



LATE ITEMS BUSINESS PAPER

General Meeting

Wednesday 27 November 2019

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 27 November 2019

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Ms Julie Reitano

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Development, Facilities & Environmental Services)
Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate, Community & Commercial
Services)

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Julie Reitano
Chief Executive Officer

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Classification: Closed Access

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OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: General 27 November 2019

Date: 20 November 2019

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D19/108979

SUBJECT HEADING: Funding Available for Community Drought Support

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Regional Grants & Council Events Development Coordinator

Executive Summary:

The Queensland Government has released another round of Community Drought Support Packages. It is recommended that Council apply under this scheme.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Apply for \$161,000 Community Drought Support Package under the Queensland Government's 2019-20 Drought Assistance Programs.
2. Deliver the funding across the region in a mix of Flexible Financial Hardship funding (80%) and funding for community events and activities.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to sign the funding agreement if required.

Individuals or Organisations to which the report applies:

Are there any individuals or organisations who stand to gain a benefit, or suffer a loss, (either directly or indirectly) depending on the outcome of consideration of this matter?

(Note: This is to assist Councillors in identifying if they have a Material Personal Interest or Conflict of Interest in the agenda item - i.e. whether they should participate in the discussion and decision making).

Community groups and individuals which may benefit from the funding.

Acronyms:

Are there any industry abbreviations that will be used in the report?

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Acronym	Description
FFH	Flexible Financial Hardship

Context:

Why is the matter coming before Council?

At 1 September 2019, there were 37 drought declared local government areas comprising 33 local government areas and 4 part local government areas representing 66.1% of the land area of Queensland.

The Community Drought Support Package is part of the Queensland Government's 2019-20 Drought Assistance Programs. The Community Drought Support Package

aims to strengthen the resilience of drought-affected Queenslanders by building on existing community support mechanisms to increase access and participation. This will be done through the delivery of community events or activities and the delivery of Flexible Financial Hardship funding to alleviate cost of living pressures and alleviate hardship for individuals, households and communities impacted by the drought.

Background:

Has anything already happened in relation to this matter?

(Succinct overview of the relevant facts, without interpretation)

In 2019-20, a total of \$5 million (excluding GST) has been made available through the Community Drought Support grants.

The grants aim to strengthen the resilience of drought-affected Queenslanders through the delivery of:

- **Flexible Financial Hardship (FFH) payments** to alleviate hardship and cost of living pressures for individuals, households and communities impacted by the drought; and
- **community events and activities** that contribute to connectedness and social well-being.

Community groups, not-for-profit organisations, local councils, neighbourhood centres, emergency relief providers, and school P&Cs are the types of organisations that are encouraged to apply to deliver the Flexible Financial Hardship payments and community events and activities. The Queensland Government has notionally set aside 80 per cent of funding to be prioritised towards FFH payments grants, subject to receiving sufficient suitable applications.

Applications close Friday, 13 December 2019, with funding offers made in February 2020.

In this round, support is also to be extended to non-farming small business operators and their families such as tradesmen and retail operators that rely on regional economies and the agriculture that underpins these economies to earn an income.

The value of funding available for each local government area has been allocated based on a rating system which takes into account the total length of time that the local government area has been in drought and indicators of vulnerability.

Maranoa Regional Council has been allocated an amount of \$161,000 with a rating of 4 on a scale of 1-10, with 1 being the worst affected. It is recommended that Council apply for the full amount, and allocate the funds as follows:

1. Flexible Financial Hardship payments

It is recommended that \$128,800 (80% x \$161,000) be allocated to FFH payments, and that the payments take the form of third party payments ie financial support to cover household (not fodder) bills. This would result in 161 payments of \$800. Alternative examples are listed below.

Amount	Number	Total
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\$500	257	\$128,500
\$800	161	\$128,800
\$1,000	128	\$128,000

The third party payments for the amount of \$800 are recommended for the following reasons:

- In 2018, Council offered FFH payments of \$500 in vouchers or third party payments. The drawback for the vouchers was ensuring that all the vouchers were used, some were not used at all, and some had lengthy delays, which potentially meant that other, more needy families had missed out.
- The increased amount of \$800 is expected to increase take-up, and get the funds out the door to those who need it most.
- There is no potential embarrassment around using vouchers ie in line at the check-out, or with new staff who are not familiar with the process.
- There is no 'over-billing' – there were some instances where a \$50 voucher was used for a \$55 purchase, and the difference was attempted to be added to the Council account.
- While the vouchers were to be used for local supermarkets to support local businesses, in reality there was very little spend outside Roma or Mitchell. It would be recommended that the payments be used to cover bills from local suppliers, and could include fuel/tyre/mechanical outlets, accountants, medical bills, car services etc, which will also help to support a variety of local businesses.

2. Support for Community Events - \$32,200 (20%)

Roma Show	\$5,000
Mitchell Show	\$3,000
Wallumbilla Show	\$2,000
Injune Races	\$2,000
Surat Campdraft	\$2,000
Call for expressions of interest from local groups/businesses in Surat, Wallumbilla/Yuleba, Mitchell and Injune for subsidised workshops 4 x \$4,550	\$18,000
	\$32,200

Events have been selected which are in the first half of the calendar year, and can get the money out as soon as possible.

The reference to the subsidised workshops comes from feedback from the recent Mosaic workshops conducted by Bymount Creative:

Some of the feedback includes:

- Thanks to the funding bodies for reducing costs during trying times for the bush folk.
- Please if MRC have any surplus funding for drought assistance consider teaming up with BCC. Their workshops are amazing and do more for individuals than just creative arts.
- To MRC thank you. Your contribution towards these workshops was acknowledged throughout the event. Participants truly appreciated the level of support which made it affordable for locals to attend.
- I nearly didn't do the workshops with all the struggles on the farm.....most enjoyable 3 days....my spirits are lifted up high.
- Many thanks to MRC for seeing the importance of this event and offering funding towards it. Your support was recognised throughout the workshops and greatly appreciated.
- With so many of us struggling to feed cattle. It was time out. It allowed us to have fun and express ourselves.

Legislation, Local Laws, State Policies & Other Regulatory Requirements:

What does the legislation and other statutory instruments include about the matter under consideration? (Include an extract of the relevant section's wording of the legislation – please do not just quote the section number as that is of no assistance to Councillors)

Funding must be allocated in accordance with the guidelines, and as set out in the funding agreement.

Council Policies or Asset Management Plans:

Does Council have a policy, plan or approach ordinarily followed for this type of decision? What are relevant sections of the policy or plan?

(Quote/insert the relevant section's wording / description within the report)

N/a

Input into the Report & Recommendation:

Have others' views or input been sourced in developing the report and recommendation to Council? (i.e. other than the report author?) What did each say? (Please include consultation with the funding body, any dates of critical importance or updates or approvals required)

Funding guidelines
Regional Sport & Recreation Coordinator

Funding Bodies:

Is the project externally funded (or proposed to be)? If so, are there any implications in relation to the funding agreement or grant application. (Please do not just include names)

Queensland Government's Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors.

This Financial Year's Budget:

Will the matter under consideration impact how much Council collects in income or how much it will spend? How much (\$)? ***Is this already included in the budget? (Include the account number and description).***

If the matter under consideration has not been included in the budget, where can the funds be transferred from? (Include the account number and description) What will not be done as a result?

There is no impact on Council's budget.

Future Years' Budgets:

Will there need to be a change in future years' budgets to cater for a change in income or increased expenditure as a result of Council's decision? How much (\$)? (e.g. estimate of additional maintenance or operating costs for a new or upgraded project)

There is no impact on Council's budget.

Impact on Other Individuals or Interested Parties:

Is there anyone who is likely to be particularly interested in or impacted by the decision, or affected by the recommendation if adopted? What would be their key interests or concerns? (Interested Parties Analysis - IS9001:2015)

Recipients of funding.

Risks:

What could go wrong if Council makes a decision on this matter? (What is the likelihood of it happening and the consequence if it does) (List each identified risk in a table)

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Risk of region not getting full entitlement	If Council do not apply, there is a risk that the Maranoa may not receive the full entitlement of drought funding.

Advice to Council:

What do you think Council should do, based on your skills, qualifications and experience, your knowledge of this and related matters, and the facts contained in the report?

(A summary of what the employee thinks Council needs to hear, not what they think individual Councillors want to hear – i.e. employees must provide sound and impartial advice – the employee's professional opinion)

This is an opportunity to maximise the drought funding available for the residents of our region, including the small business owners who are also impacted by the ongoing drought. It is recommended to apply for the funding as outlined above.

Recommendation:

What is the 'draft decision' based on the advice to Council?

Does the recommendation suggest a decision contrary to an existing Council policy? If so, for what reason?

(Note: recommendations if adopted by Council become a legal decision of government and therefore must be clear and succinct about the action required by employees (unambiguous)).

Does this recommendation suggest a decision contrary to an existing Council policy? If so, for what reason?

That Council:

1. Apply for \$161,000 Community Drought Support Package under the Queensland Government's 2019-20 Drought Assistance Programs.
2. Deliver the funding across the region in a mix of Flexible Financial Hardship funding (80%) and funding for community events and activities.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to sign the funding agreement if required.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2018-2023

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.11 Support development of our local communities through planning, programs and events

4.11.1 Coordinate Council's grant programs and other funding to community groups.

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Report authorised by:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director - Development, Facilities & Environmental Services

OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: General 27 November 2019

Date: 20 November 2019

Item Number: L.2

File Number: D19/108373

SUBJECT HEADING: Application for Funding under Queensland Government 2020-21 Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Regional Grants & Council Events Development Coordinator

Executive Summary:

Council is eligible to apply for funding for projects under the Queensland Government's *Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program*. It is recommended that Council apply for funding for project/s under this program.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Apply for funding for the following projects under the Queensland Government's 2020-21 *Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program*:
 - a) Standard Detailed Design for Miscamble St (from Wright to Carnarvon Highway) for an approximate total cost of \$55,950
 - b) Construction for a project on Bungil Street - Adungadoo Pathway (east of Bridge) to Roma Touch Fields for an approximate total cost of \$986,740.
2. Allocate the required 50% co-contribution for successful project/s to the 2020/21 budget.
3. Authorise the CEO to sign any funding agreements if successful.

Individuals or Organisations to which the report applies:

Are there any individuals or organisations who stand to gain a benefit, or suffer a loss, (either directly or indirectly) depending on the outcome of consideration of this matter?

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n/a

Acronyms:

Are there any industry abbreviations that will be used in the report?

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Acronym	Description
PCNP	Principle Cycle Network Plan
TMR	Department of Transport & Main Roads

Context:

Why is the matter coming before Council?

The Queensland Government is committed to achieving the *Queensland Cycle Strategy 2017-2027* vision of 'more cycling, more often on safe, direct and connected routes'.

The Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program helps local governments to deliver best practice, high quality and safe cycling infrastructure.

Local governments with a published Principal Cycle Network Plan are eligible to apply for grant funding towards projects that will provide high quality cycling infrastructure on the highest priority routes of the principal cycle network.

Key Dates:

Closing date – 20 December 2019

Announcements – June 2020

Background:

Has anything already happened in relation to this matter?

(Succinct overview of the relevant facts, without interpretation)

The following types of projects are available for funding under the program:

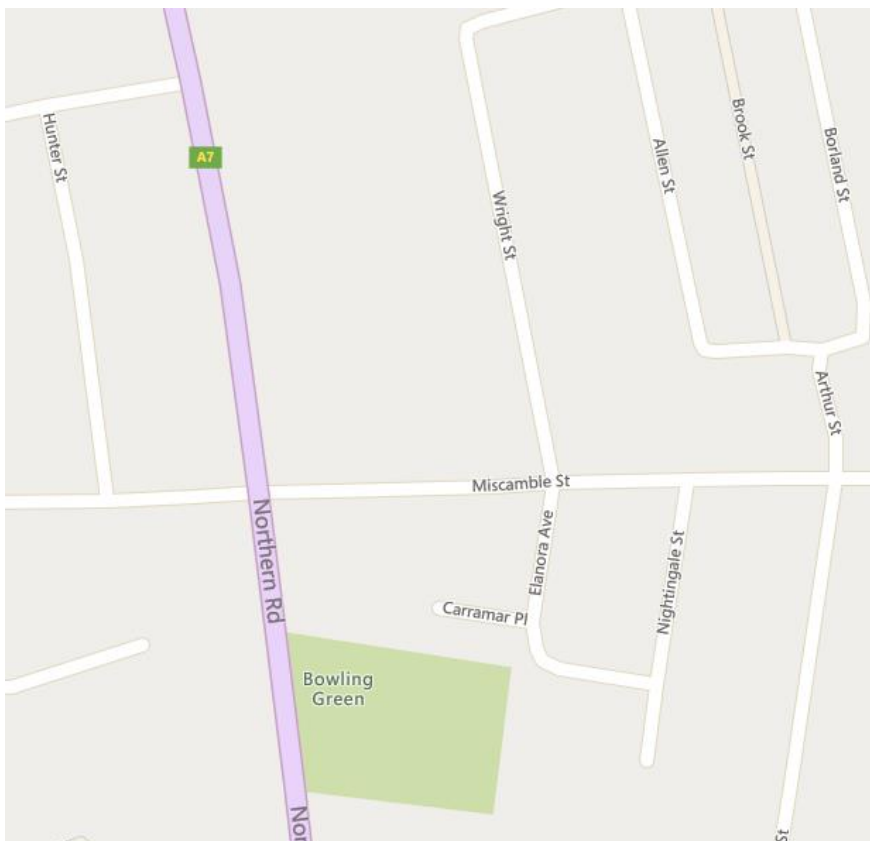
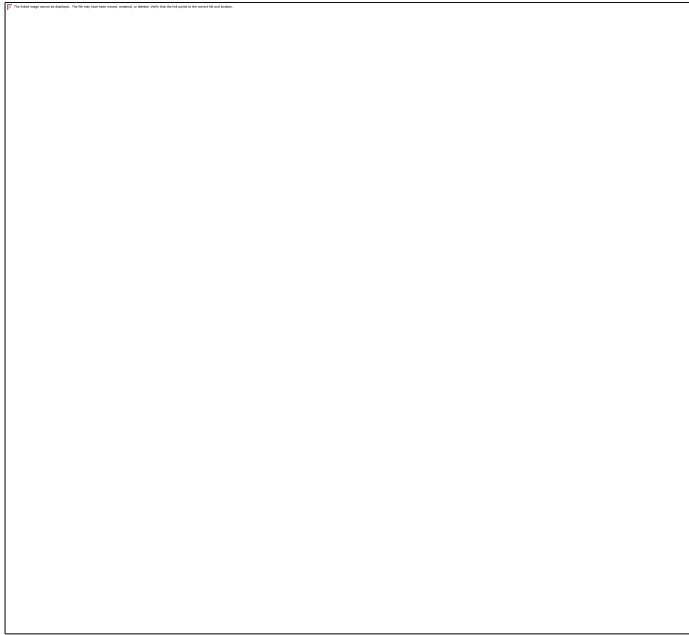
- **Detailed Design**
 - **Standard Detailed Design** is for councils to complete a detailed design for a facility on the PCN. Up to 50% funding is available for successful projects.
 - Up to 100% grant funding towards Priority Design Treatments. This funding is for the detailed design of projects which will deliver high priority cycling treatments such as physical separation.
- **Construction.** Up to 50% funding will be available to councils to deliver construction projects. All construction projects must obtain approval of detailed designs from the program administrators to start construction.

It is proposed that Council submit the following projects:

Standard Detailed Design

1. Miscamble Street (from Wright to Carnarvon Highway)

- Ability to leverage off work that TMR has already completed at this location.
- Council also has developed a preliminary draft design for this area, which could be used as the basis for further design, with further refinements to include a cycleway and culvert structure suitable for cyclists and vehicle interactions.
- Approximate cost \$55,950.

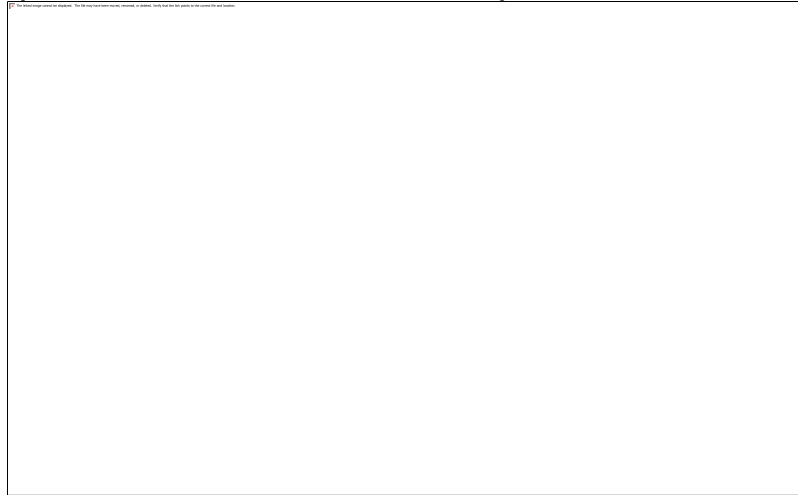


Construction

1. Bungil Street - Adungadoo Pathway (east of Bridge) to Roma Touch Fields

- A draft design for this area has been completed, however doesn't currently have provision for a cycleway treatment. Given Council has recently added this to the PCN*, it is recommended the design scheme be amended to include the cycleway feature so we could lobby for construction funding under this round.

- Approximate cost \$986,740.
- *At its meeting on 26 June 2019, Council resolved to amend the PCN for Roma to include the ***addition of Bungil Street, from Adungadoo Pathway to the entry to Roma Touch Fields and Little Athletics as a Priority C Route. (Resolution No. GM/06.2019/138)***



Legislation, Local Laws, State Policies & Other Regulatory Requirements:

What does the legislation and other statutory instruments include about the matter under consideration? (Include an extract of the relevant section's wording of the legislation – please do not just quote the section number as that is of no assistance to Councillors)

Applications would have to meet criteria as per the guidelines of the program.

Council Policies or Asset Management Plans:

Does Council have a policy, plan or approach ordinarily followed for this type of decision? What are relevant sections of the policy or plan?

(Quote/insert the relevant section's wording / description within the report)

Applying for funding for these projects is in line with the priorities for the Cycle Network in Roma.

Input into the Report & Recommendation:

Have others' views or input been sourced in developing the report and recommendation to Council? (i.e. other than the report author?) What did each say? (Please include consultation with the funding body, any dates of critical importance or updates or approvals required)

Lead Infrastructure Program Funding, Budget Coordination Officer
Manager – Program & Contract Management
Assets Officer – Transport Network

Funding Bodies:

Is the project externally funded (or proposed to be)? If so, are there any implications in relation to the funding agreement or grant application. (Please do not just include names)

The Department of Transport and Main Roads administers the funding program.

This Financial Year's Budget:

Will the matter under consideration impact how much Council collects in income or how much it will spend? How much (\$)?? Is this already included in the budget? (Include the account number and description).

If the matter under consideration has not been included in the budget, where can the funds be transferred from? (Include the account number and description) What will not be done as a result?

Funding is not expected to be announced until June 2020, so will not impact on this year's budget.

Future Years' Budgets:

Will there need to be a change in future years' budgets to cater for a change in income or increased expenditure as a result of Council's decision? How much (\$)?? (e.g. estimate of additional maintenance or operating costs for a new or upgraded project)

If the project/s are successful, 50% co-contributions will have to be allocated from the 2020/21 budget.

Impact on Other Individuals or Interested Parties:

Is there anyone who is likely to be particularly interested in or impacted by the decision, or affected by the recommendation if adopted? What would be their key interests or concerns? (Interested Parties Analysis - IS9001:2015)

TMR

Risks:

What could go wrong if Council makes a decision on this matter? (What is the likelihood of it happening and the consequence if it does) (List each identified risk in a table)

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Missed opportunity	This funding will potentially provide an opportunity to bring forward planning and construction for the cycle network.

Advice to Council:

What do you think Council should do, based on your skills, qualifications and experience, your knowledge of this and related matters, and the facts contained in the report?

(A summary of what the employee thinks Council needs to hear, not what they think individual Councillors want to hear – i.e. employees must provide sound and impartial advice – the employee's professional opinion)

It is recommended that Council apply for the funding.

Recommendation:

What is the 'draft decision' based on the advice to Council?

Does the recommendation suggest a decision contrary to an existing Council policy? If so, for what reason?

(Note: recommendations if adopted by Council become a legal decision of government and therefore must be clear and succinct about the action required by employees (unambiguous)).

Does this recommendation suggest a decision contrary to an existing Council policy? If so, for what reason?

That Council:

1. Apply for funding for the following projects under the Queensland Government's 2020-21 Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program:
 - a) Standard Detailed Design for Miscamble St (from Wright to Carnarvon Highway) for an approximate total cost of \$55,950

b) Construction for a project on Bungil Street - Adungadoo Pathway (east of Bridge) to Roma Touch Fields for an approximate total cost of \$986,740.

2. Allocate the required 50% co-contribution for successful project/s to the 2020/21 budget.

3. Authorise the CEO to sign any funding agreements if successful.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2018-2023

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.12 Develop healthy and connected communities through sport and recreation activities and facilities

4.12.4 Deliver sport and recreation facilities and infrastructure projects for the community as funding is approved, including engagement with key stakeholders.

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Report authorised by:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director - Development, Facilities & Environmental Services

OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: General 27 November 2019

Date: 24 November 2019

Item Number: L.3

File Number: D19/110624

SUBJECT HEADING: Project Variation for The Bigger Big Rig Project

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Regional Grants & Council Events Development Coordinator

Executive Summary:

During the preliminary and detail design works for The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk Project Council has encountered some budget constraints which is likely to affect the existing scope of works as outlined in the funding agreement.

It is recommended that the zipline be removed from the scope, and a formal Project Variation request be submitted to the funding body, Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Approve an amendment in the current scope for The Bigger Rig Project to remove the proposed zipline.
2. Submit a formal request for a Project Variation to the Outback Tourism Infrastructure funding body, requesting the scope and milestone reporting for The Bigger Big Rig project be amended.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to sign the Variation form.

Individuals or Organisations to which the report applies:

Are there any individuals or organisations who stand to gain a benefit, or suffer a loss, (either directly or indirectly) depending on the outcome of consideration of this matter?

(Note: This is to assist Councillors in identifying if they have a Material Personal Interest or Conflict of Interest in the agenda item - i.e. whether they should participate in the discussion and decision making).

Funding body – Queensland Government Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund

Acronyms:

Are there any industry abbreviations that will be used in the report?

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Acronym	Description
Outback Queensland Infrastructure Fund	OTIF

Context:

Why is the matter coming before Council?

This proposal to remove the zipline as part of The Bigger Big Rig represents a significant change to the approved project scope, and requires the approval of Council and the funding body.

Background:

Has anything already happened in relation to this matter?

(Succinct overview of the relevant facts, without interpretation)

At its meeting on 22 August 2018, Council resolved as follows:

Resolution No. GM/08.2018/70

That Council:

- 1. Submit an application for funding under the State Government's Outback Tourism Infrastructure (OTI) Fund for a maximum project cost of \$3 million, dependent on detailed costing being received. The project will involve the construction of 'The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk' in Roma, in a staged process if necessary.**
- 2. Commit to providing a 50% co-contribution cost in the 2018/19 and subsequent budgets to enable a Financial Incentive Agreement to be executed by 31 March 2019.**

Following the allocation of \$1.23m in funding, rather than the expected \$1.5m, Council resolved to contribute the extra funds at its meeting on 27 February 2019.

Resolution No. GM/02.2019/130

That Council:

- 1. Fund the co-contribution required for the Bigger Big Rig – Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund project as follows:**
 - Transfer the projected year end balance (30 June 2019) of Corporate Overheads Reserve to General Fund.**
 - Transfer the projected year end balance of earnings (30 June 2019) from the APLNG infrastructure agreement to General Fund.**
 - Fund the balance through an internal loan from the Gravel pits reserves, repayable in future years budgets; the Borrowing (Debt) Policy be updated accordingly with an estimated term of 3 years. Further that the matter be reviewed as part of the 2019/20 Budget deliberations if a sooner repayment is able to be achieved.**

Consequently, a funding agreement was executed on 15 March 2019 with OTI with the funded activity stated as 'The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk project includes the construction of an observation tower and deck, a zip line and tree walk in accordance with the application'.

During the preliminary and detail design works for The Bigger Big Rig and Tree Walk Project Council has encountered some budget constraints which is likely to affect the existing scope of works as outlined in the funding agreement.

At this stage, the amounts being quoted for most of the project elements are in excess of the original quotes from the concept quantity survey which formed the basis of our application. As an example, the original quote for the zipline which was included in the application was for \$175,000. The current quantity surveyor estimate at preliminary design stage is \$482,000.

The Project Team, including DM2 Architecture, structural engineers and the quantity surveyors have undertaken a number of value management exercises to reduce project budget.

Two meetings have been held with the Big Rig Action Group (21 and 31 October) to discuss options to bring the current scope into budget.

Another savings option which has been discussed with both the key community group and Council was to reduce the overall height of the observation tower. This was not supported in either forum given the importance of this height to the success of the experience. The preference for cost savings – in addition to the value engineering already considered – was the removal of the zipline, rather than reduce the height of the observation tower.

A telephone conference was held with the Senior Project Officer from OTI to discuss the project, and a request has been submitted for a Project Variation form. This will need to be signed by the CEO and submitted for formal approval by OTI. These initial discussions indicate that the removal of the zipline will not affect the funding.

This will also involve an amendment to the current scope, as well as the milestones outlined in the current funding agreement. Below is a proposal for the amended milestone dates:

Milestone	Current Date	Proposed Date
M1	15 November 2019	15 April 2020
M2	1 May 2020	1 August 2020
M3 (Final report)	1 October 2020	1 February 2021

Legislation, Local Laws, State Policies & Other Regulatory Requirements:

What does the legislation and other statutory instruments include about the matter under consideration? (Include an extract of the relevant section's wording of the legislation – please do not just quote the section number as that is of no assistance to Councillors)

As per the executed Agreement, *the recipient of the funding (Council) must not vary the Activity without obtaining the Department's prior written consent.*

Council Policies or Asset Management Plans:

Does Council have a policy, plan or approach ordinarily followed for this type of decision? What are relevant sections of the policy or plan?

(Quote/insert the relevant section's wording / description within the report)

n/a.

Input into the Report & Recommendation:

Have others' views or input been sourced in developing the report and recommendation to Council? (i.e. other than the report author?) What did each say? (Please include consultation with the funding body, any dates of critical importance or updates or approvals required)

Senior Project Officer, Growing Tourism. Department of Innovation and Tourism Industry Development.

Manager, Program & Contract Management

Project Officer – Program & Contract Management,

Regional Tourism Coordinator

The Big Rig Action Group – have provided advice they would prefer the zipline be removed from at least Stage 1 of the project.

Visit Roma – have advised they have minuted at their most recent meeting they were “happy for the zipline to be removed from scope forever.”

Elected Members – Policy Development Workshop 5 November 2019.

Funding Bodies:

Is the project externally funded (or proposed to be)? If so, are there any implications in relation to the funding agreement or grant application. (Please do not just include names)

The Bigger Big Rig project has received \$1.23m in funding from the Queensland Government's Outback Tourism Infrastructure Fund. Any changes to the approved scope and milestones will need to be approved by the funding body.

This Financial Year's Budget:

Will the matter under consideration impact how much Council collects in income or how much it will spend? How much (\$)?? Is this already included in the budget? (Include the account number and description).

If the matter under consideration has not been included in the budget, where can the funds be transferred from? (Include the account number and description) What will not be done as a result?

Allocations for the project have been made under the 2019/20 project. The project will carry over into the 2020/21 financial year.

Future Years' Budgets:

Will there need to be a change in future years' budgets to cater for a change in income or increased expenditure as a result of Council's decision? How much (\$)?? (e.g. estimate of additional maintenance or operating costs for a new or upgraded project)

Allocations for the project have been made under the 2019/20 project. The project will carry over into the 2020/21 financial year.

Impact on Other Individuals or Interested Parties:

Is there anyone who is likely to be particularly interested in or impacted by the decision, or affected by the recommendation if adopted? What would be their key interests or concerns? (Interested Parties Analysis - IS9001:2015)

Visit Roma

The Big Rig Action Group

Staff at The Big Rig

Risks:

What could go wrong if Council makes a decision on this matter? (What is the likelihood of it happening and the consequence if it does) (List each identified risk in a table)

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Inability to source external funding for the zipline in the future	It may be difficult to source funding for the zipline as a stand-alone item in the future, unless it can demonstrate added employment and economic benefit.
Impact on Council's budget if zipline is retained	If the zipline is retained in the current project, Council will have to allocate extra funds – OTI will not provide any further contributions.

Advice to Council:

What do you think Council should do, based on your skills, qualifications and experience, your knowledge of this and related matters, and the facts contained in the report?

(A summary of what the employee thinks Council needs to hear, not what they think individual Councillors want to hear – i.e. employees must provide sound and impartial advice – the employee's professional opinion)

Due to the costs involved with the zipline, it is recommended to remove it from the scope of the current project. The tower will be designed to accommodate it in the future if required.

Recommendation:

What is the 'draft decision' based on the advice to Council?

Does the recommendation suggest a decision contrary to an existing Council policy? If so, for what reason?

(Note: recommendations if adopted by Council become a legal decision of government and therefore must be clear and succinct about the action required by employees (unambiguous)).

Does this recommendation suggest a decision contrary to an existing Council policy? If so, for what reason?

That Council:

1. Approve an amendment in the scope for The Bigger Rig Project to remove the proposed zipline.
2. Submit a formal request for a Project Variation to the Outback Tourism Infrastructure funding body, requesting the scope and milestone reporting for The Bigger Big Rig project be amended.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to sign the Variation form.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2018-2023

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.3 Attract visitors to our region to bring additional customers to our region's businesses

4.3.1 In partnership with the community, commence implementation of the Maranoa Tourism strategy, with the key strategies including: Position Maranoa as a destination of Outback Queensland - Enhance the network of Maranoa attractions - Big Rig progressively upgraded and expanded - Attract and feature high quality events - Enhance experience and adventure tourism and marketing of the Maranoa.

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Report authorised by:

Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director - Development, Facilities & Environmental Services

OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: General 27 November 2019

Date: 25 November 2019

Item Number: L.4

File Number: D19/111037

SUBJECT HEADING: Roma Big Rig Cafe - Amendment of Opening Hours

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Facility Lease Management & Housing Officer/Team Coordinator

Executive Summary:

Council has received a verbal request from the Manager of the Roma Big Rig Cafe to amend the operating hours of her business.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:-

1. Agree to the request from the Manager of the Roma Big Rig Cafe to amend the operating hours of the facility.
2. Confirm new operating hours for the Roma Big Rig Café will be:
 - Monday to Sunday 5.30am – 4pm
3. Facility to be open seven (7) days per week excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Restricted trading on Anzac Day in accordance with stipulated Queensland non- trading hours.

Individuals or Organisations to which the report applies:

Are there any individuals or organisations who stand to gain a benefit, or suffer a loss, (either directly or indirectly) depending on the outcome of consideration of this matter?

(Note: This is to assist Councillors in identifying if they have a Material Personal Interest or Conflict of Interest in the agenda item - i.e. whether they should participate in the discussion and decision making).

Big Rig Café Manager – Rebecca Swan (Trading as Beck's Chopping Board)

Acronyms:

Are there any industry abbreviations that will be used in the report?

Note: This is important as particular professions or industries often use shortened terminology where they refer to the matter on a regular basis. However, for individuals not within the profession or industry it can significantly impact the readability of the report if these aren't explained at the start of the report).

Acronym	Description
Nil	Nil

Context:

Why is the matter coming before Council?

Council has received a request from Rebecca Swan, Manager of the Big Rig Café to amend the Café's operating hours.

Background:

Has anything already happened in relation to this matter?

(Succinct overview of the relevant facts, without interpretation)

Council accepted the tender from Rebecca Swan (trading as Beck's Chopping Board) on the 13 November 2019 and as per **Council Resolution GM/11.2019/38** is entering into a Management Agreement.

The opening of the Roma Big Rig Café was held on Saturday 23 November 2019 and was very well attended by both the local and travelling public. Listening to feedback received on the opening day, Manager Beck Swan has indicated the need for longer operating hours and is approaching Council to approve this request.

Big Rig Café current Operating hours	Requested operating hours
Daily 7.00am – 5.00pm	Daily 5.30am – 4.00pm

Council's Regional Tourism Development Coordinator Justine Miller is very supportive of the Roma Big Rig Café's proposal for amended hours.

Legislation, Local Laws, State Policies & Other Regulatory Requirements:

What does the legislation and other statutory instruments include about the matter under consideration? (Include an extract of the relevant section's wording of the legislation – please do not just quote the section number as that is of no assistance to Councillors)

Nil

Council Policies or Asset Management Plans:

Does Council have a policy, plan or approach ordinarily followed for this type of decision? What are relevant sections of the policy or plan?

(Quote/insert the relevant section's wording / description within the report)

Nil

Input into the Report & Recommendation:

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Manager, (Land, Building & Structures)
Tourism, Regional Tourism Development Coordinator
Manager, (Roma Big Rig Cafe)

Funding Bodies:

Is the project externally funded (or proposed to be)? If so, are there any implications in relation to the funding agreement or grant application. (Please do not just include names)

Nil

This Financial Year's Budget:

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If the matter under consideration has not been included in the budget, where can the funds be transferred from? (Include the account number and description) What will not be done as a result?

Nil

Future Years' Budgets:

Will there need to be a change in future years' budgets to cater for a change in income or increased expenditure as a result of Council's decision? How much (\$) ? (e.g. estimate of additional maintenance or operating costs for a new or upgraded project)

Nil

Impact on Other Individuals or Interested Parties:

Is there anyone who is likely to be particularly interested in or impacted by the decision, or affected by the recommendation if adopted? What would be their key interests or concerns?

(Interested Parties Analysis - IS9001:2015)

General Public

Risks:

What could go wrong if Council makes a decision on this matter? (What is the likelihood of it happening and the consequence if it does) (List each identified risk in a table)

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Nil	Nil

Advice to Council:

What do you think Council should do, based on your skills, qualifications and experience, your knowledge of this and related matters, and the facts contained in the report?

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Approve the request from the Manager of Roma Big Rig Cafe to extend the operating hours at the facility.

Recommendation:

What is the 'draft decision' based on the advice to Council?

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Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2018-2023

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.9 Manage Council's land and buildings that contribute to the provision of a range of services across the region and are used by residents, visitors, business, industry and Council

4.9.3 Develop and implement agreements for the long term use of facilities (including leases, management agreements, user agreements).

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Report authorised by:

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Chief Executive Officer

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REPORT

Meeting: General 27 November 2019

Date: 26 November 2019

Item Number: L.5

File Number: D19/111605

SUBJECT HEADING: Queensland Resource Council Forum

Classification: Open Access

Executive Summary:

A summary of the key discussion points and topics considered at the Queensland Resource Council Forum in Brisbane on 1 November 2019, which I attended on behalf of Council.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That Council receive and note the report as presented.

Details of Requested Agenda Report:

Attached is a summary of key discussion points and elements of the Queensland Resource Council forum held in Brisbane on 1 November 2019.

This is provided for Council's information.

Supporting Documentation:

[1](#) Queensland Resource Council Forum - Brisbane 1st November 2019 - Summary notes - Cr. Schefe D19/111604

Queensland Resource Council Forum - Brisbane 1st November 2019

Panel Discussion – MC Wendy Kingston



Jim Sorley – Former Brisbane city Mayor / Chair CS Energy/ Chair Unity Water

- The interconnectors in Queensland are too small to shift power from the North of the State where the Federal Government are talking about building new coal fired power stations to the south east corner where there is most of the demand. Also there is growing demand interstate for our power however the interconnectors are too small here as well.
- There needs to be a growth in “black “ power and “green” power to meet demand in the future with consumers choosing on environmental impact and price point in the market.
- Carbon capture is not economical at the moment – however technology is improving.
- Solar energy pushes power prices into the negatives during peak daylight times. This has a negative effect on investment into base load power stations and therefore reduces competition which leads to increasing prices.

- The market is trying to find a balance. Solar pricing is very high and the consumer needs to be willing to pay for it. A lot of the proposed large scale solar isn't viable and therefore won't go ahead.
- When people talk about closing coal power stations. The least efficient plant in Queensland is at Gladstone. (It is Queensland's largest power station, with six coal powered steam turbines generating a maximum of 1,680 MW of electricity.) It is our dirtiest plant and should be closed down or upgraded but industry in Gladstone is heavily reliant on this Power Station.
- If we were ever to build a new coal power station then Kogan is where it should be built because there is already \$400 million of in ground infrastructure ready for a second generator. So that is where you would build it. However no one would invest into a coal power station without massive government subsidies. We need to take coal off the agenda as no one will invest.
- If the proposed North Queensland Power Station is built the pipes south will need to be upgraded as they are too small.
- Coal power Stations ramp up and supply a constant base load of power but cannot be turned down when demand drops or other power such as solar ramp up power production in the middle of the day. Whereas gas power stations have the ability to turn up or down based on fluctuating demand.
- We should really be going nuclear because it is the cleanest and cheapest energy.
- We need a national energy policy.
- Energy should be taken off the States and managed by the Federal Government.

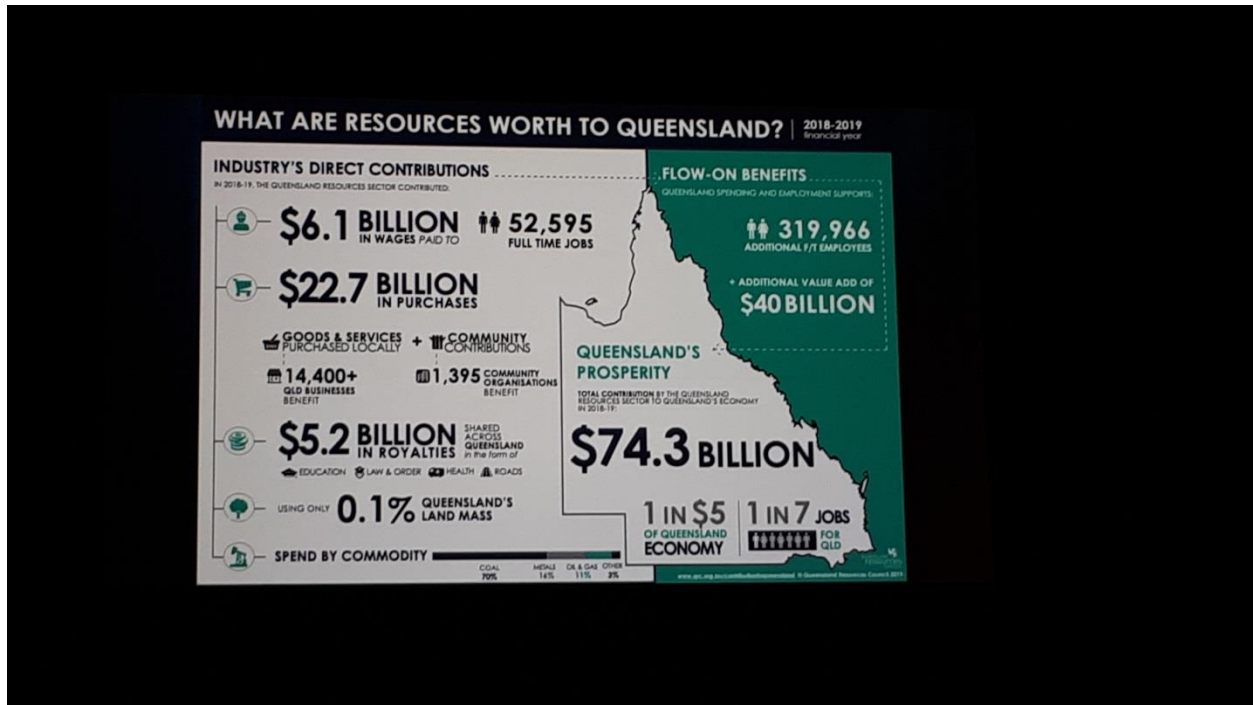
Ian Macfarlane – Former Federal Government Minister / CEO Queensland Resources Council

