment, and community engagement opportunities for local people.*

*The project has already secured $50,000 in funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). However, the total project cost of purchasing and fitting out a fully compliant mobile coffee van is $118,135, leaving a funding shortfall of $68,135.*

*Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to source funding shortfall from funding bodies.*

***Resolution***

***That Council:***

1. ***notes the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) Coffee Van proposal, including its intended training, employment, community-engagement and healthy-food-access outcomes;***

2. ***notes that $50,000 has been secured from the National Indigenous Australians Agency and that further funding is required to deliver the project; and***

3. ***authorises the Chief Executive Officer to seek and submit applications for further funding from relevant government, and other funding bodies to meet the remaining project costs and support delivery of the YAG Coffee Van project.***

***The proposal seeks to establish a fully compliant mobile coffee van, with operations targeted to commence in June 2027.***

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

***Motion No. 3221 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***<u>Gym - EFTPOS</u>***

*Sports Complex Request for and EFTPOS for purchases at the Gym*

***<u>Resolution</u>***

***That council endorses EFTPOS being introduced at the Cherbourg Sports Complex.***

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

***Motion No. 3222 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***<u>Community Protocol Policy</u>***

*A draft Protocol for entering Cherbourg and engaging with Council and community has been presented for Council endorsement.*

Unconfirmed

***Resolution***

***That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council endorses the submitted Community Protocol Policy.***

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

***Motion No. 3223 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

*Law & Order minutes*

*The Community Action Group – Law & Order Minutes from meeting held on 16 September 2026 has been submitted for council perusal.*

***Resolution***

***That Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council receive and notes the CAG Law & Order Minutes of 16 September 2026.***

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

***Motion No. 3224 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Report Approval***

***Council resolves to adopt the Community Services Report.***

***Moved:*** ***Cr Daniel Weazel***
***Seconded:*** ***Cr Tom Langton***

***Motion No. 3225 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***Correspondence***

*Daisy Sandow*

*Daisy Sandow has applied to Council for sponsorship for the Cherbourg Hornets men's and women's teams to attend the Christmas Cup Carnival in Townsville, 4 to 6 December. Nomination fees ($4,000 per team) are paid. Council is asked to contribute towards bus hire and accommodation (approx. $5,000). In return, the Council logo would appear on team merchandise. Other sponsors have been approached and the team is fundraising for fuel and food.*

***Resolution***

***That Council:***

1. ***approves sponsorship of $500 to each of the Cherbourg Hornets men's and women's teams, a total of $1,000, towards bus hire and accommodation for the Christmas Cup Carnival in Townsville, 4 to 6 December 2026;***

Unconfirmed

2. ***requests that the Council logo be displayed on the teams' merchandise***

3.

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

***Motion No. 3226 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***George Fisher***

*George Fisher, Cherbourg Hornets Club President, asks whether Council can support the Pioneer Shield event on 14 November 2026 at Jack O'chin Sports Oval, Cherbourg. Games are CBG Men's Team A v Woorabinda, CBG Men's Team B v Sunshine Coast, and the CBG Women's Team v Bundaberg Eels. He also asks that the Woorabinda team stay at the Sports Complex on 13 and 14 November. The club has secured $3,000 in sponsorship and requests $2,500 from Council for the remaining costs.*

*Unfortunately, as this event has already taken place, Council is unable to commit funding or support to an event that has already happened. Council can only consider requests in advance of an event.*
*For future events, please send your request to Council well ahead of the event date so it can be properly considered.*

***Dept State Development Infrastructure, Planning & Industrial Relations***

***Appointment of special holidays for 2027***

*Advice that the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council Special Holiday for 2027 have now been notified in the Queensland Government Gazette, in accordance with section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983.*

*The following special holidays have been appointed for your district:*

1. *9 July 2027 – **bank holiday** for the Shire of Cherbourg for the purpose of NAIDOC Day*
2. *9 August 2027 – **public holiday** for the Shire of Cherbourg for the purpose of the Royal Queensland Show*
3. *8 October 2027 – **bank holiday** for the Shire of Cherbourg for the purpose of Cherbourg Day*

*Noted*

***Jacinta Yelland***

*Jacinta wishes to explore the possibility of bringing her theatre show KOAL to Cherbourg. Koal is theatre show inspired by the 2019 Australian bushfires, through the stories of a baby koaka, coal miner and a Torres Strait islander girl. She would also like to explore running theatre workshops for young people in the community.*

*Council has approved the request to bring KOAL to Cherbourg, including the opportunity to run theatre workshops with young people in the community.*

***Kenyans in Qld***

*Thank you letter to Mayor Simpson for attending the KIQ Mashujaa Day Gala & Awards Night 2026.*



Unconfirmed

***Ryley Page***

*Ryley is a First Nations Engagement Officer with University of Southern Qld at Springfield. He is wishing to do some outreach in Cherbourg regarding different pathway, programs and opportunities that they can provide to the community for anyone interested in higher education or study.*

*Council would like to invite Ryley to attend our next Council meeting in January 2027 to introduce himself and the proposed outreach to Cherbourg. This will give Councilors the chance to hear directly from Ryley and to guide the University on the right approach before any planning is done.*

***Uniting Care***

*BlueCare (Pinangba) is requesting Council approval for a new 10-year lease so Ny-Ku Buun Elders Village can continue providing aged-care, respite, and community services in Cherbourg.*

*Council will meet on 3 December 2026 to discuss the lease. Uniting Care's (NKB) submission and presentation will be provided to Councillors for consideration at that meeting.*

***CTC***

*Invitation to join the South Burnett CTC at their Annual Mingle & Jingle Christmas Stakeholder Breakfast.*

***Uni Qld***

*UQ Library invites Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council to collaborate on sharing and improving access to culturally significant digitised collections.*

- *UQ proposes donating laptops containing relevant collection items, an index, an external hard drive, and supporting resources.*
- *The project includes community feedback sessions, description corrections, advice, and future collection additions.*
- *UQ commits to respecting Terri Janke and Company's ten Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property Rights principles.*
- *The invitation follows a Mapoon pilot; project contact: Lesley Acres.*

*Council has considered the proposal and approved participation. Council welcomes the opportunity to support community access to collections connected to our cultural heritage and local histories.*

***Dept Transport***

*Information - TMR explains Cherbourg's unsuccessful walking network plan application, funding criteria and flexibility for future active transport proposals.*

- ***Application assessment and funding:*** *The 2026–27 round was competitive, with over $10.5 million allocated to regional projects. Applications were assessed on project merits and geographic spread.*

- ***Funding flexibility and future support:*** *Eligible very remote Indigenous councils may receive up to 75% funding and use other Queensland Government funds toward contributions, subject to program rules. TMR invites Cherbourg to discuss priorities and apply in 2027–28.*

Unconfirmed

***Dept State Development Infrastructure, Planning & Industrial Relations***

*Info - Queensland's renewable energy reforms and explains how Councils can negotiate community benefits and recover related costs.*

***Australian Local Government Association***

*Advice - 2027 National General Assembly Discussion Paper*

***Qld Govt***

*Info – Sport Venues Website – Venue Inclusion Overview*

***Qld parliamentary Service***

*Info – New Committee Bill Inquiries 27-29 October 2026*

***Qld Opposition***

*The Opposition urges renewed support for a parliamentary inquiry into state-to-local-government cost shifting and its financial impact on Queensland councils.*

***First Nations Capital -Remote Indigenous Capital (Draft)***

*The draft outlines Cherbourg's housing priorities, recent and funded works, and decisions needed on future investment and delivery.*

***Sylvia Cobbo – Cobbo & Co***

*Cobbo & Co proposes a staged, Aboriginal-owned eco-tourism and training development in Cherbourg, seeking Council discussions on land access, partnership, feasibility, funding, and community benefits.*

*Council will meet on 3 December 2026 to discuss the lease. Cobbo & Co's submission and presentation will be provided to Councillors for consideration at that meeting.*

***2.00pm -2.24pm Presentation – Brett De Chastel (Future of Local Government)***

***Arafura Building Systems***

*Trevor Woodhead has asked Cherbourg Council to reconsider cancelling Arafura Building Systems' lease and grant a new three-year agreement.*

*After due consideration, Council has resolved to maintain its original decision. Arafura Building Systems request for a new lease has not been approved, and this decision is final. The cancellation of the lease therefore stands, and no further review of this matter will be undertaken.*

Unconfirmed

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

***Motion No. 3227 Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***2.39pm Brett De Chastel Declared Interest & Left Meeting***

*Brett requests partial reimbursement for travel to specified official Cherbourg Council meetings, citing rising fuel costs and reduced paid work. He would appreciate Council considering this matter and emphasise that he will continue to refuse any offers of consulting payment as this is his pro bono commitment to Cherbourg Council.*

- *Brett proposes the ATO mileage rate of $0.91 per kilometre for 318 kilometres per trip.*
- *He would submit quarterly claims in arrears, potentially starting this quarter.*
- *Other travel would remain donated, and his consulting work would remain pro bono.*

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*Resolution*

***That***

1. ***Council approves partial reimbursement of Brett's travel expenses for attending specified official Cherbourg Council meetings, the Council floater meeting or the Audit and Risk Committee meetings. For all other meetings or visits to community, Brett would donate his travel costs.***

2. ***Travel Expenses be calculated at the Australian Taxation Office mileage rate of $0.91 per kilometre for 318 kilometres per return trip (Google Map).***

3. ***Reimbursement is limited to these approved meetings, with claims submitted quarterly in arrears and supported by appropriate travel records. All other travel associated with Brett's volunteer work, and his consulting services to Council, will remain provided on a pro bono basis.***

4. ***This resolution takes effect from the current quarter.***

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

***Motion No. Carried***
***For Vote: Council Voted Unanimously***

***2.43 pm Brett De Chastel entered meeting – Brett was updated on Council's decision***

***2.45pm Meeting Closed***

Unconfirmed