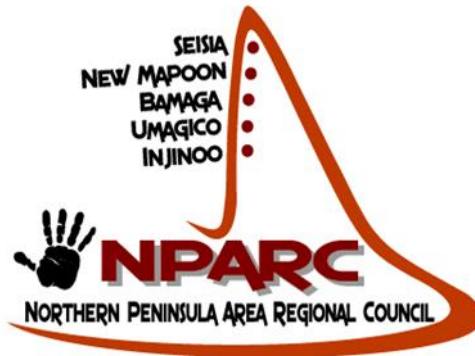


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MINUTES

Special Council Meeting

13 March 2026

**MINUTES OF NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA REGIONAL COUNCIL SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT BAMAGA BOARDROOM ON FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2026**

ATTENDANCE**Mayor & Councillors**

Mayor Robert Poi Poi	Mayor
Cr David Byrne	Division 1
Cr Mary Yoelu	Division 2 / Deputy Mayor
Cr Kitty Gebadi	Division 3
Cr Marlene Bond	Division 4
Cr Bradford Elu	Division 5

Other Attendees

Dalassa Yorkston	Chief Executive Officer
Sabrina Mudu	Senior Executive Assistant (Minute Taker)

MEETING OPENED

The Meeting was opened at 9:06am with a prayer by Cr Gebadi.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land upon which the meeting was held and the traditional owners of the Northern Peninsula Area and pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging.

REQUEST FOR COUNCILLOR TO JOIN THE SPECIAL MEETING VIA TEAMS LINK

Council received a request from Cr Yoelu (Deputy Mayor) to join the Special Council meeting via teams due to being away from the NPA Region.

Resolution:

That Council approves for Cr Yoelu to joins the Special Council Meeting via teams meeting link.

Moved: Cr Gebadi**Seconded: Cr Elu****Vote: 4/0****Resolution: C1-13032026****CARRIED****4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS**In Committee Reports**

That Council consider the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Regulation s.254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

In Committee – 2025-2026 Budget Review

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(c) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, and the Council is satisfied that the discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the Local Government Budget.

In Committee – 2026-2027 Budget Timetable

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(c) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, and the Council is satisfied that the discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the Local Government Budget.

In Committee – Leasing Matter

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3) (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

In Committee – Housing Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254J(3)(c) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, and the Council is satisfied that the discussion of this matter in an open meeting would on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with the Local Government Budget.

In Committee – NPA Airport Tender Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3) (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

In Committee – CEO Report

This matter is considered to be confidential under section 254(3) (b) relating to industrial matters affecting employees for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government;

Resolution:

That Council moves into In Committee.

Time: 09:13am

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C5-13032026

CARRIED

ARRIVAL: Cr Bond joined the Special Council Meeting at 09:37am

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned for morning tea at 10:35am and resumed at 10:51am

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 1:04pm

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Geabdi

Resolution: C5-13032026

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned for Lunch at 1:05pm and resumed at 1:54pm.

5.1 IN COMMITTEE – 2025-2026 Budget Review

Resolution:

That Council resolves to:

- (a) Adopt the First Budget Review 2025-26 as presented.
- (b) Adopt the revised Financial Statements 2026-2028
- (c) Adopt the 10-year revised Financial Statements
- (d) Adopt the revised Long-Term Sustainability Ratios

Moved: Cr Elu

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Bond

Resolution: C5.1-13032026

CARRIED

5.2 IN COMMITTEE – 2026-2027 Budget Timetable

Resolution:

That Council resolves to:

- (a) Note the 2026-2027 Budget Timetable.
- (b) Endorse the 2026-2027 Budget timetable as presented.

Moved: Cr Bond

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C5.2-13032026

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves Into In Committee.

Time: 1:57pm

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C5-13032026

CARRIED

Resolution:

That Council moves out of In Committee.

Time: 4:02pm

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 5/0

Seconded: Cr Gebadi

Resolution: C5-13032026

CARRIED

ADJOURNEMENT: The Meeting adjourned for afternoon tea at 3:27pm and resumed at 3.36pm.

5.3 IN COMMITTEE – Leasing Matter – Deferred to a future Ordinary Council Meeting.

5.4 IN COMMITTEE – Housing Report

(a) Contract Award – 114 New House Lots

Resolution:

That Council endorse the recommendation to award a contract of up to \$100,000.00 to Indijdesign to develop architectural design options for the homes to be built on the 114 new house lots once completed, including in depth community engagement on their draft design options.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Bond

Resolution: C5.4A-13032026

CARRIED

(b) Contract Award – 20 x 2 Bedrooms ad on

Resolution:

That Council endorse the recommendation to award a contract for \$580,740.00 (excl GST) to JMc Architects Pty Ltd for the architectural design of the 20 x 2 bed rooms ad ons, including engagement with each of the 20 residents to confirm final details, including the type of structure (granny flat, build in,

extension etc), the location and scope (in addition to two bedrooms, if it has a bathroom, kitchenette or living area) and the way in which it connects to the existing dwelling.

Moved: Cr Byrne

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Bond

Resolution: C5.4B-13032026

CARRIED

5.5 IN COMMITTEE – Airport Tender Report – Deferred to a future Ordinary Council Meeting.

5.6 IN COMMITTEE – CEO Report

5.6 (a) CEO Report on Legal Action

Resolution:

That Council notes the report and approves the Mayor seeking preliminary legal advice from Preston Law to address the matter and determine the most effective and proportionate response.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Bond

Resolution: C5.6a-13032027

CARRIED

5.6 (b) CEO Report Status Report and Issues

Resolution:

That Council notes the report and approves its ongoing implementation.

Moved: Cr Gebadi

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Elu

Resolution: C5.6b-13032027

CARRIED

5.6 (c) CEO Report in Insurance Matter

Resolution:

That Council notes the report and delegates to the Chief Executive Officer to request the LGW Management Committee to join the scheme, subject to approval from the Queensland Workers Compensation Board.

Moved: Cr Yoelu

Vote: 6/0

Seconded: Cr Byrne

Resolution: C5.6c-13032027

CARRIED

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Special Council Meeting was closed at 4:04pm with a prayer by Cr Gebadi.