
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 22 MARCH 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.07AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr. T D Golder chaired the meeting with, Deputy Mayor Cr. J L Chambers, Cr. N H Chandler, Cr P J Flynn, Cr. G B McMullen, Cr. W M Newman, Cr. C J O'Neil, Cr. D J Schefe, Cr. J M Stanford, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano, Coordinator Communications – Jane Frith, and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Director Infrastructure Services – Cameron Castles, Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services – Sharon Frank, Manager Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures) – Tanya Mansfield, Manager Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services – Sandra (Kay) Crosby, Coordinator Grants, Local Development & Council Events – Susan Sands, Specialist Lease Management & Facility User Agreements – Madonna Mole, Rates Officer – Catherine (Katie) Ballard.

GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance at the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.07am.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/40	
Moved Cr Chambers	Seconded Cr Chandler
That the minutes of the General Meeting (4-08.03.17) held on 8 March 2017 be confirmed.	
CARRIED (Cr. Flynn requested his vote against the motion be recorded)	8/1

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/41	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Stanford
That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 15 March 2017 be confirmed.	
CARRIED	9/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

ON THE TABLE

Confidential Item - C.1 – Lot 23 on SP119657 – Wallumbilla Cattle Yards, this item had been previously laid on the table at the General Meeting on 22 February 2017.

PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There were no presentations/petitions or deputations at the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF BUSINESS

There were no notices of business for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion for consideration.

RECEPTION OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

No notices of motion were received for the next meeting.

BUSINESS

Cr. Stanford foreshadowed her preference that a late report to be put forward by the Mayor at the meeting be discussed in closed session prior to consideration in open session, in accordance with Section 247(h) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. It was noted by Cr. Stanford that the late agenda had not yet been received by Council, and therefore she could not reference an Item number or subject heading for the report she referred to at that time.

OFFICE OF THE CEO

Item Number: 10.1 **File Number:** D17/12394

SUBJECT HEADING: AMENDMENT TO COUNCIL'S ADOPTED ROAD REGISTER - SUNNYSIDE ROAD, WALLUMBILLA

Officer's Title: Technical Officer - GIS/CAD

Executive Summary:

Council received a request to amend the alignment of Sunnyside Road, Wallumbilla to provide a Council maintained roadway to the property entrance of Lot 356 on WV290. Notification of the proposed realignment was undertaken between 23 January and 10 February 2017, inviting written comment from the community prior to a final determination being made on the request. The report provided a review of the submissions made by the community.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/42

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council advise that:

- 1. As 100% of the responses received oppose the realignment, the existing alignment of Sunnyside Road, Wallumbilla will be retained as currently adopted within Council's Road Register.**
- 2. In accordance with Council Policy: Construction of Roads for Access to Property this access will not be added to Council's Road Register.**
- 3. The applicant may undertake works, at no cost to Council, on the portion of the track located within the road reserve subject to compliance with Council Policy "Works in Road Reserves".**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Technical Officer - GIS/CAD

CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Item Number: 11.1 **File Number:** D17/19766

SUBJECT HEADING: MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FEBRUARY 2017

Officer's Title: Specialist - Finance Systems Support

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report was for Council to receive a monthly financial report in accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the month of February 2017.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/43	
Moved Cr Chandler	Seconded Cr Stanford
That the financial reports to February 2017 be received and noted.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Specialist - Finance Systems Support
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INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

Item Number: 12.1 **File Number:** D17/18580

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FROM QLD RAIL - PROPOSED OPEN LEVEL CROSSING CLOSURES ROMA

Officer's Title: Associate to the Director - Infrastructure Services

Executive Summary:

Queensland Rail wrote to Council on 1 August, 2016 to advise they are proposing to close four open level crossings in Roma as they are either non-compliant with nationally recognised safety standards or listed as compliant but with low usage.

GHD has now been in contact, on behalf of Queensland Rail, to request Council to formally notify Queensland Rail of its objections to the four proposed closures in writing.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/44	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Chandler
That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to notify Queensland Rail of Council's objection to the closure of four proposed open level crossings in Roma.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Associate to the Director - Infrastructure Services
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Item Number: 12.2 **File Number:** D17/18980

SUBJECT HEADING: ACCESS FOR RURAL RESIDENTS TO DISCOUNTED WATER FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Water, Sewerage, Gas Projects & Compliance

Executive Summary:

This report served to ensure the price for the water is linked to each year's annual fees and charges and is reviewed accordingly. It does not change the intent to ensure that Discounted Water for Rural Residents for Domestic Purposes Policy is readily available as per resolution (GM/03.2014/34).

This policy ensures that rural residents experiencing drought conditions have access to potable water at the same cost as town residents. The water taken is restricted to domestic uses only, to a maximum of 52kL per month.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/45

Moved Cr Scheffe

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council approve the amendment to the Discounted Water for Rural Residents for Domestic Purposes Policy (Resolution GM/03.2014/34), so that the unit rate is linked to the domestic potable water rate, as defined in the Revenue Statement, for the town from which the water is sourced.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Water, Sewerage, Gas Projects & Compliance

DEVELOPMENT, FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Item Number: 13.1 **File Number:** D17/17508

SUBJECT HEADING: BONUS PAYMENT FORM (UPDATE)

Officer's Title: Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services

Executive Summary:

It was recommended that the current wild dog bonus payment form used to reimburse persons that present scalps to Council be updated to allow for funds to be reimbursed to Cluster Area Management groups.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/46

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council adopt the use of the wild dog bonus payment form (attached to the Officer's Report), for reimbursement of scalp payments to the stipulated claimant or group effective 1 April 2017.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services

Item Number: 13.2 **File Number:** D17/17587

SUBJECT HEADING: OUTDOOR DINING-INCREASE HOURS OF OPERATION – WESTERN BAKERY

Officer's Title: Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services

Executive Summary:

The applicant, Western Bakery located at 73-77 McDowall Street Roma, has made application to Council to increase their approved outdoor dining operational hours from 5.30am to 5.30pm to a new timeframe of 5.00am to 10.00pm. The applicant is also seeking to install permanent barriers on the kerb surrounding the outdoor dining area, as well as installing overhead umbrellas on Council's property, namely concrete poles located on the corner.

Discussion:

Council determined that the matter should lay on the table for further consideration at a later point during the meeting, following clarification and further investigation of a number of points contained within the Officer's recommendation.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/47

Moved Cr Stanford

Procedural Motion - That the matter lay on the table for further consideration at a later point during the meeting pending further investigation.

CARRIED

9/0

Item Number: 13.3 **File Number:** D17/17003

SUBJECT HEADING: WIZARDS FROM OZ TRAVELLING PERFORMANCE WITH QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Libraries, Arts & Culture

Executive Summary:

Council received a request from Quilpie Shire Council to participate in an event trail which will see the Wilde Applause show 'Wizards from Oz' travel from Toowoomba, Dalby, Roma and finish in Quilpie for Saturday 1 July 2017.

The initial proposal indicated a split between four (4) councils of the costs to travel this performance. Currently only Quilpie Shire Council and Maranoa Regional Council will be hosting a performance.

It was requested that Council consider the financial implications of proceeding with the performance, given that Council's contribution would increase due to the remaining two (2) Councils no longer participating.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/48

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council not proceed with the performance of the Wizard from Oz, as agreed in Council Resolution GM/02.2017/06, due to the updated information now to hand.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Libraries, Arts & Culture

Item Number: 13.4 **File Number:** D17/18636

SUBJECT HEADING: TECH SAVVY SENIORS GRANT FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF QLD

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Libraries, Arts & Culture

Executive Summary:

Tech Savvy Seniors Queensland Program 2017 is a program that is aimed at seniors with no previous computer experience or who have limited skills, and are seeking to develop their confidence and skills in technology.

Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to apply for funding up to \$15,000 to provide this program to the community across the region, with no requirement for a matching funding contribution.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/49	
Moved Cr Stanford	Seconded Cr Chandler
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply for the Tech Savvy Seniors Grant from the State Library of Qld. 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the grant application on behalf of Council. 3. If the grant is successful, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the agreement on behalf of Council. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Libraries, Arts & Culture
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Item Number: 13.5 **File Number:** D17/19647

SUBJECT HEADING: GET OUT GET ACTIVE ROUND 3 FUNDING OPEN

Officer's Title: Specialist - Sport and Recreation

Executive Summary:

The Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing has released Round 3 of Get Out, Get Active funding to provide local governments and not for profit sport and recreational groups with funding to support community-based approaches to the delivery of enjoyable, accessible and affordable activities which may be in partnership with local clubs, businesses and community organisations, to get inactive women and girls physically active, or support programs which would otherwise benefit from further participation. Council has been successful in securing funding in Rounds 1 and 2 and has hosted well received and commendable projects.

The guidelines state that the contribution to the eligible project costs, maximum being \$40,000, for a Council population of less than 10,000 shall be 20%. Councils must also provide evidence in their application that Council financial contributions are secured.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/50

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council:

1. Provide a 20% contribution, being \$10 000, towards the Get Out, Get Active Round 3 funding submission, to support programs and activities that promote women being physically active within the Maranoa region.
2. Allocate the funds required to complete the project in the 2017/18 budget, as the project cannot commence prior to 1 July 2017.
3. Commit to completing the project by the due date of 30 June, 2018.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the submission form, and any further agreements with the State Government as required.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Sport and Recreation

Item Number:

13.6

File Number: D17/19814

SUBJECT HEADING:

WALL OF FAME INDUCTEE FOR CONSIDERATION

Officer's Title:

Specialist - Sport and Recreation

Executive Summary:

Council authorisation was sought to include a potential inductee on the Wall of Fame at the Roma Recreation Centre (Maranoa PCYC), to keep the project current.

Local sporting people who have represented Australia in their chosen sport are able to have their achievements, with an accompanying photograph, included on the Wall of Fame which is situated in the Maranoa PCYC foyer and on Council's website. There are currently 31 sports people on the Wall of Fame. The current guidelines and nomination form for nominating candidates was approved by Council in 2009. Nominations for the Wall of Fame are received after recommendation by family members or Council staff. Upon assessment to ensure validity of the nomination, a report was presented to Council for endorsement.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/51

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council include William Taylor on the Wall of Fame due to him having represented Australia under a recognised National Sporting Organisation, for polocrosse.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Sport and Recreation

Item Number: 13.7 **File Number:** D17/17984
SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR YOUNG DIGGERS
Officer's Title: Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events

Executive Summary:

Council received a request from the Young Diggers, seeking sponsorship for their annual calendar and/or journal.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/52	
Moved Cr Chambers	Seconded Cr O'Neil
<p>That Council decline the request for sponsorship for the Young Diggers annual calendar or journal.</p>	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events
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Item Number: 13.8 **File Number:** D17/18470
SUBJECT HEADING: SUBMISSION OF BUSINESS CASE APPLICATIONS UNDER BUILDING OUR REGIONS PROGRAM
Officer's Title: Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council has submitted Expressions of Interest for projects under the Queensland Government Building our Regions program. These projects have progressed to the next stage, and it was recommended that Council submit business case applications for the following:

- Roma Saleyards Multi-Purpose Facility
- Roma Water Augmentation Project
- Roma Sewerage Augmentation Project

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/53	
Moved Cr Flynn	Seconded Cr Scheffe
<p>That Council:</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Submit Business Case applications for the following projects for funding under the Building our Regions program: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Roma Saleyards Multi-Purpose Facility b. Roma Water Augmentation Project c. Roma Sewerage Augmentation Project 2. Commit to providing appropriate co-contributions in the 2017/18 budget (and consequent budgets if required), to enable any successful project/s to commence construction no later than 30 April 2018. 	

3. Commit to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure for any successful project/s.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the sub-agreement/s with the Department of State Development for any successful project/s.

CARRIED

7/2

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	Cr. McMullen
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events
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Item Number:

13.9

File Number: D17/19557

SUBJECT HEADING:

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND TOURISM ASSOCIATION (OQTA) ANNUAL AWARDS AND SYMPOSIUM

Officer's Title:

Manager - Economic & Community Development

Executive Summary:

A submission to lodge an application/bid to host the 2017 OQTA awards and symposium was approved by Council at its workshop on 15 March 2017, and subsequently it was lodged in electronic format before 5 pm that same day. This report sought the resolution of Council to retrospectively endorse that action.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/54

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council formally endorse the submission to OQTA for the Maranoa community to host the 2017 awards in Roma.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Economic & Community Development
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Item Number:

13.10

File Number: D17/17686

SUBJECT HEADING:

FEE WAIVER - MITCHELL SHOWGROUNDS

Officer's Title:

Coordinator - Land Administration

Executive Summary:

Mitchell & District Little Athletics are hosting the Regional Little Athletics Championships in September 2017.

This event will bring families from Texas, Charleville, Goondiwindi, Dirranbandi and St George to Mitchell for the weekend. The club requested Council provide free use of the Mitchell Showgrounds for families visiting Mitchell for the event.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/55

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council:

- 1. Waive the hire fees at the Mitchell Showgrounds for families camping to attend the Little Athletics Regional Championships from 15 September 2017 to 18 September 2017.**
- 2. Transfer funds of \$773.40 from GL2887.2412 - Community Grants Operations to GL1491.1085 – Showground Operating Revenue.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Land Administration

Item Number:

13.11

File Number: D17/17574

SUBJECT HEADING:

EASEMENT A ON LOT 288 ON WV1595 ON SP289642

Officer's Title:

Administration Officer - Land Administration

Executive Summary:

Ergon Energy sought Council's consent to grant an Easement within Lot 288 on WV1595 for electrical works purposes.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/56

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council:

- 1. Consent to the granting of Easement A on land described as Lot 288 on WV1595, to Ergon Energy for electrical work purposes as detailed in Survey Plan 289642.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Queensland Titles Registry Easement Form 9 and Survey Plan SP289642 on Council's behalf.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Land Administration

Earlier during the meeting Cr. Stanford foreshadowed her intention to seek endorsement from Council to discuss the Mayor's late report once received in closed session. Upon receipt of the report, and confirmation of the Item number as included in the late open agenda, Cr. Stanford moved a procedural motion to discuss confidential Item *L.7 – Urgent Maintenance Required at Westgrove Road – Injune* in closed session.

At that time the Director of Corporate, Community & Commercial Services indicated that Item C.10 – Request for rates categorisation be withdrawn from the Agenda, as the report had been superseded by an updated version, following the receipt of legal advice on the matter.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/57

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That:

- 1. Item L.7 – Urgent Maintenance Required at Westgrove Road – Injune be discussed as part of the closed segment of the Agenda, in accordance with Section 275(h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.**
- 2. Item C.10 – Request for rates categorisation, be withdrawn from the agenda.**

CARRIED

9/0

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolved to close the meeting to discuss items it has deemed to be of a confidential nature and specifically pertaining to the following sections:

- (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees;
- (c) the local government budget;
- (d) rating concessions;
- (e) contracts proposed to be made by it;
- (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage;

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/58

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council close the meeting to the public at 9.50am.

CARRIED

9/0

Cr. Chandler declared a 'Conflict of Interest' in Item C.2 – Request – Placement of Temporary Container, due to her being the Secretary of the Injune Men's Shed. Cr. Chandler left the chamber at 9.59am taking no further part in discussion on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the above-mentioned item, Cr. Chandler entered the chamber at 10.07am.

Cr. Chandler left the chamber at 11.04am, and entered at 11.06am.