- Queensland is the best placed state in relation to energy supply. Our gas development is a possible replacement for coal power in the future. Other States are stuffed without Queensland especially Victoria.
- We may need coal Power Stations to provide base load power. We may need to save the poor suckers south of the border with our responsible energy policy.
- “Queensland may well need to be the cavalry that rides over the hill to save them from themselves.”

- Energy policy has been weaponized and there is no Bipartisan agreement at a political level and it will eventually come back to roost with our communities ending up suffering.
- Nuclear power is a zero emission system however in the current political environment there is no chance of an open debate on the future use of nuclear. Nuclear energy would be cheaper. The problem is that there are so many hypocrites out there. Germany says that it is non-nuclear however buys most of its power from France which is nuclear.
- In relation to a National Energy Policy – The knowledge is there to develop and implement it however the State Governments cannot agree.

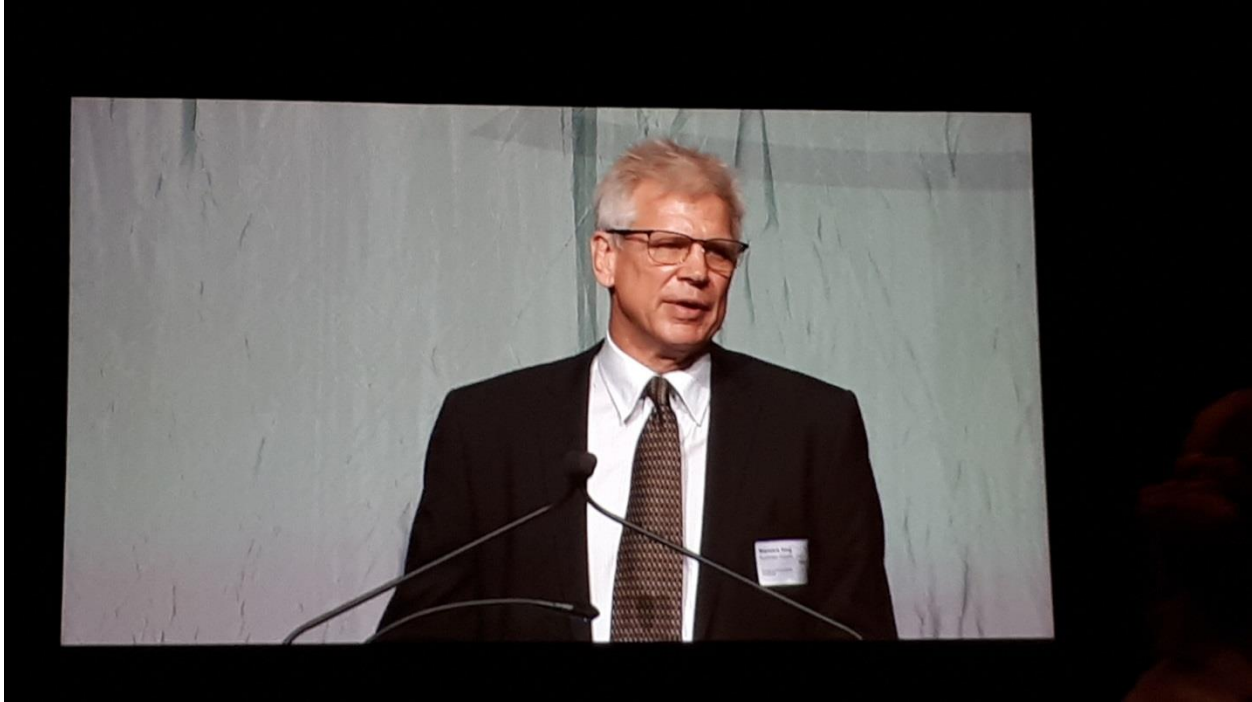
Sarah McNamara – CEO Australian Energy Council

- Queensland will be the future supplier of energy to the Eastern States.
- Queensland's coal fired power stations are much younger than down south therefore are going to be operational much longer than in southern states.
- Solar is pushing power prices into the negatives during peak daylight times. This adds to the cost of running base load power stations that we need to run the power grid.
- We need better planning and infrastructure.
- Also need an exit plan for older base load power stations and their exit needs to be timed to link in with new base load power stations coming onto line.
- Solar and wind generation results in too much power supply at times and too little at other times. We need other resources to flatten out power supply to demand ratio. Especially when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing.



Guest Speakers

Warwick King CEO APLNG



Ian Macfarlane CEO Queensland Resources Council



Scott Morrison Prime Minister of Australia

