

08:00 am, Thursday 24th October 2024
Fairymead House , Bundaberg Botanical Gardens
Thornhill Street, Bundaberg 4670

1.0 Welcome

CEO Katherine Reid welcomed guests and acknowledged the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the precious land, water and sea country we meet on. And we pay our respect to Elders past and emerging and look forward to working with all First Nations People across the Bundaberg Region and the Southern Great Barrier Reef in sharing culture through tourism, in mutual respect and reconciliation.

Katherine invited Deputy Chair, Daniel Reeves to come up and take over the formal proceedings of the AGM.

Daniel, as the Chair of the meeting noted that a quorum was present

2.0 Attendance

Cr Steve Cooper, Bundaberg Regional Council
Cr May Mitchell, Bundaberg Regional Council
Alex Cameron, Water Street Kitchen
Daniel Reeves, Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust
Duncan Littler, Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience
Warrick Wright, Inn Style Mensland
Shannyn Smith, Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience
Jodie Birch, Bundaberg Brewed Drinks
Tim Sayre, Bundaberg Chamber Commerce
Sam Moffitt, C Bargara/Bargara Holiday
Trish Clowes, Trish Clowes Personal Travel Manager
Katherine Reid, Chief Executive Officer BT
Ellie Traynor, Marketing Manager BT
Loni Hammond, Industry & Trade Development Executive BT
Connie Rixon, Marketing Coordinator BT
Grace Boothman, Marketing Coordinator BT
Peta Badkin, Executive Assistant BT

3.0 Apologies Received and recorded are:

Teena Mammino
Ross Peddlesden
Mayor Helen Blackburn
Joey Caruana
Brett Lakey
John McLean
Keith Pitt MP
Stephen Bennett MP
Tina McPherson

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Steve Cooper **Seconded:** Warwick Wright
CARRIED AND RESOLVED WITH NO OBJECTIONS NOTED

- 4.0 Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting** were distributed by email on the 3rd of October 2024 for review.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the 52nd AGM held 5th September 2023 be accepted as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr Steve Cooper **Seconded:** Warwick Wright
CARRIED AND RESOLVED WITH NO OBJECTIONS NOTED.

4.0 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

5.0 Correspondence

There was no correspondence pertaining to this meeting.

6.0 Receipt of Chair Annual Report for 2023/2024

Daniel delivered the Chair Annual Report on behalf of Teena Mammino

MOTION: That the Chair Report for 2023/2024 be accepted.

Moved: Tim Sayre **Seconded:** Duncan Littler
CARRIED AND RESOLVED WITH NO OBJECTIONS NOTED.

- 7.0 Financial Statements for 2023/2024** were received by the Board prior to the October meeting and accepted unanimously.

MOTION: That the Financial Statements for 2023/2024 be accepted.

Moved: Warwick Wright **Seconded:** Duncan Littler
CARRIED AND RESOLVED WITH NO OBJECTIONS NOTED.

8.0 Tribute to retiring Directors

Duncan Littler delivered a tribute to the retiring Directors and past Chairs, Ross Peddlesden and Teena Mammino on behalf of the Board and Bundaberg Tourism.

9.0 Election of Directors

In accordance with the Constitution, nominations were called for the vacant positions on the board, along with the AGM notice on the 3rd of October 2024 more than 14 days before the Annual General Meeting:

The following 3 nominations were received by 8am Thursday 17th of October 2024, 7 days prior to the AGM:

- Duncan Littler, Bundaberg Rum Visitor Experience
- Tina McPherson, Tinaberries
- Warwick Wright, Inn Style Mensland

No nominations have been received for the One Industry Position from within the North Burnett Regional Council area at this stage.

The successful Nominees for Directors position on the Board for a two-year term are:

- Duncan Littler
- Warrick Wright
- Tina McPherson

As per the constitution, the new Board is to meet within 1 month of the AGM to elect office bearers for the 24/25 year.

In addition to electing the Chair, Deputy Chair, the Board will consider the appointment of casual vacancies to address any skills and experience gaps to ensure the Board has a healthy representation for the tourism industry.

10.0 Message from Bundaberg Regional Council Mayor Helen Blackburn

Cr Steve Cooper shared the following message on behalf Mayor Helen Blackburn,

Good morning, all,

My apologies for not being able to join you this morning. I'm still in Brisbane for a number of meetings following the LGAQ annual conference.

My sincere thanks to you all for your dedicated work for our region over the past 12 months.

And what an exciting 12 months coming up with the start of the new Southern Great Barrier Reef Tourism partnership. Since the public announcement last week, and with the story having made the front page, I have been inundated with feedback from locals about how excited they are about the new venture and what it will mean for the future of our tourism industry. Working closely with our local tourism operators, I know you have been hearing the same feedback.

It will be a challenging experience with the merger, although one absolutely worth doing.

Council is looking forward to supporting you every step of the way.

Best wishes for your AGM.

*Helen Blackburn.
Mayor*

11.0 2023/2024 Activity Highlights Presentation

Delivered by BT Marketing Manager Ellie Traynor.

12.0 General Business

12.1 Set Directors Fees

MOTION: That the Director's Fees be set at nil (\$0) for the 2024/2025 financial year.

Moved: Cr Steve Cooper **Seconded:** Warwick Wright
CARRIED AND RESOLVED WITH NO OBJECTIONS NOTED.

12.2 Appointment of Auditor 2024/2025

MOTION: That DGZ Chartered Accountants be appointed Auditors for the 2023/2024 financial year.

Moved: Warwick Wright **Seconded:** Cr Steve Cooper
CARRIED AND RESOLVED WITH NO OBJECTIONS NOTED.

10. Closure of Meeting

Meeting declared closed at 8.28am

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