SUBJECT HEADING: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR MORNING TEA AT 11.13AM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 11.40AM

Cr. Flynn declared a 'Material Personal Interest' in Item C.11 – *Financial Year 2018 Airports Fees and Charges*, due to his personal business operations out of the Roma Airport, and the subsequent financial implications to his business as a result of the outcome of the matter under consideration, and a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in Item C.12 – *February 2017 – Monthly Business Unit Report – Airports*, due to his personal business operations out of the Roma Airport. Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 11.53am, taking no further part in discussion on both matters.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned items, Cr. Flynn entered the chamber at 12.01pm.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/59	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr McMullen
That Council open the meeting to the public at 12.15 pm.	
CARRIED	9/0

LATE ITEMS

Item Number: L.1 **File Number:** D17/20197

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION TO ARTS QUEENSLAND FOR REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) IN 2017/18

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events

Executive Summary:

Queensland Councils have been asked to apply to Arts Queensland for funding for the 2017/18 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program. It was recommended that Maranoa Regional Council submit an application, and allocate the required funding contribution of \$12,857 in the 2017/18 budget.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/60	
Moved Cr Chandler	Seconded Cr Chambers
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply to Arts Queensland for \$30,000 under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program in 2017/18. 2. Provide the required contribution of \$12,857 from Council's 2017/18 budget allocations. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events
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Item Number: L.2 **File Number:** D17/17888

SUBJECT HEADING: **REQUEST BY THE NATIONAL HEAVY VEHICLE REGULATOR (NHVR) TO ADD COUNCIL MANAGED ROADS TO THE SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLE NETWORKS**

Officer's Title: **Senior Engineer - Construction & Works
Support Officer - Roads, Drainage & Parks
Manager - Roads, Drainage & Parks**

Executive Summary:

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) contacted Council requesting consent to add the local roads within the Maranoa Regional Council area to be accessed by Special Purpose Vehicles. This report sought delegated authorisation for the Chief Executive Officer to allow permit only access, as regulated by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator of SPV1 class, smaller, lower impact vehicles.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/61

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Stanford

That:

1. **Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign on Council's behalf for granting access to Maranoa Regional Council's road network for Special Purpose Heavy Vehicles.**
2. **Specifically, this is for the permit only access of SPV1 class, smaller, lower impact vehicles as regulated by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Roads, Drainage & Parks

Cr. O'Neil declared a 'Conflict of Interest' in the following item, due to him being an employee of the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC). Cr. O'Neil left the chamber at 12.25pm, taking no further part in discussion or debate on the matter.

Item Number: L.3 **File Number:** D17/20242

SUBJECT HEADING: **PERMANENT LITTER SIGNAGE AT ROADSIDE STOPS**

Officer's Title: **Manager - Strategic Asset Management & Planning**

Executive Summary:

Council has been invited to participate in a program promoted by the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC) to encourage travellers to reduce road side litter through the installation of permanent signage at roadside stops.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/62

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Stanford

That:

1. **Council advise Queensland Murray Darling Committee that Council require 6 signs.**

2. The location for the installation of the signs be confirmed during 2017/18 budget deliberations.
3. An allocation of \$3,000 be included in the 2017/18 budget for the installation of the signage.

MOTION LOST

3/5

Cr. McMullen called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Golder	Cr. Newman
Cr. McMullen	Cr. Chambers
Cr. Stanford	Cr. Chandler
	Cr. Flynn
	Cr. Schefe

Responsible Officer	Manager - Strategic Asset Management & Planning
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At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr. O'Neil entered the Chamber at 12.28pm.

Item Number: L.4 **File Number:** D17/21213

SUBJECT HEADING: RATING REVIEW - METHODOLOGIES

Officer's Title: Specialist - Strategic Finance

Executive Summary:

With the recent release of new land valuations for the Maranoa Area, it is recommended that Council undertake a review of its rating methodology to consider the options for equitable levying across the region.

It is proposed that AEC Group Pty Ltd be engaged under Local Buy's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Business Management Services (BUS 249-0515).

According to s 232 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government is not required to invite written quotes from multiple entities if the contract is entered into with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers. As AEC Group Pty Ltd is a member of a register of pre-qualified suppliers, quotes are not required.

Discussion:

Cr. Chambers spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that with the massive change to land valuations it was very important that a review of current methodologies be undertaken, particularly following a recent Council workshop which identified that using the current adopted methodology, the change in valuations observed ups and downs on rate charges. Cr. Chambers further advised that Council had previously undertaken an independent review, reiterating that she felt it was important to do so again, while stating she had full faith in the staff being able to carry the task out, but that the valuation changes will cause massive impacts to rates charges.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that he believed that staff had the ability and local knowledge to carry out a review internally. He further said that the biggest challenge this year was to make sure the rates were fair and confirmed. The Mayor queried if a quotation had been received.

The Chief Executive Officer requested that the Director of Corporate, Community & Commercial Services seek to obtain a price/quotation for undertaking the review and report those findings to Council for further consideration, and subsequently no vote was taken on the motion at that time.

Moved Cr Chambers	Seconded Cr Newman
<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council engage AEC Group Pty Ltd to complete a review of Council's rating methodology and the new valuations with options for equitable levying across the region. 2. The engagement be made in accordance with Section 232 of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> that: Council is not required to invite written quotes from multiple entities if the contract is entered into with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers. 3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into final negotiations with AEC Group Pty Ltd and raise a purchase order if the final terms are acceptable. <p>NO VOTE TAKEN</p>	

Responsible Officer	Specialist - Strategic Finance
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Discussion Continued:

Council determined that the matter should lay on the table for further discussion at a later point during the meeting, pending confirmation of the received quotation for undertaking a review of Council's rating methodology.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/63	
Moved Cr O'Neil	
Procedural Motion - That the matter lay on the table for further discussion at a later point during the meeting, pending the outcome of further investigations.	
CARRIED	9/0

Item Number:	L.5	File Number: D17/21145
SUBJECT HEADING:	REVENUE POLICY 2017/18	
Officer's Title:	Specialist - Strategic Finance	

Executive Summary:

The purpose of the Revenue Policy is to set out the principles used by Council for:

- *Levying rates and charges;*
- *Granting concessions for rates and charges*
- *The recovery of unpaid rates and charges; and*
- *Cost recovery fees and methods;*

Discussion:

Cr. Chambers spoke in favour of the motion, indicating the Revenue Policy for 2017/18 was put forward in accordance with legislation.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that he believed the policy should be considered in relation to the whole budget for the next financial year.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/64

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council:

1. **Receive and note the document titled “Revenue Policy 2017/18”.**
2. **In accordance with Section 193 of *Local Government Regulation 2012*, adopt the 2017/18 Revenue Policy.**

CARRIED

8/1

Cr. O’Neil called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. McMullen	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O’Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Strategic Finance

Item Number:

L.6

File Number: D17/21507

SUBJECT HEADING:

**REVIEW OF COUNCILLOR PORTFOLIO
ARRANGEMENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
FRAMEWORK**

Officer’s Title:

Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement

Executive Summary:

Council undertook a review of Councillor Portfolio Arrangements and the Community Engagement Framework following the appointment of Cr. Wendy Newman to the position of Councillor for Maranoa Regional Council on 16 March 2017 for the remainder of the Council term to 2020.

Discussion:

Cr. O’Neil welcomed Cr. Newman back to the chamber, and spoke in favour of the motion indicating that he believed the Councillor portfolio model worked well for this Council given its size in geographical terms and financial responsibilities. He further said that the portfolio system also worked well in spreading the workload of Councillors, given the significant number of Councillors’ engagements for external community and Council advisory committees, to ensure pertinent issues are considered. In closing, Cr. O’Neil said that he was very pleased to endorse the updated framework.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/65

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council endorse the updated Community Engagement Framework 2016 – 2020 as presented, including the removal of Cr. Flynn from representation on the community committee - Roma Rural Student Hostel Inc.

CARRIED (The Mayor requested his vote against the motion be recorded)

8/1

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement
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SUBJECT HEADING: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR LUNCH AT 12.43PM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING AT 1.21PM

ITEM L.7 – URGENT MAINTENANCE REQUIRED AT WESTGROVE ROAD INJUNE

This item was not discussed in numbered order of the agenda, pending the outcome of further internal enquiries in relation to the matter.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

File Number: D17/14333

Item Number: C.1

SUBJECT HEADING: LOT 23 ON SP119657 - WALLUMBILLA CATTLE YARDS

Officer's Title: Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

Queensland Rail (QR) has offered Council the opportunity to purchase Lot 23 on SP119657 being the Wallumbilla Railway Cattle Yards. Council was asked to consider the offer.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/66

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council, in consideration of the considerable interest shown by the Wallumbilla Community in preserving the yards for both community use and as a tourist attraction:

1. Advise Queensland Rail that Council is interested in further exploring acquisition of the Wallumbilla Livestock Yards being Lot 23 on SP119657.
2. After a purchase price is issued by Queensland Rail, again consider the matter at a future meeting of Council.
3. Advise Queensland Rail that use of the livestock yards will be considered by Council in consultation with Wallumbilla Town Improvement Group, Wallumbilla Heritage Association and Calico Cottage Craft Club Inc.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)
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Cr. Chandler declared a 'Conflict of Interest' in the following item, due to her being the Secretary of the Injune Men's Shed. Cr. Chandler left the chamber at 1.25pm, taking no further part in discussion or debate on the matter.

Item Number: C.2 **File Number:** D17/18809

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST - PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY CONTAINER

Officer's Title: Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

Council received correspondence from the Injune Men's Shed requesting permission to place a temporary workshop on Council owned land located on the corner of Ronald and Second Street, Injune. The group also requested Council assistance by providing a builder's service pole to supply electricity to the site.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/67

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council:

1. Offer in-principle support to the Injune Men's Shed temporarily siting a container on Council owned land located on the corner of Ronald and Second Street Injune for an initial period of 12 months from the date of installation.
2. Consult with the Injune Men's Shed in regard to the two options as presented to ensure compliance with planning and building code requirements.
3. Provide the Injune Men's Shed with information on Council's Community Grants program and assistance in developing an application (and in consideration of the request to provide a builder's service pole to supply power to the site).

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item, Cr. Chandler entered the Chamber at 1.26pm.

ITEM C.3 – OFFER TO PURCHASE 249 NORTHERN ROAD ROMA

This item was not discussed in numbered order of the agenda, pending the outcome of further legal advice on the matter.

Item Number: C.4 **File Number:** D17/15521

SUBJECT HEADING: BASSETT PARK USER AGREEMENT - ROMA
CAMPDRAFT ASSOCIATION

Officer's Title: Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements

Executive Summary:

Council was asked to consider entering into a formal agreement with the Roma Campdraft Association for their use of Bassett Park Roma.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/68

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council enter into a non-exclusive User Agreement with the Roma Campdraft Association for the use of Bassett Park for a period of five (5) years.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements

Item Number:

C.5

File Number: D17/16420

SUBJECT HEADING:

USER AGREEMENT - SURAT ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Officer's Title:

Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements

Executive Summary:

Council received a request from the Surat Aboriginal Corporation to enter into an agreement for the use of the Surat Hall/Supper Room, Surat RSL Room and the former rural transaction centre building in Yuleba.

Discussion:

Cr. Newman spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that it was gratifying when Council could support a proactive community group such as this one, and thanked all who had supported the initiative.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/69

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council:

- 1. Enter into a non-exclusive multi-venue user agreement with the Surat Aboriginal Corporation for the use of the Surat Hall/Supper Room, Surat RSL Room and the former Yuleba rural transaction centre building to conduct community programs for a period of two (2) years incorporating relevant insurance requirements.**
- 2. Agree to waive the hire fee as per Council fees and charges for the use of the Surat Hall/Supper Room, Surat RSL Room and the former Yuleba rural transaction centre building.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements

Item Number: C.6 **File Number:** D17/15551
SUBJECT HEADING: **BASSETT PARK USER AGREEMENT - MARANOA TEAM ROPING**
Officer's Title: **Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements**

Executive Summary:

Council was asked to consider entering into a formal agreement with Maranoa Team Roping for their use of Bassett Park Roma.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/70	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Chambers
<p>That Council enter into a non-exclusive User Agreement with Maranoa Team Roping for the use of Bassett Park for a period of five (5) years.</p>	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements
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Item Number: C.7 **File Number:** D17/15409
SUBJECT HEADING: **ANZAC DAY DONATION REQUEST – RSL ROMA SUB-BRANCH**
Officer's Title: **Local Development Officer - Roma**

Executive Summary:

The RSL Roma Sub Branch sought financial support from Council for ANZAC Day 2018, which commemorates the 100th anniversary of the end of WWI.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/71	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Chandler
<p>That Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the RSL Roma Sub Branch through a financial donation of \$500 to help with costs of the ANZAC Day Luncheon. 2. Allocate this amount to the 2017/18 Anzac Day budget. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Local Development Officer - Roma
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Item Number: C.8 **File Number:** D17/18908

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR RATE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS – VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

Applications for rates payment arrangements were received from various ratepayers. The timeframe the applicants have proposed to have their rates paid in full extends beyond the current financial year timeframe that is adopted in Council's adopted Revenue Statement.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/72

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council accept the applicants' payment plans set out below, subject to all rates, charges and arrears accumulated being paid in full by 30 June 2018 as follows:

Assessment Number	Agreed Payment Plan
14009435	\$500/fortnight
15012578	\$400/month
13006267	\$1,544/month

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Item Number: C.9 **File Number:** D17/19264

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR RATE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT DUE TO HARDSHIP - ASSESSMENT 13007794

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

Correspondence has been received by a ratepayer's power of attorney requesting consideration of a payment arrangement of \$500/month for Assessment 13007794, which will have all rates, charges and arrears accumulated paid in full by 30 June 2019.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/73

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council accept the applicant's payment arrangement, subject to all rates, charges and arrears accumulated being paid in full by 30 June 2019.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Earlier during the meeting, the following item had been withdrawn from the meeting on Council's understanding that a subsequent report was submitted as part of the late confidential agenda. Further officer advice was received that the initial report had instead been updated to reflect legal advice received on the matter, rather than the inclusion of a second report. Council on the basis of updated information provided re-instated the item as part of the confidential segment of the agenda.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/74

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Schefe

That Item C.10 - Request for rates recategorisation – Assessment 11009743 be reinstated for consideration as part of the confidential segment of the agenda.

CARRIED

9/0

Item Number:

C.10

File Number: D17/14871

SUBJECT HEADING:

**REQUEST FOR RATES RECATEGORYISATION –
ASSESSMENT 11009743**

Officer's Title:

Coordinator - Rates

Executive Summary:

Correspondence was received from the applicant's legal representative requesting a rates recategorisation of land from Work Camp G to Rural Residential from 1 July 2016.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/75

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Schefe

That Council decline the request to recategorise the property from Accommodation Work Camp G to Rural Residential.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Rates

Cr. Flynn declared a 'Material Personal Interest' in the following item (C.11) due to his personal business operations out of the Roma Airport, and the subsequent financial implications to his business as a result of the outcome of the matter under consideration, and a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in item (C.12) due to his personal business operations out of the Roma Airport.

Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 1.37pm, taking no further part in discussion or debate on both matters.

Item Number:

C.11

File Number: D17/19384

SUBJECT HEADING:

FINANCIAL YEAR 2018 AIRPORTS FEES AND CHARGES

Officer's Title:

Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)

Executive Summary:

The report presented the proposed Financial Year 2018 Airport Operations fees and charges for review and adoption by Council.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/76

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council maintain the published Financial Year 2017 Airport Operations Fees for the 2018 financial year.

CARRIED

7/1

Responsible Officer

Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)

Item Number: C.12 **File Number:** D17/19491
SUBJECT HEADING: FEBRUARY 2017 - MONTHLY BUSINESS UNIT REPORT - AIRPORTS
Officer's Title: Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)

Executive Summary:

The monthly report was presented to Council to provide a summary of the performance of Council's Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat & Mitchell) over the past month and year to date. The information in this report aims to review the month's activities, give an overview of financial performance and bring to Council's attention any emerging issues.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/77	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Scheffe
That Council receive and note the Officer's report as presented.	
CARRIED	8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)
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LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Item Number: LC.1 **File Number:** D17/19986
SUBJECT HEADING: MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE
Officer's Title: Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report sought Council approval for changes to the organisational structure.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/78	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Chambers
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the amendments to the organisational structure as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retitle the position of Finance Officer – Creditors (0616), to Administration Services Officer, and change the reporting line of the position to report to the Manager – Communication, Information & Administration Services; • Retitle the position of Team Leader – Construction Central (0417) to Coordinator – Materials Production (Quarry & Quarry Pits), and change the reporting line of the position to report to the Operations Manager – Materials Production (Quarry & Quarry Pits); • Retitle the position of Team Leader – Materials Production (0750) to Leading Hand – On-Site (Materials Production), and change the reporting line of the position to report to the Coordinator – Materials Production (Quarry & Quarry Pits); • Retitle the position of Surat Workshop Supervisor (0406) to Mechanic - Leading Hand, and change the reporting line of the position to report to the Yuleba Workshop Supervisor (0407) (noting the position will remain based in Surat); 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change the reporting line of the position of Mechanic Trades Assistant (0738) to reporting to the Yuleba Workshop Supervisor (0407) (noting the position will remain based in Surat). • Change the employment status of the position of Customer Service Officer Mitchell (0641) from Permanent Full Time to Permanent Part Time (working 3 days per week); • Create a new Permanent Part Time position of Customer Service Officer Mitchell (working 2 days per week), and; <p>2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to undertake consultation with the remaining members of the construction team about the planned changes.</p>	9/0
CARRIED	

Responsible Officer	Associate to the Chief Executive Officer
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Item Number: LC.2 File Number: D17/16870

SUBJECT HEADING: PROCURE ONE (1) HEAVY RIGID ROAD MAINTENANCE TRUCK

Officer's Title: Operations Manager - Plant, Fleet & Workshops

Executive Summary:

This report sought Council's endorsement for the procurement of one (1) Heavy Road Maintenance Truck as part of the budgeted Plant Replacement Program. The current unit (Plant 365 - 2005 Hino Ranger Heavy Road Maintenance Unit) is due for replacement.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/79	
Moved Cr McMullen	Seconded Cr Chandler
<p>That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to procure one (1) new Heavy Rigid Road Maintenance Unit from Ausroad Systems Pty Ltd for the purchase price of \$437,088.85 including GST, with funds drawn from Council's 2016/17 Capital Plant budget.</p>	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Operations Manager - Plant, Fleet & Workshops
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Item Number: LC.3 File Number: D17/11338

SUBJECT HEADING: PROCUREMENT OF 4 X REPLACEMENT JOB TRUCKS

Officer's Title: Operations Manager - Plant, Fleet & Workshops

Executive Summary:

This report sought Council's approval for the procurement of four (4) replacement light (Job) trucks in line with the Ten (10) Year Plant Replacement Program.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/80
Moved Cr McMullen
Seconded Cr Newman

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to procure four (4) light trucks from Harvey Black Group Pty Ltd ATF the HFB Unit Trust T/A Black Truck Sales for a total cost of \$355,735.82 inclusive of GST with funds drawn from Council's 2016/17 Capital Plant budget.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Operations Manager - Plant, Fleet & Workshops
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Item Number:

LC.4

File Number: D17/19847

SUBJECT HEADING:
ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMPENSATION AGREEMENT - WESTERN SURAT GAS PROJECT
Officer's Title:
Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract Management
Executive Summary:

Notifiable Road Use under the Mineral and Energy Resource Act 2014 has the potential to materially increase the maintenance responsibility incumbent upon Council; and cause Council expense that it would not incur but for the Notifiable Project Traffic.

Work on the Western Surat Gas Project has commenced in the Maranoa Region. In order to help manage the impacts to the road network it was proposed that a Road Infrastructure and Compensation Agreement be established with the resource authority holder for the project.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/81
Moved Cr Newman
Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into a compensation agreement on behalf of Council for the Western Surat Gas Project, through the execution of a Road Infrastructure and Compensation Agreement with the resource authority holder, Stuart Petroleum Cooper Basin Gas Pty Ltd.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract Management
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Item Number:

LC.5

File Number: D17/15585

SUBJECT HEADING:
ROMA SALEYARDS MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY - COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
Officer's Title:
Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services
Executive Summary:

Council has been working with Gibson Architects on developing the concept floorplan, building finish and elevations for the proposed new Multi-Purpose Facility at the Roma Saleyards.

The next stage in the process is to present the plans to the community for their feedback.

Discussion:

Cr. Flynn spoke in favour motion, indicating that the consultation period commencing 4 April 2017 until 3 May 2017 may have already had some advertisement of upcoming arrangements.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/82

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council proceed with Community Consultation of the presented plans and proposed Consultation Plan attached to the Officer's report for the proposed Multi-Purpose Facility at the Roma Saleyards.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Item Number:

LC.6

File Number: D17/21509

SUBJECT HEADING:

EXCESS ANIMAL APPLICATION 2016/18

Officer's Title:

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

The excess animal application for an additional two (2) dogs had been lodged previously for Council's consideration on two occasions – 25 May 2016 and 24 August 2016 and were not approved.

The owner has continued to keep the dogs at the premises and has recently renewed the registrations for both excess dogs.

Further assessments have been made of the application, mandatory documents provided, site inspection results reviewed and the background checks performed on the dog owner and nominated dog(s). The assessments were made in accordance with the criteria specified in Local Law No 1 (Administration) 2011.

Based on these assessments, officers recommend that the application be approved.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/83

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Stanford

That, in accordance with the provisions of *Local Law No 1 (Administration) 2011* and *Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2011*, Council grant an excess dogs approval for the keeping of the four (4) dogs identified in Excess Animal Application Number 2016-18 (each an "identified dog") wolfhound cross desexed, and microchip numbers; 956 000 004 503 467, 956 000 004 880 712 and 981 000 300 691 110 on the premises, 41 & 43 College Street, Wallumbilla, identified in Excess Animal Application Number 2016-18 (the "premises") for a term of 1 year subject to the following conditions:

- (a) this approval allows for a total of four (4) dogs to be kept on the premises and is limited to the four (4) identified dogs; and**
- (b) if any identified dog dies or is relocated to other premises or is kept by another owner or keeper at other premises, the dog may not be replaced by another dog unless the keeping of the dogs on the premises is approved under another excess dogs approval; and**

- (c) the approval holder must ensure each and every identified dog is:
- (i) implanted with a prescribed permanent identification device in accordance with section 14 of the *Animal Management (Cats and Dogs) Act 2008*; and
 - (ii) registered with Council; and
- (d) the approval holder must take all reasonable steps to prevent each and every identified dog kept on the premises from making a noise or disturbance that causes a nuisance or disturbance to the occupiers of other premises; and
- (e) the approval holder must ensure that any enclosure in which any identified dog is kept on the premises is properly drained and that run-off is kept off adjoining premises; and
- (f) the approval holder must ensure that excreta, food scraps and other material that is, or is likely to become, offensive is collected daily and, if not immediately disposed of, is kept in a waste container of a kind approved by an authorised person; and
- (g) the approval holder must ensure that any enclosure in which any identified dog is kept on the premises is maintained in:
- (i) a clean and sanitary condition and disinfected regularly; and
 - (ii) an aesthetically acceptable condition; and
- (h) the approval holder must ensure a proper enclosure is maintained on the premises in accordance with the requirements of *Local Law No. 2 (Animal Management) 2011*; and
- (i) the approval holder must notify Council in writing in the event of the suspension or cancellation of a relevant approval for the keeping of any identified dog on the premises within 3 days of the suspension or cancellation of the relevant approval. For example, if the approval holder is the occupier of the premises and the owner of the premises suspends or cancels the approval holder's right to keep any identified dog at the premises, the approval holder must notify Council in writing of the suspension or cancellation of the approval within 3 days of the suspension or cancellation.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services
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Item Number: LC.7 **File Number:** D17/20239

SUBJECT HEADING: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - ROMA AIRPORT RUNWAY OVERLAY

Officer's Title: Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Due to the traffic at the Roma Airport over the past four years, the lifespan of the runway has been reached prematurely. To ensure the runway is kept up to standard and able to effectively manage traffic in the future, Council, as part of the 2016/17 budget deliberation, approved the \$5.28M Roma Airport Overlay Project.

