
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 14 JUNE 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.06AM

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, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano, Communications Officer / Team Coordinator – Jane Frith, and Minutes Officer – Kelly Rogers in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Director Infrastructure Services – Cameron Castles, Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services – Sharon Frank, Manager Strategic Asset Management & Planning – Kym Downey, Manager Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures) – Tanya Mansfield, Manager Economic & Community Development – Ed Sims, Rates Officer – Catherine (Katie) Ballard, Debtors Officer – Linda Acutt.

GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance at the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.06am.

APOLOGIES

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/01

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

That apologies be received and leave of absence granted for Cr. Stanford for this meeting.

CARRIED

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/02

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Schefe

That the minutes of the General Meeting (11-24.05.17) held on 24 May 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

8/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

ON THE TABLE

There were no items for discussion on the table.

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

OFFICE OF THE CEO

Item Number: 10.1 **File Number:** D17/41048

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST TO EXTEND MT EVERDALE ROAD

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

Executive Summary:

Council received a request to extend the length of Mt Everdale Road to improve property access. The works, if approved, would incur estimated capital construction costs to formation standard of between \$16,500 to \$65,000, with an annual increase of \$4,700 in maintenance and renewal costs.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/03

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Schefe

That the applicant be advised that:

- 1. In accordance with Council Policy: "Construction of Roads for Access to Property" the road extension not be included in Council's Road Register.**
- 2. In accordance with Council Policy: "Road Register" road extensions beyond Council's mapped Road Register will not be maintained by Council.**
- 3. The applicant may undertake works, at no cost to Council, on the portion of track within the road reserve subject to compliance with Council policies – "Works in Road Reserves" and "Construction of Roads for Access to Property."**

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. Schefe	

Responsible Officer

Manager - Strategic Asset Management & Planning

DEVELOPMENT, FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Item Number: 13.1 **File Number:** D17/42175

SUBJECT HEADING: DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - SURAT AGENCY CONTRACT 2017-2018

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

Executive Summary:

The Department of Human Services invited the Maranoa Regional Council to continue to provide Agent Services (Centrelink) in Surat for the period commencing 1 July 2017 and ending on 30 June 2018.

Discussion:

Cr. Newman spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the service is very worthwhile for the Surat community, and could only be there with Council's support.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/04

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council:

1. **Endorse continuation of service provision in Surat as an agent for the Department of Human Services.**
2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the agreement on behalf of Council.**

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Libraries, Arts & Culture

Item Number: 13.2 **File Number:** D17/43717

SUBJECT HEADING: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR WORKING GROUP ABOUT JOINT MUSEUM PROJECT

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

Executive Summary:

Local groups have recently met with Councillors to discuss potential museums or cultural centres. It was recommended that Council call for Expressions of Interest from other interested parties to form a working group to explore the concept of a joint facility, without committing to any financial obligations.

Discussion:

Cr. Chandler spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that she believed the formation of the group would well support future tourism plans for Roma and the Maranoa.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/05

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council:

1. **Call for Expressions of Interest from local groups or individuals to form a working group to provide input into the concept of a shared museum/cultural centre in Roma.**

2. **Nominate Councillors Chandler and Schefe to participate in, and chair, the working group.**
3. **Adopt a facilitator role for the working group and create Terms of Reference including length of service and desired outcomes, without committing to any financial implications.**

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events
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Item Number: 13.3 **File Number:** D17/43813

SUBJECT HEADING: TOWARDS "THE MARANOA INSTITUTE"

Officer's Title: Manager - Economic & Community Development

Executive Summary:

The concept of an Education Hub has been on Council's agenda since 2013 and Council's officers from the Development Directorate have attempted to investigate the feasibility of this notion, during which there was little interest shown by the education sector locally.

A significant factor in our deliberations is that Council does not have the capacity to engage the education sector around this concept. An understanding of the training and education structure and systems, its funding models and operations is needed to fully comprehend the range of responses from training and education providers and the ability to test their validity is absent.

In spite of this, a deep seated sense that there are local needs for vocational education and training that are not being met, still exists. The task remains in Council's operational plan for investigation and begs a course of action to either:

- *Prove the concept and in so doing create the stakeholder (advocacy) group to support its development to a reality or*
- *Eliminate the concept from Council's work program.*

This report provided a possible way to further investigate the notion of an "Education Hub" by engaging the education sector to lead Council through a process which will either achieve the former (above) or provide Council solid grounds to abandon the concept.

Discussion:

Cr. O'Neil spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that one of the easiest things to do in elected office is to not make decisions and not set the community up for its future. However, he impressed his belief that the Maranoa community needed a Council that is willing to strive for a better future.

He went on to speak of his investigative study tour to Canada during the former term of Council, where he and the former Deputy Mayor visited towns that had experienced an Oil and Gas boom before the Maranoa.

One key aspect of that experience was the importance of seeking opportunities from which to platform off the boom so that the community sees a long term benefit. Cr. O'Neil explained that this region is geographically located in an area that has a strong resource and agricultural sector, with services flowing out of these sectors, particularly in Roma with travel services easier to access now more than ever. He spoke of the need for Council to stimulate broader sectors than the ones he mentioned, and that in Canada they had focused on developing the education sector, which was an approach endorsed by the former term of Council.

Cr. O'Neil closed by saying that the recommended approach to explore the viability of the concept of an Education Hub in the Maranoa would determine if the concept has legs and could be a feather in the cap for this Council and the community.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that he believed there was significant financial stress in the community and that the focus should be on further reducing Council's budget spend.

Cr. Schefe spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that Council had already approved its participation in the federal education review, and the work that would be done as proposed could be incorporated into the federal review. Cr. Schefe acknowledged the Mayor's views on the importance of looking at the bottom line, however, said that he believed it was important to expand opportunities for the Maranoa youth and broader community in the area of education, and fully supported the recommendation.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/06

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council:

- 1. Approve the proposal from Charles Sturt University (CSU) – Institute of Land Water and Society to develop the concept of an “Education Hub” in the Maranoa .**
- 2. Commit a budget allocation of \$10,000 as a research grant with funds transferred from WO 02883.2001.**

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

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Responsible Officer

Manager - Economic & Community Development

Item Number:

13.4

File Number: D17/40765

SUBJECT HEADING:

REGIONAL MONTHLY POOL REPORT APRIL 2017

Officer's Title:

Administration Officer - Council Buildings & Structures

Executive Summary:

Across the region Council maintains five swimming pool complexes and The Great Artesian Spa complex.

The pools are operated by contractors under management agreements. Contractors provide monthly reports to Council identifying attendance, pool temperatures, chemical levels, maintenance issues and consumables.

Reports for the month of March for the Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell Memorial Swimming Pool, Injune Swimming Pool, Denise Spencer Roma Pool, Surat Swimming Pool and Wallumbilla Swimming Pool were presented.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/07

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council receive the Regional Swimming Pool reports for the month of April 2017.

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Council Buildings & Structures

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;
- (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government;
- (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/06.2017/08

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council close the meeting to the public at 9.28am.

CARRIED

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Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 9.29am, and entered at 9.32am.

Cr. Flynn declared a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to Items C.5 – Council Aerodrome Landing Fees and C.6 – Monthly Business Unit Report Airports – April 2017, due to his personal business operations at the Roma Airport. Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 10.00am, taking no further part in discussion on the items.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned items, Cr. Flynn entered the Chamber at 10.04am.

The Mayor declared a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in Item C.16 – Conditions of Sale – 249 Northern Road Roma, due to a relative residing at a neighbouring property to the one under Council consideration. Mayor Golder left the Chamber at 10.39am, taking no further part in discussion on the matter.

The Mayor entered the Chamber during suspension of standing orders for morning tea.

SUBJECT HEADING: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR MORNING TEA AT 10.43AM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 11.18AM.

Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 11.37am, and entered at 11.39am.

SUBJECT HEADING: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR LUNCH AT 1.06PM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 2.02PM.

Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 2.04pm, and entered at 2.07pm.

Cr. Newman left the Chamber at 2.24pm, and entered at 2.25pm.

Cr. Newman left the Chamber at 2.27pm, and entered at 2.29pm.

Cr. O'Neil left the Chamber at 2.35pm, and entered at 2.36pm.

Cr. Chandler left the Chamber at 2.38pm and entered at 2.41pm.

Mayor Golder left the Chamber at 2.39pm, and entered at 2.41pm.

Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 2.50pm, and entered at 2.53pm.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/09

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council open the meeting to the public at 3.07pm.

CARRIED

8/0

Item Number:

C.1

File Number: D17/41079

SUBJECT HEADING:

REQUEST TO EXTEND HUMPHREYS ROAD

Officer's Title:

Manager - Strategic Asset Management & Planning

Executive Summary:

Council received a request to review the decision not to extend the length of road for Humphreys Road. The requested extension had an estimated capital construction cost for formation standard of \$29,700, with an annual increase of \$1,322 in maintenance and renewal costs.

Discussion:

The Mayor spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that carrying out the works would save time for users of the road in travelling back and forth to Roma for business purposes. He advised that he believed Council should be focusing on the issues with a small financial cost that will improve commerce in that area.

Cr. Chambers spoke against the motion, indicating that people can currently use the road as it is located in a designated road reserve, but she did not think the requested road length should be added to Council's Road Register as there are other roads in the vicinity that can be used. She also indicated that the matter was further complicated by the challenge of managing gates in relation to our grids and gates policy.

The Mayor summed up discussions by saying that the road in question cannot currently be used by trucks as it is uneven and has major trees growing on it. He closed by saying that the relatively small works will make a huge difference to road users in the area, and that was of number one importance.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/10

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council:

- 1. Accept the requested length of road extension to Humphreys Road on the basis of it being placed on the lowest order on Council's Road Register.**
- 2. Accept the offered financial contribution from the applicant to clear trees on the**

length of the extension.

