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# LATE ITEMS BUSINESS PAPER

## General Meeting

**Wednesday 12 July 2017**

Roma Administration Centre

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 12 July 2017

Mayor:

Councillor T D Golder

Deputy Mayor:  
Councillors:

Councillor J L Chambers  
Councillor N H Chandler  
Councillor P J Flynn  
Councillor G B McMullen  
Councillor W M Newman  
Councillor C J O'Neil  
Councillor D J Schefe  
Councillor J M Stanford

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms Julie Reitano

Senior Management:

Mr Cameron Castles (Director Infrastructure Services)  
Mr Rob Hayward (Director Development, Facilities &  
Environmental Services)  
Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate, Community & Commercial  
Services)

Officers:

Ms Jane Frith (Coordinator Communications)

Please find attached agenda for the **General Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on **July 12, 2017 at 9.00AM.**

Julie Reitano  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 12 July 2017

**Date:** 10 July 2017

**Item Number:** L.1

**File Number:** D17/53693

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Yuleba Fire Tower - Relocation

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Local Development Officer - Yuleba/Wallumbilla

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Yuleba Development Group requests Council accept the historic Yuleba Fire Tower 'lookout' cabin as well as suitable lengths of the tower legs, with the aim of reconstructing a scaled down tower (up to 20m) as a tourism icon in Yuleba's Cobb & Co Park.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council

1. Council engage an Engineer to report on the condition and suitability for relocation of the Cabin and structure, and if the report is favourable,
  2. Authorise the CEO to sign a Transfer Agreement with the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) to accept the Yuleba Fire Tower frame legs and cabin for future use as a tourist attraction in Yuleba's Cobb & Co Park.
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### **Body of Report:**

Maranoa Regional Council provided 'in principle' support to the Yuleba Development Group's proposal to retain the Yuleba State Forestry Fire Tower in Yuleba for historical purposes. (Resolution GM/6.2017/49) In addition to its local significance, the tower is one of four timber fire towers across Queensland that have recognised 'State significance'.

The Yuleba Development Group hopes to create a tourism icon in Yuleba by reconstructing a smaller scale tower (up to 20m) in Cobb & Co Park. This plan will require salvaging and storing not only the cabin as proposed by the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF) but also suitable lengths of the tower legs.

Short term the Yuleba Development Group proposes the tower's timber frame and cabin be transported to Council's Yuleba Depot for safe storage. There is ample room at the Depot to store the structure.

To secure the tower for Yuleba, Council will be required to accept liability for the tower via a standard transfer agreement, to be provided by the Department of Agriculture & Fisheries (DAF). Council's endorsement of the agreement will, in principle, bind Council to YDG to reconstruct the Cabin at Cobb & Co Park, to Australian Building Standards. **A draft agreement will be available at the general meeting.**

Accordingly it is recommended that a Building Certifiers report be sought that will satisfy Council that it will be suitable for reconstruction at reasonable cost, post

transfer. Council's Building Certifier, Steve Mizen, can conduct his inspection on Friday 14 July 2017.

DAF representative, Albert Kello, has indicated that DAF will cover the costs of relocating the cabin and the tower legs to Yuleba in lengths that are practical and safe. This length would need to be determined after the frame is knocked over, and would take into account the state of the legs after falling.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Paul Masson, President, Yuleba Development Group

Albert Kello, Senior Project Officer Forestry, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

Steve Mizen, Specialist - Senior Building Certifier, Building Certification

Anil Perera, Project Manager Saleyards Precinct Development

Jordan Tiley, Yuleba Workshop Supervisor

**Risk Assessment (Legal, Financial, Political etc.):**

Normal regulations would allow the structure to be erected with the cabin sitting two metres above the ground, however the Yuleba Development Group's plan is for a much higher tower (20m). Having accepted the tower legs Council would then be responsible for disposing of them, should using them for the reconstruction (20 meters above ground) prove unviable.

It is recommended that a Building Certifiers' report be sought that will satisfy Council that it will be suitable for reconstruction at reasonable cost, post transfer.