With work on the project having commenced, and the delivery of the design documentation due in early June, the report proposes a procurement approach that is expected to help expedite the delivery of the construction component of the project.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/84

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to invite Expressions of Interest, under Section 228 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the Construction of the Roma Airport Overlay Project.
2. Note the reasons for resolving to invite Expressions of Interest presented to the General Meeting on Wednesday, 22 March 2017.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services
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Item Number:

LC.8

File Number: D17/20267

SUBJECT HEADING:

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR QUEENSLAND COUNTRY WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WESTERN DIVISION

Officer's Title:

Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events

Executive Summary:

Council received a request from Queensland Country Women's Association Western Division, seeking sponsorship for their Southern Region Meeting which will be held in St George from 21-24 June, 2017.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/85

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council:

1. Decline the request for sponsorship for the Queensland Country Women's Association Western Division for their Southern Region Meeting.
2. Offer assistance in the form of tourism collateral to be sourced from the Roma Visitors' Information Centre.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events
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Item Number:

LC.9

File Number: D17/20463

SUBJECT HEADING:

REQUEST FOR FURTHER LEGAL PROCEEDINGS TO BE COMMENCED – ACCOUNT NUMBERS 75955 & 74627

Officer's Title:

Coordinator - Debtors

Executive Summary:

The customer has defaulted on their payment arrangement and an amount remains owing to Council for account numbers 75955 and 74627.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/86

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council approve the pursuing of further legal action against this customer.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator – Debtors

Item Number:

LC.10

File Number: D17/20773

SUBJECT HEADING:

MAPINFO GIS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM - SERVICE AGREEMENT RENEWAL

Officer's Title:

Manager - ICT Solutions

Executive Summary:

Council's current agreement for MapInfo Pro and Spectrum Spatial Analyst GIS software is due to expire on 13/03/2017. The new agreement was recommended to continue the service for another three (3) years and three (3) months.

The report was tabled to seek Council's approval to engage a sole supplier for this software licence agreement.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/87

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Newman

That:

- 1. Council enter into a licence and service agreement with Pitney Bowes Australia Pty Ltd for a further 3 years and 3 months to continue with the MapInfo and Spectrum Spatial Analyst GIS platform.**
- 2. The engagement be made in accordance with Section 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that: the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available.**
- 3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Agreement.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - ICT Solutions

Item Number:

LC.11

File Number: D17/21235

SUBJECT HEADING:

OFFER BY DUCMAR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD

Officer's Title:

Manager - Planning & Building Development

Executive Summary:

Council was asked to consider an offer received from Ducmar Investments Pty Ltd in relation to land within the Roma One Industrial Estate.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/88

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council decline the offer presented.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Planning & Building Development

Item Number:

LC.12

File Number: D17/20797

SUBJECT HEADING:

RESUMPTION OF LAND AT LOT 2 ON SP 110498

Officer's Title:

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report considered the outcome of the Notice of Intention to Resume forwarded to the landowners on 30 January 2017.

This process was initiated following a negotiation process that commenced in May 2016.

In January 2017, Council advised the landowners that Council is committed to continuing the negotiation process in good faith to attempt to resolve any differences, while also being mindful of the landowners' rights. However, to be able to progress construction of this important public infrastructure, it is imperative that access to the required section of the land be secured in a timely manner. For this reason it is necessary that a number of additional steps be taken now to progress the project for the benefit of the Roma community.

Following the issue of the Notice of Intention to Resume, the parties were offered the opportunity to provide objections in writing and in person, with written objections provided to Council for consideration.

The report tabled the details of the objections, and the outcome of Council's delegate's considerations.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/89

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council, having considered the grounds of objection raised by the landowners in relation to the resumption of part of Lot 2 on SP 110498 ("the Land"), RESOLVE, in reliance on the Report and Statement of Reasons provided by the delegate being the Chief Executive Officer and considered at the Council meeting on 22 March 2017:

- (a) that no amendment be made to the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (b) that the proposed resumption of the Land proceed as per the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (c) that Council delegate the power to finalise the resumption of the Land as per the Notice of Intention to Resume and to make all applications and to take all relevant steps to effect the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette, to the Chief Executive Officer or any officer fulfilling the role of Chief Executive Officer.**

CARRIED

8/1

(The Mayor requested his vote against the motion be recorded)

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: LC.13 **File Number:** D17/20888

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF LAND AT LOT 21 ON CROWN PLAN R8614

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report considered the outcome of the Notice of Intention to Resume forwarded to the landowners on 30 January 2017.

This process was initiated following a negotiation process that commenced in May 2016.

In January 2017, Council advised the landowners that Council is committed to continuing the negotiation process in good faith to attempt to resolve any differences, while also being mindful of the landowners' rights. However, to be able to progress construction of this important public infrastructure, it is imperative that access to the required section of the land be secured in a timely manner. For this reason it is necessary that a number of additional steps be taken now to progress the project for the benefit of the Roma community.

Following the issue of the Notice of Intention to Resume, the parties were offered the opportunity to provide objections through an Objection Hearing and in writing for Council's consideration.

The report tabled the details of the objections, and the outcome of Council's delegate's considerations.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/90

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council, having considered the grounds of objection raised by the landowners in relation to the resumption of part of Lot 21 on Crown Plan R8614 ("the Land"), RESOLVE, in reliance on the Report and Statement of Reasons provided by the delegate being the Chief Executive Officer and considered at the Council meeting on 22 March 2017:

- (a) that no amendment be made to the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (b) that the proposed resumption of the Land proceed as per the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (c) that Council delegate the power to finalise the resumption of the Land as per the Notice of Intention to Resume and to make all applications and to take all relevant steps to effect the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette, to the Chief Executive Officer or any officer fulfilling the role of Chief Executive Officer.**

CARRIED

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Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote. The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	Cr. McMullen
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: LC.14 **File Number:** D17/20890

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF LAND AT LOT 1 ON RP4380

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report considers the outcome of the Notice of Intention to Resume forwarded to the landowner on 30 January 2017.

This process was initiated following a negotiation process that commenced in May 2016.

In January 2017, Council advised the landowner that Council is committed to continuing the negotiation process in good faith to attempt to resolve any differences, while also being mindful of the landowner's rights. However, to be able to progress construction of this important public infrastructure, it is imperative that access to the required section of the land be secured in a timely manner. For this reason it is necessary that a number of additional steps be taken now to progress the project for the benefit of the Roma community.

Following the issue of the Notice of Intention to Resume, the parties were offered the opportunity to provide objections through an Objection Hearing and in writing for Council's consideration.

The report tabled the details of the objections, and the outcome of Council's delegate's considerations.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/91

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council, having considered the grounds of objection raised by the landowner in relation to the resumption of part of Lot 1 on RP 4380 ("the Land"), RESOLVE, in reliance on the Report and Statement of Reasons provided by the delegate being the Chief Executive Officer and considered at the Council meeting on 22 March 2017:

- (a) that no amendment be made to the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (b) that the proposed resumption of the Land proceed as per the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (c) that Council delegate the power to finalise the resumption of the Land as per the Notice of Intention to Resume and to make all applications and to take all relevant steps to effect the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette, to the Chief Executive Officer or any officer fulfilling the role of Chief Executive Officer.**

CARRIED

7/2

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote. The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	Cr. McMullen
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: LC.15 **File Number:** D17/20891

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF LAND AT LOT 96 ON M5398

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report considered the outcome of the Notice of Intention to Resume forwarded to the landowner on 30 January 2017.

This process was initiated following a negotiation process that commenced in May 2016.

In January 2017, Council advised the landowner that Council is committed to continuing the negotiation process in good faith to attempt to resolve any differences, while also being mindful of the landowner's rights. However, to be able to progress construction of this important public infrastructure, it is imperative that access to the required section of the land be secured in a timely manner. For this reason it is necessary that a number of additional steps be taken now to progress the project for the benefit of the Roma community.

Following the issue of the Notice of Intention to Resume, the landowner was offered the opportunity to provide objections through an Objection Hearing and in writing for Council's consideration.