MOTION LOST 3/5

Responsible Officer	Manager - Strategic Asset Management & Planning
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Item Number: C.2 **File Number:** D17/41524

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR CAPITAL UPGRADE - BINDANGO ROAD

Officer's Title: Senior Engineer - Construction & Works

Executive Summary:

Council received a request to upgrade a natural surface floodway to a gravel standard on Bindango Road. The requested upgrade aims to improve access along the Bindango Road following periods of light to moderate local rainfall. It was recommended the works be approved and funding allocated from a projected underrun cost for another project.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/11				
Moved Cr Chandler		Seconded Cr McMullen		
That Council approve the following changes to the 2016/17 Capital Works Program for Roads, Drainage & Parks:				
Works Order	Project Name	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Change
18442	Tomoo Road - Rehab & Seal	\$251,247	\$243,247	\$-8,000
New WO	Bindango Road - Floodway	\$ 0	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
Net Change		Nil		
CARRIED				8/0

Responsible Officer	Senior Engineer - Construction & Works
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Item Number: C.3 **File Number:** D17/42038

SUBJECT HEADING: MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANISATIONAL CHART FOR BLYTHDALE NORTH / RASLIE ROAD UPGRADE

Officer's Title: Manager - Roads, Drainage & Parks

Executive Summary:

This report sought approval for minor amendments to the Organisational Chart for the purposes of completing the Blythdale North / Raslie Road Upgrade Project.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/12	
Moved Cr Newman	Seconded Cr Flynn
That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to implement a temporary resource plan to deliver the Blythdale North / Raslie Road Upgrade Project, which will be dissolved at the completion of the project.	
CARRIED 8/0	

Responsible Officer	Manager - Roads, Drainage & Parks
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Item Number: C.4 **File Number:** D17/41762

SUBJECT HEADING: DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN THE ROADS MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE CONTRACT

Officer's Title: Manager - Roads, Drainage & Parks

Executive Summary:

This report sought approval for the Chief Executive Officer to sign both the tender submission and resulting contract on behalf of Maranoa Regional Council, to the value of approximately \$2,600,000 Exc. GST for the Road Maintenance Performance Contract with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/13

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council grant the Chief Executive Officer delegated authority to sign both the tender submission and the resulting Road Maintenance Performance Contract with the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Roads, Drainage & Parks

Cr. Flynn declared a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to the following two (2) items, due to his personal business operations at the Roma Airport. Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 3.15pm, taking no further part in discussion or debate on the items.

Item Number: C.5 **File Number:** D17/43300

SUBJECT HEADING: COUNCIL AERODROME LANDING FEES

Officer's Title: Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)

Executive Summary:

This report served to notify Council of a proposed change to the Airports Business Unit fee structure and sought endorsement to implement the changes.

Discussion:

Cr. O'Neil spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that this was a good news story for both Council and general small aircraft aviators and visitors that fly in and out of Roma Airport. He further said that concerns had been raised by the small plane aviators with respect to the fee structure, and that Council had listened to these concerns, and the proposed approach will allow them to continue flying in the region.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/14

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council:

- 1. Endorse the following fee structure for landing fees through Maranoa Regional Council controlled Aerodromes:**

Aircraft MTOW (kg)	Proposed Charge (Exc. GST)
<1,500	\$6.00
1,501 – 5,700	\$10.00
5,701+	\$15.81

2. Endorse an implementation date of July 1, 2017.

CARRIED 7/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)
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Item Number: C.6 **File Number:** D17/38949

SUBJECT HEADING: MONTHLY BUSINESS UNIT REPORT AIRPORTS – APRIL 2017

Officer's Title: Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)

Executive Summary:

This 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/06.2017/15	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Newman
That Council receive and note the Officer's report as presented.	
CARRIED	7/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)
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At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned two (2) items, Cr. Flynn entered the Chamber at 3.17pm.

Item Number: C.7 **File Number:** D17/37736

SUBJECT HEADING: CONSIDERATION OF PAYMENT PLAN - ASSESSMENT 11001427

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

Correspondence was received by Recoveries & Reconstructions from the ratepayer requesting a consideration of a payment plan of \$50/fortnight.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/16	
Moved Cr Chandler	Seconded Cr O'Neil
That Council decline the payment arrangement due to the proposed payment being insufficient to pay the debt in a reasonable timeframe.	
CARRIED (The Mayor requested his vote against the motion be recorded)	7/1

Responsible Officer	Rates Officer
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Item Number: C.8 **File Number:** D17/41206

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR DISCOUNT AFTER LATE PAYMENT-ASSESSMENT NO. 11002441

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

The ratepayer requested the discount be granted after payment was received following the close of discount.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/17

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council grant the discount on this occasion as the circumstances meet the criteria in Council's adopted Revenue Statement and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* for granting discount.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Item Number: C.9 **File Number:** D17/42470

SUBJECT HEADING: OVERDUE RATES - COMMENCEMENT OF LEGAL ACTION – VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

Letters of Demand have been sent to ratepayers who are not in a rates payment arrangement and have a rates debt of \$750 or more owing. While some ratepayers have made payment and/or entered into a rates payment arrangement, there remains some who have not.

In accordance with Council's adopted Rates Recovery Policy, a Council resolution is required to take the next step in the rates recovery process by filing a statement of claim at the Local Magistrates Court and served on the ratepayer.

Discussion:

Cr. Chambers spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that Council is continuing the process commenced last year to recover unpaid rates, and in doing so ensuring that people don't get too far behind in their payments which would further worsen financial impacts.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/18

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council endorse the next step in the Rates Recovery process, that is to proceed to filing a statement of claim with the Local Magistrates Court; serving upon the ratepayers as listed in the attachment in June 2017.