The size and final placement of the fire tower within Cobb & Co Park will require a precinct master plan, which will carry a cost. This process may also require approval from Queensland Rail if the only non-Council owned block within the park, 9SP119660, is to be included.

The overall cost of the project (Cobb & Co Park) will need to be determined, scope, design, cost during 2017-18 for budget allocation and construction 2018-19 or sooner as funds allow. There is a community aspiration that Cobb & Co Park will become a functional 24-48 hour caravan stop in time for the 95<sup>th</sup> Cobb & Co Anniversary Festival in August 2019.

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Nil at this stage.

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019

Strategic Priority 7: Vibrant Communities, Beautiful Towns

7.2 Cultural Heritage & History

7.2.4 Projects

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil

**Report authorised by:**

**Maranoa Regional Council**

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Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events

Manager - Economic & Community Development

Director - Development, Facilities & Environmental Services

**OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 12 July 2017

**Date:** 10 July 2017

**Item Number:** L.2

**File Number:** D17/54017

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Consideration of Elected Member Attendance at an Upcoming Conference and participation in a research project

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement

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**Executive Summary:**

The report seeks formalisation of elected member attendance at an upcoming conference as part of advocacy activities and/or enhancing strategy and policy development for Maranoa Regional Council.

Also sought, is the endorsement of Councillor participation in a research project approved by Griffith University regarding the governance of Aquifer Injection using Coal Seam Gas/Coal Bed Methane produced Water. Councillor participation has been sought under the participant category of a local government authority.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council endorse:

- The attendance of Cr. Scheffe at the National Energy Summit on 12 – 13 July 2017 in Toowoomba;
- Cr. Scheffe's participation in the Griffith University research project titled – The governance of Aquifer Injection using Coal Seam Gas/Coal Bed Methane Produced Water.

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**Body of Report:**

**National Energy Summit**

This inaugural National Energy Summit, facilitated by Toowoomba & Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE), will focus on issues relating to energy policy development and charting a roadmap for a sustainable energy future for Australia which is founded on prosperous regional economies. This topic responds to the continually changing energy supply market with it becoming increasingly export-oriented. Australians are using energy more productively as new technologies are being implemented and as the economy evolves with a view to generating energy that is reliable, affordable and sustainable.

The summit features presentations from industry experts and political leaders who will assist delegates to position themselves to capitalise on the emerging trends and opportunities in the sector.

Cr. Scheffe has indicated a keen interest to attend the upcoming summit in his role of Portfolio Chair of Renewable Energy.

The event will be held in Toowoomba on 12 – 13 July 2017.

The governance of Aquifer Injection using Coal Seam Gas/Coal Bed Methane Produced Water

Cr. Scheffe has been invited to participate in a research project being conducted by a PhD Candidate of Griffith Law School – Griffith University, as a representative of a local government authority. The research project is in respect of the regulatory mechanisms for aquifer injection of CSG/CBM produced (associated) water.

A goal for the research is the formulation of a set of general principles and specific recommendations which could be considered in respect of the regulatory framework relating to both the Coal Seam Gas (CSG) or Coal Bed Methane (CBM) industry as well as water resources generally.

It is hoped that this review may address current issues relating to environmental protection as well as water and energy security.

It is proposed that participation will be through a semi-structured interview that should take no longer than one (1) hour either by face to face, teleconference or skype.

The research approval from Griffith University for the project commences 11 April 2017 and closes on 2 December 2017.

Further information about the project has been circulated to Council under separate cover.

Council's endorsement is sought for Cr. Scheffe to participate in the research project.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Councillors of Maranoa Regional Council

**Risk Assessment (Legal, Financial, Political etc.):**

The Act requires that Councillors' attendance at conferences and deputations be permitted by the local government. Unauthorised Councillor attendance at conferences could compromise insurance entitlements should circumstances arise that lead to the submission of an insurance claim.

**Policy Implications:**

Expenses Reimbursement Policy (Councillors)

**Financial Resource Implications:**

National Energy Summit

Registration:

Complimentary

Travel:

Council provided fleet vehicle

Accommodation & meals:

Estimated at \$300

**Total:**

**Estimated at \$300 per person**

The governance of Aquifer Injection using Coal Seam Gas/Coal Bed Methane  
Produced Water

No financial implications.

