



Etheridge Shire Council

# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #22.11.19CEO  
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**Public Notice of Meetings for 2023**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At least once in each year, Council must publish a notice of the days and times when its ordinary meetings will be held and furthermore Council must publish this notice on the local government’s website, and in other ways the local government considers appropriate in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

That Council:  
Adopts the following meeting dates as presented for 2023 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 254B of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and furthermore Council will publish the notice of meeting dates on Council’s website, in the inform newsletter and on display in the Council office.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
January	Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
February	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
March	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
April	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
May	Wednesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
June	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
July	Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
August	Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
September	Wednesday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
October	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
November	Wednesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Georgetown	9:00am
December	Wednesday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Georgetown	9:00am

**MOVED: Cr. Gallagher**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

CARRIED  
RESOLUTION #22.11.20CEO  
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**Proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received correspondence with an enclosed proposal and flyer of a proposed “The Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021” which is to be tabled by Bob Katter in Federal Parliament. The Act would be a permanent solution to secure long term viability of Licence Post Offices and provide Banking Services to remote communities. The correspondence requested that Council pass a resolution in support of the new proposed establishment and forward the Letter of Support to Federal Representatives, Queensland State Representatives and to all Queensland Senators of all parties.

RESOLUTION

That Council provide a Letter of Support for the proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021 to the appropriate parties.

**MOVED: Cr. Haase**

**SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.11.21CEO**  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

*Council adjourned the meeting for a break at 2.50pm.*

**RESUMPTION**

*Council resumed the meeting at 2.56pm*

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**Purchase of Topaz for Mineral Collection**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer has been approached by Mr John Towing who asked if Council would be interested in purchasing a selection of Topaz from his collection. The Topaz stones in question were found at O'Brien's Creek and McDonalds Creek in the Etheridge Shire in the 1970's. The collection has a total of 456 carats, and Mr Towing is asking \$55.00/carat, rounding the price for this collection at \$25,000.

RESOLUTION

That Council authorise the purchase of the Topaz collection from Mr John Towing and amend the budget accordingly. The purchase is subject to an independent certified valuation being obtained to validate the purchase price.

**MOVED: Cr. Royes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Haase**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.11.22CEO**  
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**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SESSION ADDENDUM REPORTS**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Briefing Report**

RESOLUTION

That Council acknowledges and receives the Chief Executive Officer's Briefing Report.

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barnes**

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION #22.11.23CEO**  
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RESOLUTION

That Council agrees in principle to support the development of the tourism proposal submitted by Finnegan's Rest subject to the necessary licences and approvals being put in place.

**MOVED: Cr. Hughes**

**SECONDED: Cr. Barnes**



# Etheridge Shire Council

<b>General Meeting</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2022
<b>Subject</b>	Proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank
<b>Classification</b>	Open
<b>Author</b>	Ken Timms

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide a Letter of Support for the proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021 to the appropriate parties.

## BACKGROUND

The proposal of a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank would provide all financial products and banking services including short and long-term loans and including long-term financing of infrastructure projects to support business, economic growth and increased productivity, especially in Regional Australia. The Post Offices would no longer simply be agents facilitating deposits and withdrawals for the big four banks.

This is also highlighted by the recent closure of the Bendigo Bank Agency in Georgetown. Although the local Post Office somewhat is trying to fulfil this service, it is limited. For example, during times of events and fund raisers, there comes a time of limited cash being in circulation. Supporting this cause may alleviate this issue.

Overall the lack of banking services is a burden on this Council and the communities within.

This is an opportune time to consider other opportunities that Council may feel relevant to address this situation.

- Other Banks - Branch
- Other possible Bank In-store Agencies
- Etc.

## LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN

Corporate Aim No. 3: Support community development to expand and meet the growing needs of the region through infrastructure, income diversification and advocacy.

## BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

## LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

## POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## RISK ASSESSMENT

CONSEQUENCE					
LIKELIHOOD*	Insignificant 1	Minor 2	Moderate 3	Major 4	Catastrophic 5
A (Almost certain)	H	H	E	E	E
B (Likely)	M	H	H	E	E
C (Possible)	L	M	H	E	E
D (Unlikely)	L	L	M	H	E
E (Rare)	L	L	M	H	H

Nil at this time

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**Report Prepared By:**

Ken Timms

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

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**Report Authorised By:**

Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022

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ATTACHMENTS: Correspondence and Flyer of Proposal for a New Bank