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

7/1

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Item Number: C.10 **File Number:** D17/42646

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR RATE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS- VARIOUS PROPERTIES

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/06.2017/19

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council:

1. **Accept the applicant's payment plans as set out in Table A, subject to all rates, charges and arrears accumulated being paid in full by 30 June 2018, as follows:**

Assessment No.	Approved Payment Proposal
13000088	\$36.63/fortnight
12003968	\$600/month

2. **Decline the applicant's payment plan as set out in Table B and propose to the applicants a new payment arrangement so that all rates, charges and arrears accumulated are paid in full by 30 June 2018, as follows:**

Assessment No.	Applicant's Proposed Payment Plan	Council's Proposal
140000186	\$500/week	\$1,086/week

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

7/1

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Item Number: C.11 **File Number:** D17/43123

SUBJECT HEADING: WRITE OFF AMOUNTS IN NATURAL GAS BILLING

Officer's Title: Finance Officer - Debtors

Executive Summary:

This report recommended to Council the formal write off of debts that are deemed to be irrecoverable or unviable for Council to pursue further recovery action.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/20

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council approve the write off of debts as presented owing to their current status of being irrecoverable or unviable for Council to pursue further recovery action.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Finance Officer - Debtors

Item Number: C.12 **File Number:** D17/40980

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA SALEYARDS - MONTHLY BUSINESS REPORT - APRIL 2017

Officer's Title: Manager - Saleyards

Executive Summary:

This report was presented to Council to provide a summary of the performance of Council's Roma Saleyards for the month of April, 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/06.2017/21

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council receive and note the Officer's report as presented.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Saleyards

Item Number: C.13 **File Number:** D17/43823

SUBJECT HEADING: DEED OF ASSIGNMENT - NLIS SCANNING AND LIVESTOCK SERVICES AGREEMENT

Officer's Title: Manager - Saleyards

Executive Summary:

TCFKALL Pty Ltd ABN 114 242 821 (formerly known as Livestock Link Pty Ltd) and AAM Operations Pty Ltd have forwarded the Deed of Assignment for the NLIS Scanning and Livestock Services Agreement for signing.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/22

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Assignment, subject to final negotiations with the parties (or delegate).

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Saleyards

Item Number: C.14 **File Number:** D17/44170

SUBJECT HEADING: TENDER 17018 - ROMA TOWN BORE 19, BOREHOLE DRILLING AND CONSTRUCTION

Officer's Title: Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Council publicly invited tenders from suitably qualified and experienced Contractors to construct Roma Town Bore 19.

The Tender period opened on 19 April 2017 with a closing date of 12 May 2017.

Responses were reviewed by an evaluation panel and the report submitted for Council's consideration.

Discussion:

Cr. Scheffe spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that this was an important stage of the project and said that it is always positive when a local business is selected as the successful tenderer.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/23	
Moved Cr Scheffe	Seconded Cr McMullen
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Johnson Drilling Australia Pty Ltd as the preferred tenderer for Tender 17018 – Roma Town Bore 19, Borehole Drilling and Construction. 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into final negotiations with Johnson Drilling Australia Pty Ltd, noting the tendered value of \$317,707.50 (Inc. GST), and accept the contract if the final terms are acceptable. 3. Assign the expenditure to Work Order 18705 (Roma Northern Bore). 	
CARRIED	8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services
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Item Number: C.15 **File Number:** D17/38125

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR ARTS SPACE - MITCHELL

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

Executive Summary:

The "Friends of The Gallery" Committee, a sub-committee of the Booringa Action Group submitted a proposal to develop an artist's workshop space and sales area in a Council owned facility in Mitchell. Council was asked to consider the proposal.

Discussion:

Cr. Chandler spoke in favour of the motion, saying that she had attended the meeting when discussions were held in relation to the request, and conveyed her observations that the group was very passionate about the project and keen to progress arrangements.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/24	
Moved Cr Chandler	Seconded Cr Chambers
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter into a user agreement with the Booringa Action Group for a period of five years for the purpose of developing an artist's workspace, gallery and retail area in the three old age pensioner cottages located in Ann Street Mitchell. 2. Advise that Booringa Action Group that they are responsible for all costs associated with renovating the facilities to a usable standard, and for all ongoing maintenance and payment of electricity. 3. Arrange and fund reconnection of water, sewerage and electricity services to the building with costs estimated to be \$3,000 to be transferred to a new general ledger number from GL2493.2014 – Mitchell Library and Gallery Maintenance. 	

4. Request the Booringa Action Group submit details of proposed street signage planned for the corner of Ann and Cambridge Streets Mitchell for review and consideration by Council.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

The Mayor declared a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in the following item, due to a relative residing at a neighbouring property to the one under Council consideration. The Mayor left the Chamber at 3.27pm, taking no further part in discussion or debate on the matter. In his absence Deputy Mayor Cr. Chambers took the role of 'Acting Chair.'

Item Number:

C.16

File Number: D17/43591

SUBJECT HEADING:

CONDITIONS OF SALE - 249 NORTHERN ROAD ROMA

Officer's Title:

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

At its General Meeting held on 22 March 2017, Council resolved to dispose of surplus property located at 249 Northern Road Roma. The purchaser has asked that Council give further consideration to identifying an alternative access to the property from Northern Road.

Council was briefed that an additional step needs to be undertaken to ensure the disposal of the surplus property is undertaken in accordance with Council's legislative obligations.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/25

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Schefe

That Council invite tenders for the purchase of 249 Northern Road Roma.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item the Mayor entered the Chamber at 3.28pm and assumed the Chair.

Item Number:

C.17

File Number: D17/43812

SUBJECT HEADING:

AQUATIC FACILITY SAFETY ASSESSMENT - RESULTS OF AUDIT

Officer's Title:

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

Council has committed to periodically reviewing the compliance and effectiveness of the operating procedures for the regional swimming pools. The results of the 2017 independent audit completed by the Royal Life Saving Society of Queensland was presented for Councillors' information.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/26

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council:

1. **Acknowledge the efforts of the Regional Swimming Pool Managers in achieving significant improvement in safety compliance as evidenced in the independent audit completed by the Royal Life Saving Society of Queensland.**
2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to communicate with the one (1) Manager identified as non-compliant with the view to ensuring immediate rectification of identified non-conformances.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)
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Item Number:

C.18

File Number: D17/41864

SUBJECT HEADING:

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES - DARGAL ROAD

Officer's Title:

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

Council has received a claim from a party seeking reimbursement for damage sustained when travelling on sections of road being the southern end of Richardson Lane and the gravel end of Dargal Road.

Council was asked to consider the claim.

Discussion:

Cr. Chandler spoke in favour of the motion to decline the claim, indicating that a number of similar requests had been received across the region, and payment of these would be unsustainable given the number of gravel roads in the region.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that he felt the applicant needed to be listened to and expressed his thoughts that it was an effort for the applicant to put forward the claim. The Mayor in closing indicated that he has travelled the roads and there is a lot of work to do reiterating his support for the claim.

In summing up, Cr. Chandler indicated that Council has a large network of roads, and these need to be maintained as they are programmed.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/27

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council decline the claim.

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

7/1

Responsible Officer	Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)
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Item Number: C.19 **File Number:** D17/43560

SUBJECT HEADING: CLAIM FOR DAMAGES - DILQUI ROAD WYCOMBE

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

Executive Summary:

Council has received a claim from a party seeking reimbursement for damage sustained when crossing the Maranoa River on Dilqui Road in the Wycombe area.

Council was asked to consider the claim.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/28	
Moved Cr Newman	Seconded Cr Chambers
That Council decline the claim.	
CARRIED (The Mayor requested his vote against the motion be recorded)	7/1

Responsible Officer	Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)
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Item Number: C.20 **File Number:** D17/39252

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR LEASE - PART OF RESERVE
LOT 124 ON EG247

Officer's Title: Administration Officer - Land Administration

Executive Summary:

Council received a request to lease state land described as part of Lot 124 on EG247, Reserve for Camping and Water, for the purpose of stock grazing.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/29	
Moved Cr Newman	Seconded Cr Schefe
That Council not support the application to lease Camping and Water Reserve being part of Lot 124 on EG247 for the following reasons:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lease area falls over a primary stockroute; • Lease area would create a 'bottle neck' for stock coming from the south into the Surat east water facility; • Lease area is being treated for an infestation of pest weed Mother of Millions; and • Granting of the lease would have a negative impact on the effective size of the Surat reserve. 	
CARRIED	8/0

Responsible Officer	Administration Officer - Land Administration
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Item Number: C.21 **File Number:** D17/41409

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT ROAD CLOSURE - AREA OF ROAD ADJOINING AND INTERSECTING LOT 3 ON BDR91; AND ACCESS ROAD - LOT 4 ON BDR31

Officer's Title: Administration Officer - Land Administration

Executive Summary:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines sought Council's views on an application it has received for the proposed permanent road closure of the roads adjoining the northern and southern boundary of Lot 3 on BDR91 and within Lot 3 on BDR91. The Department also sought Council's views on a proposal to reduce the width of the road that comes off the Mt Moffatt Road and provides access to Lot 4 on BDR31.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/30

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council offer no objection to the:

- Proposed road closure of the road located on the northern boundary of Lot 3 on BDR91;
- Proposed closure of the dead end section of road reserve in Lot 3 on BDR91;
- Closure of the road on the southern boundary of the lot, provided that the application area includes the existing infrastructure owned by the applicant that is connected to the stock routes water facility via an offtake. If this is not the case, the application should be amended to incorporate this infrastructure;
- Partial closure of the access road to Lot 4 on BDR31 provided that the minimum width of the road is not less than 20 metres. Council recommends the realignment of the access road to Lot 4 on BDR31 be moved to incorporate the existing access track from the existing entrance to the applicant's property.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Land Administration

Item Number: C.22 **File Number:** D17/43787

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FROM ROMA AND DISTRICT EISTEDDFOD

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

Executive Summary:

The Roma & District Eisteddfod Committee approached Council requesting continued support for the 2017 Eisteddfod, which will be held in Roma on 18-20 October. As in past years, it was recommended that support be provided.

Discussion:

Cr. Chambers spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the event had been revived since 2014 with Council's support and further said that it was a great regional event giving children access to this type of activity that they otherwise could not participate in.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/31
Moved Cr Chambers
Seconded Cr O'Neil
That Council:

1. Provide up to \$5,000 to support the Roma & District Eisteddfod, held on 18-20 October 2017.
2. Allocate funds from the Arts & Culture Operations GL 2885.2001.2001

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer
Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events
Item Number:
C.23
File Number: D17/42681
SUBJECT HEADING:
CONSIDERATION OF APPLYING REBATE DUE TO HARDSHIP
Author and Councillor's Title:
Cr. Tyson Golder
Executive Summary:

The applicant has formerly received Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme (HEEAS) via Smart Services. Due to revision of the HEEAS application timeframe, the customer is ineligible to apply this financial year. Council was asked to consider offering the same rate of rebate due to financial hardship.

Discussion:

The Mayor spoke in favour of supporting the request, given the hardship faced by the applicant, and indicated that as a Councillor it is of the highest level to support people struggling in the community.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/32
Moved Cr Golder
Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council offer a rebate equal to the percentage rebate received previously through HEEAS claim 26/03/2016 to 01/04/2016 (that being a 55% reduction of the Gas Account balance), due to hardship.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer
Debtors Officer
Item Number:
C.24
File Number: D17/44019
SUBJECT HEADING:
ROMA FLOOD MITIGATION STAGE 1 - LANDHOLDER NEGOTIATIONS - ASSESSMENT NO. 14008304
Officer's Title:
**Director - Infrastructure Services
Associate to the Director - Infrastructure Services**
Executive Summary:

The report tabled a letter in relation to a Stage 1 Access Deed and an Acquisition Agreement, signed by both parties. The officer provided further information for Council's consideration.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/33
Moved Cr McMullen
Seconded Cr Newman

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer, with the assistance of Council's solicitors, to offer and if accepted execute the access deed agreement with the value consistent with the recommendation included in the report.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer
Director - Infrastructure Services
LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS
Item Number:

LC.1

File Number: D17/39990
SUBJECT HEADING:
**DEED OF EXTENSION OF LEASE - ROMA AIRPORT
 CAFE LEASE**
Officer's Title:
Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services
Executive Summary:

Tender 16012 invited interested parties to tender for the lease and operation of the Roma Airport Café. The successful Tenderer executed a lease in December 2015.

This report sought Council's endorsement of an extension to the lease for a further one year term, as permitted under the original lease.

Discussion:

Cr. O'Neil spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that it was great to have a local business providing a café at the Roma Airport, and was pleased to see the extension requested.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/34
Moved Cr O'Neil
Seconded Cr Chandler
That Council:

1. **Approve an extension to the Roma Airport Café Lease (expiry date 17 December 2017).**
2. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Extension of Lease on Council's behalf.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer
**Manager - Procurement & Commercial
 Services**

Item Number: LC.2 **File Number:** D17/42748

SUBJECT HEADING: IN-KIND ASSISTANCE FOR THE GRANDE COUNTRY CARNIVALE

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

Executive Summary:

The organisers of The Grande Country Carnivale sought in-kind assistance for the event's weekend activities at Bassett Park on 21-22 October, 2017.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/35

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council:

1. Provide in-kind assistance to The Grande Country Carnivale by watering and rolling the racetrack on the morning of Saturday, 21 October to an approximate value of \$200, and that amount be charged to the Minor In-kind Assistance GL 2887.2246.2001.
2. Approve a 50% venue hire fee waiver for Bassett Park, with funds charged to the Major In-kind GL 2887.2248.2001.
3. Decline the request for traffic management support.

CARRIED

6/2

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events

Item Number: LC.3 **File Number:** D17/43537

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR NON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM ROMA MEN'S SHED

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

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council received a request for Non-Financial Assistance from the Roma Community Men's Shed to provide the soil base for the concrete slab for their new shed. It was recommended that Council accommodate this request.

Discussion:

Cr. O'Neil spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that this was an incredibly worthy investment into a three (3) way partnership. He also indicated that Roma Men's Shed had worked tirelessly to get a home for themselves, and that if Council can contribute to that positive outcome he strongly supported the recommendation.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/36

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council:

1. Provide Major Non-Financial Assistance to the Roma Community Men's Shed to provide the soil base for the concrete slab for their new shed, located at 27-29 Chrystal Street, Roma.

2. Allocate the cost of the work, estimated to be \$18,000 to the Major Non-Financial Assistance Budget GL 2887.2248.2001.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events

Item Number:

LC.4

File Number: D17/43822

SUBJECT HEADING:

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENDED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT

Officer's Title:

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

The applicant requested Council consider an attached proposed payment arrangement to pay off their outstanding debt. The proposed timeframe for completion of the payment arrangement extends beyond the period that is adopted in Council's Debt Recovery Policy.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/37

Moved Cr Schefe

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council propose to the business a 36 month payment arrangement (as detailed in the report) due to financial hardship, which may be further reviewed by Council if the applicant demonstrates that a licensed gas fitter has been engaged to undertake an audit of their appliances with a new Gas System Compliance Certificate provided to Council.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Item Number:

LC.5

File Number: D17/44760

SUBJECT HEADING:

NATIONAL INSURANCE AFFORDABILITY INITIATIVE (NIAI) FEDERAL FUNDING - CONSTRUCTION OF ROMA FLOOD LEVEE - DEED OF VARIATION

Officer's Title:

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning administer the federal funding to Council for the Roma Levee under the National Insurance Affordability Initiative (NIAI). Council requested an extension of time for the completion of the project, which has now been approved.

