



# Special Meeting

TRC Boardroom, 45 Mabel Street, Atherton

Wednesday, 08 February 2023

at 9:00 AM

## MINUTES

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### 1. MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Members Present:** Cr R Marti (Mayor), Cr K Cardew (Deputy Mayor), Crs A Haydon, D Bilney, D Clifton, P Hodge and B Wilce.

### 2. OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

G Rinehart (Chief Executive Officer), H Jackson (General Manager Community & Corporate Services), M Vis (General Manager Infrastructure & Environmental Services), N van Beuningen (Coordinator Communications & Engagement), T Vallance (Strategic Communications) and J Hunter (Minute Secretary).

### 3. APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies.

### 4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor delivered the following Acknowledgement of Country: *'I acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.'*



## 5. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS

There were no Conflicts of Interest declared by any Councillor or senior Council officer in relation to the items of business listed on the Agenda.

## 6. INFRASTRUCTURE & ENVIRONMENT SERVICES

### 6.1. TORA RAIL TRAIL TREE PLANTING PROJECT

Moved by Cr Bilney

Seconded by Cr Haydon

"That Council approve the planting of 1,550 rainforest species trees on 11 February 2023 by the Tablelands Outdoor Recreation Association within the rail trail corridor along Manthey Road up to Beantree Road in accordance with their approved Trees for the Queen's Jubilee Grant funding."

**Cr Clifton raised a procedural Motion that the motion be put**

**CARRIED 4-3**

**The motion was then put and LOST 4-3**

**Crs Hodge, Cardew, Wilce & Clifton voted against the motion**

Moved by Cr Hodge

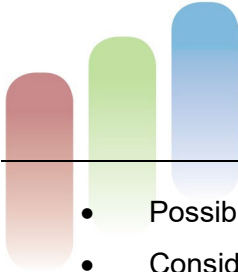
Seconded by Cr Cardew

"That Council:

Acknowledge that the tree plantings currently being undertaken by TORA on the Rail Trail corridor between Grove Street and Beantree Road do not have approval at present.

AND FURTHER

1. That Council approve the plantings on the Rail Trail corridor between the Grove Street and Manthey Road.
2. Immediately suspend all tree plantings within the Rail Trail Corridor between Manthey Road and Beantree Road until a detailed development plan/strategy can be developed and approved by Council addressing the following issues:
  - Vegetation/tree planting/landscaping within the Rail Corridor.
  - Extension of industrial land uses within the Rail Corridor.
  - An assessment of the stormwater strategy and proposed outcomes be undertaken to address the stormwater flooding of the Tolga Industrial Estate and possible re-alignment of stormwater drains within the rail corridor.
  - Possibility of relocating the sewer pressure main within the Rail Corridor.



- Possibility of re-alignment of the walking / cycle track within the Rail Corridor.
- Consideration of tree species to be planted to mitigate future issues such as but not limited to invasive tree roots to infrastructure, leaf litter effects to existing industrial land uses etc.

AND

Approve the continuation of tree planting within the current grant funding between Beantree Road and the northern end of the Tolga Scrub within the Rail Corridor

AND

The Chief Executive Officer is instructed to begin negotiations with the relevant Landholders in the Tolga Industrial Estate and Department of Transport and Main Roads with a preliminary report to be submitted to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting in June 2023, with a final report to Council by the Ordinary Council Meeting in September 2023

**Cr Hodge raised a Procedural Motion that the motion be put**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**The motion was then put and CARRIED 4-3**

**Cr Bilney, Haydon & Marti voted against the motion.**

## **12. NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL**

The next meetings of Council will be held in Atherton

Planning Committee Meeting 9.00am on 8 February 2023

Ordinary Meeting 9:00 am on 23 February 2023

There being no further business, the meeting closed 10.04am.

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Cr Rod Marti

Mayor

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Gary Rinehart

Chief Executive Officer