No objections were received from this landowner.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/92

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council note that no objections were raised by the landowner in relation to the resumption of part of Lot 96 on M5398 ("the Land") and RESOLVE, in reliance on the Report and Statement of Reasons provided by the delegate being the Chief Executive Officer and considered at the Council meeting on 22 March 2017:

- (a) that no amendment be made to the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (b) that the proposed resumption of the Land proceed as per the Notice of Intention to Resume dated 30 January 2017; and**
- (c) that Council delegate the power to finalise the resumption of the Land as per the Notice of Intention to Resume and to make all applications and to take all relevant steps to effect the publication of the notice in the Government Gazette, to the Chief Executive Officer or any officer fulfilling the role of Chief Executive Officer.**

CARRIED (The Mayor requested his vote against the motion be recorded)

8/1

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: 13.2 **File Number:** D17/17587

SUBJECT HEADING: **OUTDOOR DINING-INCREASE HOURS OF OPERATION – WESTERN BAKERY**

Officer's Title: **Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services**

Executive Summary:

The applicant, Western Bakery located at 73-77 McDowall Street Roma, has made application to Council to increase their approved outdoor dining operational hours from 5.30am to 5.30pm to a new timeframe of 5.00am to 10.00pm. The applicant also sought to install permanent barriers on the kerb surrounding the outdoor dining area, as well as install overhead umbrellas on Council's property, namely concrete poles located on the corner.

This item had been laid on the table earlier during the meeting pending the outcome of further investigation. This now being completed, Council resumed consideration of the matter.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/93

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council approve the extension of Western Bakeries current Outdoor Dining Permit Number EH35/20 operating hours from 5.30am to 5.30pm to the new hours of 5.30am to 10pm with the following conditions:

- 1. The outdoor dining area operation must not impede any maintenance and or operational tasks undertaken by Council and or its contractor (refuse collection service); and**
- 2. The applicant is responsible for the cleaning of the entire outdoor dining area as specified (drawing) in the original application D16/92059 attached; and**
- 3. The outdoor dining area is specified (drawing) in the original application D16/92059 attached; and**
- 4. Placement of all tables and chairs is limited to the footpath area on the corner of McDowall and Arthur Street Roma, contiguous to the Bakearoma premises; and**
- 5. Placement of all tables and chairs shall not impede pedestrian traffic using the footpath (leave space of 2m); and**
- 6. Approval to use the footpath for outdoor dining shall be limited to the following operational hours: Monday to Sunday 5.30am to 10.00pm; and**
- 7. The applicant may place dining furniture on the footpath from 5.00am, and in line with Item 1 listed above.**
- 8. The permit holder must ensure the outdoor dining area does not cause a nuisance; and**
- 9. The outdoor dining approval shall be for the period up to and including 30 September 2017; and**
- 10. The permit holder must have a \$10,000,000 public liability insurance inclusive of the footpath dining area that indemnifies Council against personal injury and property damage resulting from the outdoor dining approval, of which a copy of the insurance cover must be supplied to Council; and**

11. All facilities and equipment used for outdoor dining must at all times be maintained:
 - a. In good working order and condition; and
 - b. In a clean and sanitary condition
12. All equipment used for outdoor dining, including all tables and chairs, must be removed from the footpath upon close of business each day; and
13. The permit holder must ensure that all furniture used in the area identified in the approval is –
 - a. Aesthetically acceptable to the local government; and
 - b. Kept in a proper state of repair; and
14. The permit holder must ensure that the area identified in the approval is regularly cleaned-
 - a. During business hours for the principal premises; and
 - b. Daily, prior to commencing operation and after the close of business of the principal premises
15. Council's approval must be displayed in a prominent position, easily viewed by patrons, and must be produced upon request from an authorised person; and
16. Any claims for personal injury resulting from the outdoor dining approval and operation, are to be notified to Council (Work, Health & Safety Advisor) as soon as the permit holder is notified; and
17. The permit holder is to remove all furniture from the designated footpath area immediately prior to and post the approved outdoor dining hours.
18. Any permanent barriers fixed to the inner kerb surrounding the outdoor dining permit area must be securely bolted to the concrete kerb and must not impede driver vision from all directions within the intersection, that is in general, must not exceed 600mm in height, with full approval being subject to a road safety audit once set in place. The barriers are to be easily removed for ease of access to Council's roadside gardens for maintenance purposes.
19. The applicant is not to install overhead umbrellas on any of Council's street furniture and or equipment.

CARRIED

7/2

Responsible Officer	Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services
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Item Number: L.4 **File Number:** D17/21213

SUBJECT HEADING: RATING REVIEW - METHODOLOGIES

Officer's Title: Specialist - Strategic Finance

Executive Summary:

With the recent release of new land valuations for the Maranoa Area, it was recommended that Council undertake a review of its rating methodology to consider the options for equitable levying across the region.

It was proposed that AEC Group Pty Ltd be engaged under Local Buy's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Business Management Services (BUS 249-0515).

According to s 232 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government is not required to invite written quotes from multiple entities if the contract is entered into with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers. As AEC Group Pty Ltd is a member of a register of pre-qualified suppliers, quotes are not required.

A draft motion was put forward for this matter earlier during the meeting, however, it had been laid on the table to allow officers time to further investigate a quoted price for engaging the proposed independent contractor to complete a review of Council's rating methodology. This information now to hand, Council resumed discussion on the item.

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Newman

That:

1. Council engage AEC Group Pty Ltd to complete a review of Council's rating methodology and the new valuations with options for equitable levying across the region.
2. The engagement be made in accordance with Section 232 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that: Council is not required to invite written quotes from multiple entities if the contract is entered into with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers.
3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into final negotiations with AEC Group Pty Ltd for the quoted price of \$31,240 (Excluding GST) and raise a purchase order if the final terms are acceptable.
4. Council transfer the required funds to a new Work Order from - GL 2111.2001.2001 – Rates Management and Support \$10,000, Work Order 17478 Purchasing Card Module \$10,000, GL 2106.2001.2001 – Administration & Information Management Support \$11,240.

CARRIED

8/1

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. McMullen	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Strategic Finance

Item Number:

C.3

File Number: D17/18780

SUBJECT HEADING:

OFFER TO PURCHASE - 249 NORTHERN ROAD ROMA

Officer's Title:

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

The property located at 249 Northern Road Roma was acquired by Council as part of its flood levee project. Council was asked to consider an offer received to purchase the property.

This item was not discussed in numbered order of the agenda, pending the outcome of further legal advice on the matter. This information now to hand, Council resumed discussion on the item.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/94

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council accept the offer made by the applicant to purchase the property located at 249 Northern Road, Roma in the State of Queensland (also described at Lot 6 on SP2811423) (Property) for the Purchase Price of \$70,000, and strictly subject to the parties entering into a formal contract prepared by solicitors for Council setting out such terms as Council deems appropriate and that will specifically (but without limitation) include:

- **That the Purchaser has made the Offer to purchase the Property in its present condition ‘as is, where is’, subject to all faults and defects which are present at the time of making the Offer;**
- **Acknowledgment from the Purchaser that alternative access is required for the Property;**
- **Full Indemnity and Release from the Purchaser in favour of the Council in respect of the Property; and**
 - **Waiver and acknowledgment that the Purchaser will be responsible for any required works and the costs associated with the works, specifically including costs associated with the upgrade, repair and/ or construction of access to the property; and**
 - **Any other costs associated with meeting these conditions.**

CARRIED

8/1

Responsible Officer

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Item Number:

L.7

File Number: D17/21514

SUBJECT HEADING:

URGENT MAINTENANCE REQUIRED AT WESTGROVE ROAD - INJUNE

Author and Councillor’s Title:

Cr. Tyson Golder

Executive Summary:

The report indicated that Westgrove Road Injune requires maintenance to bitumen which has broken away from edges, leaving areas needing repair. These areas of concern are narrowing the already narrow road, which is used daily by large trucks and school buses. Pull-off zones are eroded and require urgent maintenance. Trees along the 15km section of road in some areas block the vision of oncoming traffic.

This matter had been laid on the table earlier during the meeting pending the outcome of further officer investigations. The result of these investigations now to hand, Council resumed discussion on the item.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/95

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council:

1. Repair the 15kms, where needed, of sides of the road from the bitumen to the edge of the road formation where erosion has occurred along Westgrove Road. This area along the road is a pull-off safety zone for avoiding trucks and is not safe in current condition.
2. Remove trees as required to improve vision of oncoming traffic and safety for all motorists.
3. Implement urgent maintenance works to damaged sections of Westgrove Road, paying particular attention to areas of overt safety concern such as Red Hill.
4. Operational speed limits be introduced for all Council and Council contracted vehicles travelling on the Westgrove Road to alleviate safety concerns within current road conditions. A 50km p/hour section through “Red Hill”, a 40 km p/hour section down Hutton Creek and 70km along the remaining distance of road.
5. Liaise with Lyndy and Neale O’Leary to gain further detail as required.

MOTION LOST

2/7

Cr. McMullen called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Golder	Cr. Chambers
Cr. McMullen	Cr. Chandler
	Cr. Flynn
	Cr. Newman
	Cr. O’Neil
	Cr. Schefe
	Cr. Stanford

Responsible Officer

Director Infrastructure Services

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/96

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr Chandler

That:

1. Council acknowledge the residents’ concerns raised through Customer Requests 41027 & 41725 and direct contact with Councillors, with regard to the Westgrove Road.
2. Through the Chief Executive Officer, the Council Roads Parks and Drainage department review the current program of works on that network, and implement any reactive or emergent works in accordance with the findings from the inspections undertaken on 21/03/17 and the concerns raised by the residents.
3. Council implement, modify and continually review regulatory speed limits and other safety measures on the network while programmed and other works are being undertaken.
4. Council liaise with the residents who have raised the concerns, and other customers as required, to provide regular updates on the progress of works on Westgrove Road and the details of any safety control measures being implemented.

CARRIED (The Mayor requested his vote against the motion be recorded)

7/2

Cr. Stanford called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	Cr. McMullen
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer	Director Infrastructure Services
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Item Number: L.8 **File Number:** D17/21627

SUBJECT HEADING: WALLUMBILLA NORTH ROAD - URGENT MAINTENANCE

Councillor's Title: Cr. Tyson Golder

Executive Summary

Expressions of concern have been raised with the safety of motorists along the Wallumbilla North Road due to overhanging trees and tree branches.

Discussion:

Cr. Chambers advised that the Director of Infrastructure Services had provided an email confirming that the contractor was already organised to carry out the works in the winter months.

Responsible Officer	Director - Infrastructure Services
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Resolution No. GM/03.2017/97

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council undertake urgent maintenance trimming of the trees along the Wallumbilla North Road, from overhanging areas back to the width of road guideposts, as a measure to reduce the danger of vehicular damage.

CARRIED (Cr. Chambers requested her vote against the motion be recorded) 6/3

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chandler	Cr. Chambers
Cr. Golder	Cr. Flynn
Cr. McMullen	Cr. Newman
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer	Director – Infrastructure Services
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Item Number: L.9 **File Number:** D17/21511

SUBJECT HEADING: FEDERAL REGIONAL EDUCATION REVIEW

Councillor's Title: Cr. David Scheffe

Executive Summary:

The Australian Government is conducting an independent comprehensive review of regional education with the aim of getting more regional, rural and remote students to be successful at school and to go on to further study, training and employment.

The review will address the key barriers and challenges that impact on the educational outcomes of regional, rural and remote students. It will examine the equity of education access for rural and regional students and will seek fresh ideas and fresh thinking to bridge the clear disparity between education in the bush and the city. It aims to address the gap of achievement, aspiration and access to higher education faced by regional students.

Minister for Education and Training, Simon Birmingham, said the independent review into regional, rural and remote education would be led by Professor John Halsey of Flinders University. The review will go out to regional communities in order to find solutions to build the skills of regional Australians to allow our youth better jobs and better opportunities no matter where they live. The review into regional education will look at education from school entry to job success.

The press release accompanying the review states that "Approximately one third of regional and remote students do not complete Year 12 or an equivalent unit of study and that number rises to almost two thirds of very remote students."

The Maranoa Regional Council is taking a comprehensive approach to economic and community development which recognises that building a future for regional communities depends on providing both local jobs and quality lifestyles. The Council is working with its communities to create shared visions and agreed strategies for land use, economic development, tourism, arts & culture and sport & recreation. These will then be incorporated into the respective local community plans. The process aims to provide broadly accepted direction for government, business and community effort and investment.

As part of the process, an initial series of focus group sessions were held across the region where community members identified access to education and training and better engagement with regional youth as issues for every community. The same patterns of concerns have been evident in community views for an extended period. It is clear that new ways are required to address these continuing concerns.

Fortunately, the accelerating waves of new technology are providing options and opportunities that did not exist a short time ago. There is an increasing understanding across government, business and the community of the need to make changes in the existing delivery mechanisms for education, training and employment, especially in regional areas, even if the types of changes required are still being investigated.

The Council's current strategic work and vision setting is helping to provide the fertile ground upon which the outcomes of the Halsey review of regional education may grow.

Within these contexts, Council should be an active participant in the review process. The proposed Council roles in the process could be summarised as advocacy and facilitation – i.e. assisting the review by facilitating inputs of regional knowledge & experience, sharing communications and coordination with local communities.

The Council could consider advising the review that the Maranoa region may be a suitable locality for testing the implementation of the review outcomes. An early declaration of interest would highlight the importance that the Council places on this review.

Discussion:

Cr. Schefe spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that he felt it was very important for Council to have some input into the review, and further that it was timely for the federal government to commence this review.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/98

Moved Cr Schefe

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That:

1. **Council welcomes the opportunity to be an active participant in the review process.**
2. **In addition to its advocacy role, Council is prepared to assist the review through facilitating inputs of regional knowledge & experience, sharing communications and coordination with local communities.**

CARRIED

8/1

Responsible Officer

**Manager – Economic & Community
Development**

CONDOLENCES

Cr. Flynn acknowledged sad news received for the Roma community that Darcy Oates had passed away the previous night. Darcy was an employee of the former Bungil Shire Council, as was his wife Desley Oates.

Council requested that condolences be sent to the family on their behalf.

WELCOME TO COUNCILLOR WENDY NEWMAN

Cr Chambers suggested that the Mayor formally welcome Cr Wendy Newman.

The Mayor welcomed Cr Wendy Newman advising that he looked forward to working with her and said that he was sure that she would fit right back in quickly given her experience as a Councillor on previous terms of Maranoa Regional Council.

Item Number:

L.10

File Number: N/A

SUBJECT HEADING:

REMOVAL OF HOUSE - ROMA HOSPITAL GROUNDS

Title:

Mayor

Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

Following on from the Mayor's negotiations with State agencies, the demolition company and a house removalist, the Chief Executive Officer requested full Council's acceptance of the Queensland Health's offer to 'gift' an old house to Maranoa Regional Council. In accordance with the Mayor's negotiations, the intention was for the house to be donated to the house removalist who was prepared to relocate it to his property at no cost to Council.

It was noted that if this didn't happen, the house would be demolished. On that basis it could be considered that the house in its current state has a value less than \$10,000. It was noted that there was a public benefit in the house not being demolished as it wouldn't be disposed of to landfill – therefore saving space in Roma's refuse facility.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/99

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Newman

That:

1. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to accept an offer received from Queensland Health to 'gift' a house located at the Roma Hospital grounds, to Maranoa Regional Council on the basis that the house was to be demolished as part of works associated with construction of the new Roma Hospital and therefore had little financial value (< \$10,000).
2. It be noted that the Mayor has negotiated with a house removalist to both take possession of the house and cover all associated transport costs to his yards.
3. Council accept the house and its subsequent donation to the house removalist, subject to an understanding and receipt of written confirmation from the house removalist that:
 - There be no financial cost to Council or the ratepayer;
 - If there is interest, the house will be donated to a community group.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Associate to the Mayor

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 2.55pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next General Meeting of Council to be held on 12 April 2017, at Roma Administration Centre.

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 Mayor.

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 Date.