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019

Strategic Priority 1: Community Leadership & Accountability

1.7 Advocacy

1.7.2 Formal submissions

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil.

**Report authorised by:**

Manager - Communication, Information & Administration Services



## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 12 July 2017

**Date:** 11 July 2017

**Item Number:** L.3

**File Number:** D17/54299

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Minor Updates to the Corporate Plan

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

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### **Executive Summary:**

As part of the budget deliberations each year, the Corporate Plan is reviewed and/or updated. Where any minor changes are identified, these are presented to Council ahead of the budget adoption process.

### **Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council endorse the following minor amendments to the Corporate Plan 2014-19:

1. Update Council's vision –

*My Maranoa – strong, vibrant and connected communities embracing opportunities to grow.*

2. Update Council's mission –

- *Provide efficient and safe service delivery, good governance and leadership*
- *Manage community assets in a financially responsible way*
- *Partner with community, government, and industry to grow our region*

3. Remove Strategic Priority 9 Affordable Land & Housing and renumber Priority 10 to 9.

4. Update the organisational vision to include: Quality in our planning, processes and delivery.

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### **Body of Report:**

As part of recent budget deliberations, Council has discussed minor amendments to the existing Corporate Plan document in the short term, to inform the operational plan for the 2017/18 financial year.

At a recent corporate planning workshop, elected members worked together to propose updates to Council's vision and mission. The agreed outcomes were as follows:

*Our Vision:*

*My Maranoa – strong, vibrant and connected communities embracing opportunities to grow.*

*Our Mission:*

- *Provide efficient service delivery, good governance and leadership*
- *Manage community assets in a financially responsible way*
- *Partner with community, government, and industry to grow our region*

It has subsequently been suggested that the words 'and safe' be inserted in front of service delivery.

Councillors have had a preliminary discussion about the issues of highest priority. It was noted that Strategic Priority 9 Affordable Land and Housing is no longer a relevant priority as a result of the region's economic climate.

This report seeks to formalise the proposed amendments to the Corporate Plan 2014-19.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Chief Executive Officer  
Mayor & Elected Members

**Risk Assessment (Legal, Financial, Political etc.):**

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

The amendments, if accepted, will update Council's Corporate Plan 2014 – 2019.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Nil

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019  
Strategic Priority 10: Organisational Management  
10.1 Organisational Culture  
10.1.4 Communicate what we do and why

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil

**Report authorised by:**

Chief Executive Officer

## **COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 12 July 2017

**Date:** 12 July 2017

**Item Number:** L.4

**File Number:** D17/54426

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Request for Review of Speed Bump Options in McDowall Street

**Classification:** Open Access

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

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### **Executive Summary:**

This report seeks Council's support to progress an investigation into further measures that focus on pedestrian safety within the Roma CBD.

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

That Council:

1. Commence an investigation into options relating to the installation of permanent speed humps within the Roma CBD.
2. Consider undertaking consultation to establish community feedback regarding the possible installation of permanent speed humps within the Roma CBD.
3. Include a figure in the budget deliberations for discussion with an experienced contractor.

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### **Background:**

The information is in the interest of making our CBD a great place to live and work.

- Since my time as both resident and Councillor of the Maranoa region, I have witnessed a number of pedestrian / vehicle incidents and near misses within the Roma CBD area.
- From observations, vehicle speed at the location of the pedestrian crossing is one of the major factors influencing pedestrian safety within the Roma CBD.
- Temporary speed humps were installed during the CBD Upgrade Project (in 2016). The physical presence of these devices proved effective in reducing the overall speed of vehicles travelling through the CBD.
- Noting previous discussions, it is understood that the temporary speed humps mentioned above are unable to be installed as a permanent solution.

- I seek Council's support to progress an investigation into further measures that focus on pedestrian safety within the Roma CBD.

**Consultation:**

Nil

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Council previously set up temporary speedbumps during the construction period.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

None at this time.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil