

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AURUKUN SHIRE COUNCIL, HELD AT
THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 39 KANG KANG ROAD, AURUKUN ON
FRIDAY, 8 MAY 2015**

PRESENT:	Councillors	Cr Dereck Walpo (Mayor) Cr Angus Kerindun (Deputy Mayor) Cr Edgar Kerindun Cr V Koomeeta Cr Ada Woolla - Later
	Officers	Bernie McCarthy - Chief Executive Officer Ron Fenner - Director Corporate Services Jason Holt - Director Community Services Teresa Button - Minute Secretary
	Guests	Mark Kelleher, Principal Advisor, DLG

1. Opening

The Mayor declared the meeting opened at 9.15am with a word of prayer.

2. Condolences

A Minute's silence was observed for recent passing of elder Tina Marpoondin.

3. Leave of Absence

Resolution - 15.4737

That Council grants a leave of absence to Phil Krisanski, Director Technical Services.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr E Kerindun

CARRIED

Cr A. Woolla entered the meeting at 9.16am

**4. Mark Kelleher, Principal Advisor, Department of Local Government –
Presentation on Rateable Land within Aurukun Shire**

Points of discussion;

- Background on rating in Indigenous local governments
- Changes to legislation – amendment to the *Land Valuation Act 2010* require the Valuer-General to issue statutory land valuations for rateable land in indigenous local governments. Future amendment to the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to remove the prohibition on Indigenous local governments levying rates based on statutory land valuations
- Rating in local governments - local governments must make the levy general rates for all rateable land in their areas. For Indigenous local governments, this requirement will commence from 1 July 2016 for the 2016/17 financial year.
- Key dates
 - By 30 June 2015, Councils provide details of rateable land to State Valuation Service
 - Around mid-February 2016, statutory land valuations issued to councils on confidential basis
 - By 31 March 2016, statutory land valuations issued to ratepayers
 - By 1 August 2016, council budgets including rating.

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- Land Record Register – State is putting together a list of what land is rateable to be ready by February 2016
- What is rateable land – In general, land within local government areas will not be rateable unless it is;
 - Freehold land (not occupied by a government entity)
 - Residential land (not used for social housing)
 - Land used for commercial purposes
 - Another exemption applies
- Request LGAQ to assist with providing legal advice (mining involvement)
- Identification Program – The Department will meet with each local government to explain;
 - The process for identifying rateable land in their area
 - Provide guidelines for the identification of rateable land
 - The information required for each rateable parcel of land by the State Valuation Service in order to produce the statutory land valuation
 - Explain the additional requirements for annual budgets in order to make and levy rates
 - Discuss the revenue raising tools that is available to councils to levy and collect rates
- Factsheet and Guideline Handouts were circulated during meeting
- General DLG update was given

Mark Kelleher departed the meeting at 10.35am

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10.22am and resumed at 10.37am

5. Postponed ANZAC Day Service 100th Celebration

Resolution – 15.4738

That Council agrees to hold the postponed ANZAC Day Service on Thursday 11 June 2015, commencing at 9:00am and advertises accordingly.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

6. Hon Warren Entsch, MP - Meeting Thursday, 30 April 2015

Noted.

7. Registration of SP267943 – Request to RILIPO

Resolution – 15.4739

That Council defers this item until next Council Meeting on 19 May 2015.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr V Koomeeta

CARRIED

Noted. Discussion was held on the renaming of streets within the old Airport subdivision area.

8. Correspondence

8.1 David Edwards, Director-General, Department of State Development,

Re: Funding application - Royalties for Regions program.

Noted.

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8.2 Dave Stewart, Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet,

Re: Community curfew of Aurukun Shire Council.
Noted.

8.3 Cr Margaret de Wit, President, Local Government Association of Queensland and Mayor Troy Pickard, President, Australian Local Government Association,

Re: Financial Assistance Grants to Local Government

Resolution – 15.4740

That Council writes to the local Federal Member, Hon Warren Entsch, MP, seeking the restoration of indexation for Financial Assistance Grants, raises the matter with the Treasurer and a copy of Council’s submission be forwarded to LGAQ and ALGA

MOVED: Cr E Kerindun **SECONDED:** Cr A Kerindun
CARRIED

9. New Air Schedule – Cape York

Resolution – 15.4741

That Council requests Skytrans to review the flight schedule for Mondays, because of:

- requirement of landing at Weipa twice
- not being able to disembark at Weipa
- length of flight (5 hours)

MOVED: Cr A Woolla **SECONDED:** Cr V Koomeeta
CARRIED

Skytrans - Airfares

Resolution – 15.4742

That Council requests Skytrans Pty Ltd to:

- expedite the arrangements with State Government for local discounted airfares.
- seriously review its current charges for airfares as Council considers that they are excessively expensive.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun **SECONDED:** Cr E Kerindun
CARRIED

10. Other

10.1 Draft Western Cape Regional Partnership Agreement (WCRPA)

Resolution – 15.4743

That Council agrees to continue to be a member of the WCRPA, be a signatory of the new 2015/18 Agreement and advise ASC meeting dates for the remainder of 2015.

MOVED: Cr V Koomeeta **SECONDED:** Cr E Kerindun
CARRIED

10.2 ASC Logo Design

Resolution – 15.4744

That Council adopts concept Number 1 as the official ASC logo from 1 June 2015 and advises Leticia Moran (LM Creative) of this decision.

MOVED: Cr A Kerindun

SECONDED: Cr A Woolla

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the Meeting at 12.42pm

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