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# LATE ITEMS BUSINESS PAPER

## General Meeting

**Wednesday 14 June 2017**

Roma Administration Centre

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 14 June 2017

Mayor:

Councillor T D Golder

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Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate, Community & Commercial  
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Officers:

Ms Jane Frith (Coordinator Communications)

Please find attached agenda for the **General Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on **June 14, 2017 at 9.00AM.**

Julie Reitano  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Prepared by:    Mayor Golder

## COUNCILLOR REPORT

**Meeting:** General 14 June 2017

**Date:** 13 June 2017

**Item Number:** L.1

**File Number:** D17/45561

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Request from Yuleba Development Group -  
Yuleba Forestry Tower

**Classification:** Open Access

**Author & Councillor's Title:** Cr Tyson Golder

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### **Executive Summary:**

The report tables an e-mail from Mr Paul Masson on 13 June 2017.

### **Councillor's Recommendation:**

That Council consider the matter.

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### **Background:**

On the 13 June 2017, Council received the following e-mail from Mr Paul Masson:

*Good Afternoon Mayor Golder and Councillors,*

*The Yuleba Forestry Fire Tower is scheduled to be removed from the Yuleba State Forest shortly by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries. It is proposed to send the 'Lookout' to the Chinchilla Museum and demolish the remainder.*

*The Yuleba State Forestry has played a significant part in Yuleba's history with a large number of locals either having worked in the Forestry or their parents and grandparents having worked there. This is our history as well as being an opportunity to develop a first rate **Tourist Attraction** in Yuleba. All members of the community I have spoken to are outraged at the suggestion that we would lose this icon to the Western Downs Council.*

*The Yuleba Development Group requests the Maranoa Regional Council intervene to prevent this **historic and iconic structure** being taken from our area. **Yuleba is the Gateway to the Maranoa** as a significant number of visitors approach from the east. I have spoken to Ann Leahy MP about the issue and she has indicated an interest and asked to be kept up to date with developments and a willingness to assist where possible.*

*At a Yuleba Development Group Meeting yesterday afternoon (See Agenda and Minutes) we canvassed options and decided on an order of preference as to how the tower could be saved. **Option 2 is our preferred position.***

*The Yuleba Development Group would like to partner with the Maranoa Regional Council to keep the Yuleba Forestry Fire Tower in the Maranoa. I have also attached a photo of the Tower and details for the DAF contact (Albert Kello) who I have been speaking with.*

*Thanking you in anticipation of your kind consideration of this urgent and important issue.*

*Regards*

*Paul Masson*

*President Yuleba Development Group*

Option 2 referred to in the e-mail is reproduced as follows (underlined section):

*Extract from Agenda Yuleba Old Post Office Museum Meeting 12/06/2017*

*1. Yuleba Forestry Fire Tower*

*The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF) are proposing to dismantle the Yuleba Forestry Fire Tower because of liability issues. The Tower was built in the early 60s (maybe 1962). The tower is no longer in use and unauthorised people are climbing the tower. The steps are non compliant.*

*DAF have in the past couple of years approached the Maranoa Regional Council to see if there was interest in the tower at the Yuleba Forestry Office. It has since been removed.*

*The Western Downs Regional Council with the Chinchilla Museum have a proposal to have the cabin at the top of the Yuleba Forestry Tower cut off with 2 metre stumps and lifted down with a mobile crane. The proposal is to set this up in the grounds of the Chinchilla Museum.*

*Following the removal of the cabin it is proposed that the Tower will be pulled over and will crash to the ground. From past experience it is believed that the logs (4 x 25m and 4 x 9m) will survive the demolition. The logs could be delivered to an agreed site.*

**Options**

- 1. Lobby DAF to leave the Tower where it is and have them build a secure fence around it to keep people from climbing it. This is not likely to be agreed.*
- 2. Submit a counter proposal to DAF to move the Cabin and Tower to Yuleba Cobb & Co Park on the site of the Old Yuleba Sawmill near the Warrego Highway. This proposal would need to be fast tracked as the Chinchilla proposal is moving along through channels. The proposal would have to be endorsed by Maranoa Regional Council to have a chance of success.*
- 3. Salvage the logs with the option to reconstruct a smaller tower in Cobb and Co Park with stairs and a cabin on top. The structure would then be compliant. The smaller logs could be milled and the timber used for construction of park furniture. Maranoa Regional Council would need to be supportive of this initiative.*

**Consultation:**

The Local Development Officer attended the meeting at which this matter was discussed.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Not yet determined. Council's in principle support is requested at this stage in line with Option 2.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil