
LATE ITEMS
BUSINESS PAPER

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 13 May 2020

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 12 May 2020

Mayor:

Councillor T D Golder

Deputy Mayor:
Councillors:

Councillor G B McMullen
Councillor J R P Birkett
Councillor M C Edwards
Councillor J L Guthrie
Councillor J M Hancock
Councillor W L Ladbrook
Councillor C J O'Neil
Councillor W M Taylor

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms Julie Reitano

Executive Management:

Mr Rob Hayward (Deputy Chief Executive Officer/Director
Development, Facilities & Environmental Services)
Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate & Community Services)

Attached is the agenda for the **Ordinary Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on
13 May 2020 at 9.00AM.



Julie Reitano
Chief Executive Officer

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OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: Ordinary 13 May 2020

Date: 12 May 2020

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D20/40946

SUBJECT HEADING: Interim representative arrangements - South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (SWRRTG) & South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED)

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Lead Officer - Elected Members & Community Engagement

Executive Summary:

The report tables a proposal for Council to consider representation / attendance at upcoming meetings for the South West Regional Roads and Transport Group and South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) meetings.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council consider an interim Councillor delegate/s for attendance at the South West Regional Roads and Transport Group and South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) meetings on the dates proposed.

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).

Maranoa Regional Council is a member of both of these external committees, which represent an important member alliance for advocacy and strategic direction setting for the Maranoa Region and the broader region for the respective groupings.

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
RRTGs	Regional Roads Transport Groups
SWRRTG	South West Regional Roads and Transport Group
SWRED	South West Regional Economic Development

Context:

Why is the matter coming before Council?

Council has received notification that SWRRTG and SWRED meetings are proposed to be convened tentatively on Wednesday 27 May 2020 (SWRRTG) and Thursday 28 May 2020 (SWRED) in Charleville.

At this time, Council has not had an opportunity to review arrangements for these strategic groupings, or determine Councillor representation for attendance at these meetings.

Background:

Has anything already happened in relation to this matter?

(Succinct overview of the relevant facts, without interpretation)

South West Regional Roads and Transport Group (SWRRTG)

South West Regional Roads and Transport Group is a cooperative governance arrangement between the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ), on behalf of local governments, and the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), to invest in and regionally manage the Queensland road and transport network.

It was established in 2002 to create a more collaborative and coordinated approach to road management and investment, aligns with the *Partners in Government Agreement 2015* between LGAQ and the Queensland Government and operates under a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA).

The SWRRTG group comprises:

- Maranoa Regional Council
- Quilpie Shire Council
- Bulloo Shire Council
- Murweh Shire Council
- Balonne Shire Council

RRTGs are formed through voluntary collaboration between councils that align regionally and within the local TMR District or Districts.

RRTG members include local government elected representatives and TMR District Directors. Generally, RRTGs will have multi-council membership and align with TMR District boundaries where possible.

Group members include elected local government representatives and TMR District Directors.

During the former term of Council, Cr McMullen attended the SWRRTG meeting in his capacity as 'back up' portfolio chair for Rural Roads & Grids, when the then portfolio chair, Cr Stanford, was unable to attend.

South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED)

The South West Regional Economic Development (SWRED) comprises the six Local Government Areas of Maranoa Regional Council, Balonne Shire Council, Murweh Shire Council, Paroo Shire Council, Quilpie Shire Council and Bulloo Shire Council. It has a total area of 319,884.2 km², or 18.4 per cent of the total area of the state.

The combined SWRED regional economy has grown from having a strong reliance mostly on primary industries to incorporating more diversified economies centered in the major centres of Roma, St George, Charleville, Quilpie, Cunnamulla and Thargomindah. Industries such as Agriculture, Coal Seam Gas, Mining, Transport, Logistics and Warehousing, Food Processing, Tourism and Health Care have all contributed to creating an economically diverse and stable region.

The group's purpose is to foster collaboration between local government, industry and community stakeholders to achieve economic development outcomes for our region which would otherwise not be achieved by working in isolation. Our purpose will be actioned through 5 regional priority areas, including governance of administration and finance.

During the former term of Council, Cr O'Neil attended the SWRED meetings in his capacity as portfolio chair for Economic Development and Advocacy.

Upcoming meeting notification

Advice has been received that the next SWRRTG meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in Charleville on Wednesday 27 May 2020 (mid-afternoon commencement), followed by a dinner and a meeting of SWRED the following morning on Thursday 28 May 2020.

Both of these meetings are generally held on a quarterly basis, with the location rotated in a town located in each of the member group's shire or region.

If the SWRRTG meeting proceeds as proposed, this date is in conflict with Council's meeting that same day.

Council has not yet had an opportunity to consider a portfolio model or otherwise in determining representation of both of these committees, and all other external or community committees in place at the end of the former term of Council.

Council may wish to consider an interim Councillor representative for attendance at these upcoming meetings as notified.

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)

Local Government Act 2009

Chapter 2

Section 5

- (2) *The local government principles are—*
- (a) *transparent and effective processes, and decision-making in the public interest; and*
 - (b) *sustainable development and management of assets and infrastructure, and delivery of effective services; and*
 - (c) *democratic representation, social inclusion and meaningful community engagement; and*
 - (d) *good governance of, and by, local government; and*
 - (e) *ethical and legal behaviour of councillors and local government employees*

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)

Community Engagement Policy (this policy is under review and will be presented to Council for further consideration at an upcoming meeting)

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)

Chief Executive Officer

Chief Executive Quilpie Shire Council

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)

Council pays a membership, along with all the other member councils to fund the administration of these groups.

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?

Any associated costs for membership and attendance are incorporated in the current financial year 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)

Future costs are considered as part of annual budget deliberations.

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)

This will be the first meeting of the groups following the local government elections, so all member councils including Maranoa Regional Council will have their first opportunity to meet and consider items of business.

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
Non attendance	If Council is not represented at these meetings, it does not give Maranoa Regional Council an opportunity to speak or vote on the formal items of business at these meetings.

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)

That Council consider an interim Councillor delegate/s for attendance at the SWRRTG and/or SWRED meetings on the dates proposed.

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?

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Link to Operational Plan Function:

Corporate Plan 2018-2023
Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region
4.1 Elected members

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Report authorised by:
Chief Executive Officer