Council has received a Deed of Variation to formalise the extension of time, and Council's approval was sought for the Chief Executive Officer to sign the document.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/38

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Deed of Variation for the National Insurance Affordability Initiative (NIAI) funding agreement between the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Maranoa Regional Council.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Item Number:

LC.6

File Number: D17/44887

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/06.2017/39

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council endorse the proposed amendments to the organisational structure as follows:

- **Create a new full time position of Administration Officer – Lease Management and Facility User Agreements, reporting to the following position for a fixed term;**
- **Retitle the position of Specialist – Lease Management & User Agreements to Facility Lease Management & Housing Officer/Team Coordinator.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Item Number:

LC.7

File Number: D17/45038

SUBJECT HEADING:

WITHOUT PREJUDICE OFFER FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION - ASSESSMENT NO. 14016927

Officer's Title:

Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract Management

Executive Summary:

The report tabled an update to the 'without prejudice' discussions for land bearing Assessment No. 14016927 with the view to finalising an agreement under section 15 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/40

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. **Execute, pursuant to section 236 of the Local Government Act 2009, the Section 15 Agreement the subject of this Council Report to formalise the agreement reached between Council and the affected landowner/s for the acquisition of part of their land for the Roma Stage 2A Flood Mitigation Project.**

2. Take the necessary steps, following the execution of the Section 15 Agreement, and sign all necessary documents to effect the acquisition of the subject land by gazettal and to complete the registration of the appropriate survey plan with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.
3. Cease the compulsory acquisition process, as required by Council Resolution GM/09.2016/34, for part of the land bearing Assessment No. 14016927 required for the Roma Stage 2A Flood Mitigation Project.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract Management
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Item Number: LC.8 File Number: D17/45049

SUBJECT HEADING: BLYTHDALE AND RASLIE ROAD UPGRADE PROJECT

Officer's Title: Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract Management

Executive Summary:

Under the Road Infrastructure Agreement for the GLNG Project, a section of the Blythdale North and Raslie Roads was identified as requiring upgrade due to the increased traffic usage. In 2015, Council permitted the Proponent use of these sections of Blythdale North and Raslie Road, in good faith and in recognition of the time critical nature of the development, prior to the completion of the upgrade works.

The report tabled a proposal received from the Proponent for consideration of an alternative to the completion of the Blythdale North and Raslie Road Upgrade Project.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/41

Moved Cr Schefe

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council:

1. Formally acknowledge receipt of correspondence from Santos GLNG on 6 June 2017, **Subject: Santos GLNG proposal for an alternative for the Blythdale North Road upgrade project.**
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to formally respond to Santos GLNG confirming that the Blythdale North and Raslie Upgrade will proceed as previously agreed in accordance with the terms of the Road Infrastructure Agreement and relevant Service Level Agreements.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract Management
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Item Number: LC.9 **File Number:** D17/45044

SUBJECT HEADING: WITHOUT PREJUDICE OFFER FOR COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION - ASSESSMENT NO. 14008429

Officer's Title: Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract
Management

Executive Summary:

The report tabled an update to the 'without prejudice' discussions for land bearing Assessment No. 14008429 with the view to finalising an agreement under section 15 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1967.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/42

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Execute, pursuant to section 236 of the Local Government Act 2009, the Section 15 Agreement the subject of this Council Report to formalise the agreement reached between Council and the affected landowner/s for the acquisition of part of their land for the Roma Stage 2A Flood Mitigation Project.
2. Take the necessary steps, following the execution of the Section 15 Agreement, and sign all necessary documents to effect the acquisition of the subject land by gazettal and to complete the registration of the appropriate survey plan with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.
3. Cease the compulsory acquisition process, as required by Council Resolution GM/09.2016/34, for part of the land bearing Assessment No. 14008429 required for the Roma Stage 2A Flood Mitigation Project.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Enterprise Risk, Program & Contract Management
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Item Number: LC.10 **File Number:** D17/45420

SUBJECT HEADING: MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT - RESIGN

Officer's Title: Manager - ICT Solutions

Executive Summary:

At Maranoa Regional Council we, like many organisations, rely heavily on Microsoft products to provide us with a technology platform - from the operating system used on every computer to the servers running our network in the background.

As Council has grown, so has the IT requirements and complexity of our software licensing. The Microsoft Enterprise Agreement (MEA) is a licensing program that allows us to access a flexible, cost-effective and manageable licensing contract.

The MEA also extends beyond just a licensing agreement as it allows Council to freely plan, test and deploy new and innovative solutions to provide a robust IT environment to meet Council's current and future IT needs. This in turn will allow us as a Council to provide a more efficient and effective service to our clients.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/43
Moved Cr Newman
Seconded Cr Chambers
That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 234 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, proceed with the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement under a Local Government Arrangement through Localbuy contract BUS 214-0611.
2. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to sign the Microsoft Enterprise Agreement before 30 June, 2017.
3. The annual payments for the agreement will be due as follows: July 2017, July 2018 and July 2019.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer
Manager - ICT Solutions
Item Number:

LC.11

File Number: D17/45540
SUBJECT HEADING:
**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT -
 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**
Officer's Title:
Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement
Executive Summary:

At the General Meeting on 12 April 2017 Council approved a schedule of Council hosted events, celebrating 150 years since the establishment of local government in the Roma district.

At that meeting Council sought to partner with Roma & District Family History Society Inc. and other interested community groups to bring the commemorative program of events to the community.

Discussion:

Cr. O'Neil spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the celebration is a wonderful way to celebrate the last 150 years of Council leadership in Roma, and further that he looked forward to celebrating the milestones of the remaining former shires as they occurred.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/44
Moved Cr O'Neil
Seconded Cr Chandler
That Council:

1. Write to the groups who put forward an expression of interest to partner with Council in bringing the commemorative program of events to the community thanking them for their submission.
2. Welcome each of the groups' suggestions to partner with Council, and recommends they proceed with arranging the respective celebratory program of events, at no cost to Council.
3. Approve the following financial/in-kind assistance:
 - Advertisement of the full program of events on behalf of all groups;
 - Slashing and mowing in the vicinity of the 'Butter Factory', however, Council does not approve access to the site due to public safety implications, rather tidying of the area for viewing from a bus tour;

- Slashing and mowing in the vicinity of the 'Grain Shed' (this approval is subject to the Roma Historical Precincts Inc. obtaining permission from the owners of this site allowing Council to undertake works);
- The use of Council commemorative banners for placement at event sites during the program;
- Funds required for the purchase and engraving of a commemorative cup or similar to acknowledge the first child in Roma born closest to the establishment of Council (10/08/1867) in the current year;
- Estimates for all In-kind assistance be sought for budget approval at a future meeting of Council.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement
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Item Number: LC.12 File Number: D17/44263

SUBJECT HEADING: CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ROMA – BUDGET

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement

Executive Summary:

At the General Meeting on 12 April 2017 Council approved a schedule of events to celebrate 150 years since the establishment of local government in the Roma district. This report sought budget approval for delivery of the Council hosted community celebrations.

Discussion:

Cr. O'Neil reiterated his sentiments of the previous resolution with respect to the upcoming celebration.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/45

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Chandler

That:

1. Council approve the budget allocation as presented in Attachment 1 of the Officer's report, and in summary the following:

Work Unit	Total Budget Allocation 2016/17
Libraries, Arts & Culture GL2885.2001.2001 GL2886.2001.2001	\$3,648
Cemeteries WO15155.2444.2001	\$8,465
Councillors & Community Engagement GL2012.2234.2001 GL2021.2080.2001	\$13,000
Total budget	\$25,113

2. The remaining budget be incorporated as part of the 2017/18 financial year budget deliberations once further estimates have been obtained for outstanding items.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement
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Item Number: LC.13 **File Number:** D17/45545

SUBJECT HEADING: UPDATE ON DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT - STAGE 1 LEVEE

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report tabled information for Council's consideration in relation to 'without prejudice' discussions.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/46

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council not accommodate the offer received by Council by email on 14 June 2017, in lieu of the payment obligations under the contract.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 4.16pm, and entered at 4.17pm.

Item Number: LC.14 **File Number:** D17/45378

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR REFUND OF RATES - ASSESSMENT NUMBERS 14019293 & 14507131

Officer's Title: Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

Council received requests from two Roma property owners for the reimbursement/waiver of rates, having regard to the financial pressures on their businesses for the reasons outlined in the report.

Discussion:

Cr. Flynn spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that he felt Council should give some concession due to financial hardship in this instance.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/47

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council:

- 1. In respect of Assessment No. 14019293 give a concession equivalent to the General Rates for the 2016/17 financial year assessment period in recognition of financial hardship.**
- 2. Consider a review of a rating categorisation, as part of the upcoming budget deliberations for the 2017/18 financial year.**
- 3. Extend the due date for payment of the balance of rates and charges for the current financial year until 30 June 2018.**

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/48

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council:

1. In respect of Assessment No. 14507131 is not in a position to provide any relief on the basis of the submission outlined by the applicant, however, remains empathetic and is open to consider the matter on the basis of financial hardship as outlined under section 12.3 of the Revenue Statement which states:

12.3 HARSHIP CONCESSION

Council recognises that individuals can experience difficulty in meeting their rate commitments and that in some cases it may be appropriate, where genuine financial hardship has been demonstrated, to grant a rates concession to the land owner...

2. Subject to receipt of documentary evidence to Council's satisfaction demonstrating financial hardship, provide some financial relief on the following basis:
 - Give a concession equivalent to the General Rates for the 2016/17 financial year assessment period in recognition of financial hardship; and
 - Extend the due date for payment of the balance of rates and charges for the current financial year until 30 June 2018.
3. Confirm its intent to consider a review of the rating categorisation, as part of the upcoming budget deliberations for the 2017/18 financial year.

CARRIED

6/2

Responsible Officer

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Item Number:

L.1

File Number: D17/45561

SUBJECT HEADING:

**REQUEST FROM YULEBA DEVELOPMENT GROUP -
YULEBA FORESTRY TOWER**

Author and Councillor's Title:

Cr. Tyson Golder

Executive Summary:

The report tabled an e-mail from Mr Paul Masson of Yuleba Development Group on 13 June 2017.

Resolution No. GM/06.2017/49

Moved Cr Golder

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council give its 'In-principle' support to partner with the Yuleba Development Group as proposed in the email received by Council on 13 June 2017, seeking to retain the fire tower located in the Yuleba State Forest for historical purposes in the town of Yuleba, however, no financial commitment is given at this point in time.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Mayor

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 4.20pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next General Meeting of Council to be held on 28 June 2017, at Roma Administration Centre.

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Mayor.

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Date.