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# LATE ITEMS BUSINESS PAPER

## General Meeting

**Wednesday 22 March 2017**

Roma Administration Centre

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 22 March 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  
**March 22, 2017 at 9.00AM.**



Julie Reitano  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 17 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.1

**File Number:** D17/20197

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Application to Arts Queensland for Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) in 2017/18

**Classification:** Open Access

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

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### **Executive Summary:**

Queensland Councils have been asked to apply to Arts Queensland for funding for the 2017/18 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program. It is recommended that Maranoa Regional Council submit an application, and allocate the required funding contribution of \$12,857 in the 2017/18 budget.

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

That Council:

1. Apply to Arts Queensland for \$30,000 under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) program in 2017/18.
  2. Provide the required contribution of \$12,857 from Council's 2017/18 budget allocations.
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### **Body of Report:**

Queensland Councils are being asked to provide an application to Arts Queensland to receive funding under the Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) in 2017/18. Applications are due on 7 April 2017 (earlier than in previous years) for activities which commence after 1 September 2017.

RADF is delivered as a partnership between the Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and eligible local councils across the state.

RADF promotes the role and value of arts, culture and heritage as key drivers of diverse and inclusive communities and strong regions, and investing in local arts and cultural priorities, as determined by local communities, across Queensland.

RADF has now become a more flexible fund, enabling local councils to tailor RADF programs to suit the needs of their communities.

Funding allocations are based on population. As a Tier 2 (population between 5,001 and 25,000) Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to apply for up to \$30,000 from Arts Queensland with a ratio of 70:30 contribution from Council.

Applications are due on 7 April 2017:

Request from Arts Qld:	\$30,000
Required contribution from Council:	<u>\$12,857</u>
Total available for RADF projects in 2017/18:	\$42,857

At the time of writing, it is expected that Council will successfully disburse the RADF funds for the 2016/17 allocation. This allocation period runs from 16 December 2016 (date the agreement was executed) until 15 September 2017. Any left-over funds may be carried over into the following year (they do not have to be returned to Arts Queensland), however, this may affect the allocation we receive.

Council has disbursed all funds in the past 2 financial years.

It is recommended that Council apply for the maximum available (\$30,000) from Arts Queensland for the 2017/18 RADF program, and provide the required allocation of \$12,857 in the 2017/18 budget.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Evelyn Golding, Senior Partnerships Officer, Strategic Policy and Partnerships (RADF Fund Manager), Arts Queensland  
Maranoa Regional Councillors, Workshop 21 March 2017  
RADF Committee members

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

A contribution of \$12,857 is required from Council to ensure an allocation from Arts Queensland. Failure to provide the required funds in the 2017/18 budget will place the RADF program at risk.

**Policy Implications:**

The RADF program is included in Council's Corporate Plan.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Minimum required is \$12,857 from the 2017/18 budget.

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019  
Strategic Priority 7: Vibrant Communities, Beautiful Towns  
7.6 Recreation, Events, Sport & Arts  
7.6.14 Regional arts development fund (RADF)

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil

**Report authorised by:**

Manager - Economic & Community Development  
Director - Development, Facilities & Environmental Services

## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 9 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.2

**File Number:** D17/17888

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Request by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to add council managed roads to the Special Purpose Vehicle networks

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Senior Engineer - Construction & Works

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### **Executive Summary:**

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) has contacted Council requesting consent to add the local roads within the Maranoa Regional Council area be accessed by Special Purpose Vehicles. This report seeks delegated authorisation for the Chief Executive Officer to allow permit only access as regulated by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator of SPV1 class, smaller, lower impact vehicles.

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

That Council:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign on Council's behalf granting access to Maranoa Regional Council's road network for Special Purpose Heavy Vehicles.
2. Specifically this is for the permit only access of SPV1 class, smaller, lower impact vehicles as regulated by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator.

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### **Body of Report:**

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (the NHVR) is responsible for implementing the Heavy Vehicle National Law (the HVNL) across participating States and Territories.

The NHVR has requested consent from Council to add its roads to the list of roads that are pre-approved for use by Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs).

SPVs are heavy vehicles that are specially designed to do a specific task other than carrying freight (but not including agricultural vehicles or tow trucks). Common examples include mobile cranes, mobile concrete pumps, cherry pickers and mobile platforms. These are not vehicles normally designed to travel great distances, and are usually employed in construction or the maintenance of infrastructure. Thus, they require a broad access network and are generally involved in local work involving local productivity.

Currently, each time these vehicles move on our network they must apply for a permit via the NHVR. This then requires input from Council, which invariably is granted.

Permits have been historically issued for these types of vehicles across the entire region for periods of up to three (3) years.

By Council consenting to add these vehicles to use Council roads, it removes an administrative process that adds minimal value to Council and adds unnecessary delays to road users seeking to gain approval to move these vehicles.

Note that this consent does not apply to SPV vehicles such as 3, 4, 5 and 6 axle All-Terrain cranes. As these vehicles may have a greater impact to Council structures, they will still be subject to approvals on a case by case basis.

NHVR have identified the vehicles that have been manufactured to comply with the relevant bridge and pavement formulas. These are the only SPVs seeking blanket approvals.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Director – Infrastructure Services

Manager – Roads, Drainage & Parks

Manager – Strategic Asset Management & Planning

Operations Manager (Maintenance Delivery & Works)

Specialist – Maintenance Planning

National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) – David White

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

Low.

**Policy Implications:**

NIL.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

NIL.

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019

Strategic Priority 4: Road Network

4.1 Road Network

4.1.2 Policy framework and road network administration

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) Road Manager Consent Form

d17/20335

**Report authorised by:**

Director - Infrastructure Services

Manager - Roads, Drainage & Parks

<b>Name</b>	Julie Reitano	<b>Position</b>	Chief Executive Officer
<b>Road Manager/ Organisation</b>	Maranoa Regional Council	<b>Suburb/locality</b>	Roma
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:council@maranoa.qld.gov.au">council@maranoa.qld.gov.au</a>	<b>Phone</b>	1300 007 662

**Written Statement of Road Manager Consent****SPV Network in QLD**

☒ I hereby consent to the grant of an authorisation (notice) for the operation of Special Purpose Vehicles as described in the National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice on the routes described in this document subject to any conditions and restricted structures (e.g. bridges, tunnels) nominated.

☐ I hereby do not consent to the operation of the vehicles described in the National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice.

Should you decide to grant SPVs access to:

- Your entire network, please write 'All roads' under 'Road name'.
- Your entire network but certain restricted structures please write 'All roads but restricted structures' under 'Road name' and list those restricted structures in the relevant sheet.

Date:

Signature:

## **Purpose**

The Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Notice is intended to simplify and harmonize the way SPVs gain access to the road network across participating States and Territories. Currently SPV access is managed through a system of notices (in some states only) and one-off permits.

We are contacting you to seek your consent to add roads to the SPV Network in QLD, within your area of responsibility. The purpose of this document is to help you list SPV approved roads.

## **SPV Network in QLD**

In Queensland, the SPV network will consist of one layer only:

- **SPV Network in QLD** for the operation of Special Purpose Vehicles as described in the National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicles Notice. This notice does not apply to 3-axle all terrain mobile cranes, special purpose combinations or trailers in Queensland.

## **Our Request**

Subject to conditions set out in the Qld schedule to the SPV notice, SPVs operating under this notice have been granted access to all state controlled roads by the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads. Opting in to the SPV network will require assessment of suitable roads and structures (e.g. bridges, tunnels) within your local government. We are asking you to list the roads for which SPV access will be granted under the SPV notice on your network. For the purpose of mapping restricted structures on your roads, please use the relevant structure form in this Consent Form. **Whenever possible, we would be grateful if you could email us your GIS data file showing the roads where SPV access will be granted on your network.**

Should you decide to grant SPVs access to:

- Your entire network, please write 'All roads' under 'Road name'.
- Your entire network but certain restricted structures, please write 'All roads but restricted structures' under 'Road name' and list those restricted structures in the relevant sheet.

## **Priority roads/areas**

When considering roads and areas for which SPV access will be granted within your area of responsibility, we urge to consider first roads and areas where SPVs are most likely to be used. For instance, we would advise you to assess first roads leading to industrial areas, ports and roads in and out of yards where SPVs are parked and operated by your local SPV operators.

## **Vehicle and route conditions**

Some vehicle and route conditions are specific to each state. These conditions are set out in the state schedules which are also part of the SPV notice. For more detailed information about SPVs operating under the SPV notice, please refer directly to the attached draft SPV notice.



## SPV Network in QLD – Approved network

[illegible]



## SPV Network in QLD – List of Restricted structures

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## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 17 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.3

**File Number:** D17/20242

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Permanent Litter Signage at Roadside Stops

**Classification:** Open Access

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

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### **Executive Summary:**

Council has been invited to participate in a program promoted by the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC) to encourage travellers to reduce road side litter through the installation of permanent signage at roadside stops.

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

That Council participate in this program and:

1. Advise Queensland Murray Darling Committee that Council require 6 signs;
2. that the location for the installation of the signs be confirmed during 2017/18 budget deliberations;
3. that an allocation of \$3,000 be included in the 2017/18 budget for the installation of the signage.

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### **Body of Report:**

Council has been invited to participate in a program promoted by the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC) to encourage travellers to reduce road side litter through the installation of permanent signage at roadside stops. The intent of this program is to install the signage at rest stops and not adjacent to carriageways.

Through this program QMDC will cover the cost of the signs and posts. Council would be responsible for the costs associated with the installation of the signage.

This proposal was discussed at Council workshop of 18 January 2017. It is understood that there was general agreement that a sign be installed on Mitchell St George Road which is a state controlled roads. Through subsequent discussions with QMDC and Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) it has been determined that TMR has already established a program to install these signs at roadside stops on state controlled roads.

TMR representatives have advised that, should Council wish to install this signage on Mitchell St George Road outside of a roadside stop, Council would be responsible for all costs and permits required. It was also noted that as the sign was not considered to be a standard traffic control sign additional permits and approvals would be required prior to installation adjacent to the carriageway (as opposed to off the roadway in a rest stop).

Council officers have identified several alternate locations at rest / roadside stops on Council controlled roads.

These locations include:

1. Lonesome Lookout on Arcadia Valley Road
2. Adjacent to Dunkeld School
3. Intersection of Hoganthulla / Forestvale Road
4. Fisherman's Rest, Mitchell
5. Fisherman's Park, Surat
6. Judd's Lagoon, Yuleba

The installation cost for each sign would be in the order of \$450.00 - \$500.00 depending on the location for installation and if the works are completed with other adjacent works.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Officers of Department of Infrastructure Services  
Queensland Murray-Darling Committee

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

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Resource Implications:**

\$500.00 per sign. Total cost \$3,000.00

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019  
Strategic Priority 7: Vibrant Communities, Beautiful Towns  
7.7 Town Beautification  
7.7.4 Keep Maranoa Beautiful

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) QMDC Proposal - Permanent litter signage

D16/116049

**Report authorised by:**

Director - Infrastructure Services

**Kelly Rogers**

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**From:** Geoffrey (Geoff) McMullen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 14 December 2016 6:19 PM  
**To:** Kelly Rogers  
**Cc:** Sandra (Kay) Crosby; Councillors; Robert (Rob) Hayward  
**Subject:** Fwd: Permanent litter signage at roadside stops  
**Attachments:** image002.jpg; image004.jpg; image006.jpg; image008.jpg; DTMR Sign\_carnarvon Highway.jpg

Hello Kelly

I received the attached email regarding signage this afternoon , could we put it in for discussion at work shop 18/01/2017 ??

Regards Geoff

Sent from my iPad

**Geoffrey (Geoff) McMullen**  
 Councillor, Towns & Surrounds, Environment & Waste

D: 0427 221 501 M: 0427 221 501 F: (07) 4624 6990

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Janet Barker <[janetb@qmdc.org.au](mailto:janetb@qmdc.org.au)>  
**Date:** 14 December 2016 at 5:41:15 PM AEST  
**Cc:** Matthew Brown <[matthb@qmdc.org.au](mailto:matthb@qmdc.org.au)>, Cameron O'Neil <[cameronono@qmdc.org.au](mailto:cameronono@qmdc.org.au)>  
**Subject:** Permanent litter signage at roadside stops

Good afternoon all,  
 Those of you who attended our last Working Group meeting may recall we discussed getting some more permanent signage at roadside stops, to replace the corflute signs that were produced as part of the previous litter project. DTMR South West region has already put some up that are the same image as the corflute signs, but mounted on metal, see photo attached.  
 I'm e-mailing to gauge your interest in potentially having some of these made up to use in your area. If you are interested we will cover the cost of the sign and the pole and work with DTMR to get permission, if the sites you chose are on a State managed road.  
 Can I ask that you please reply to me by Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2017 and let me know:

1. How many signs you would like,
2. Where you would like them to go,
3. Any feedback on what the wording on the sign should be.

Merry Christmas to you all,

Regards,

Janet

**Janet Barker**  
 Special Projects Officer  
 Queensland Murray-Darling Committee

Cnr Bellevue and Campbell streets  
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## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 21 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.4

**File Number:** D17/21213

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Rating Review - Methodologies

**Classification:** Open Access

**Officer's Title:** Specialist - Strategic Finance

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### **Executive Summary:**

With the recent release of new land valuations for the Maranoa Area, it is recommended that Council undertake a review of its rating methodology to consider the options for equitable levying across the region.

It is proposed that AEC Group Pty Ltd be engaged under Local Buy's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Business Management Services (BUS 249-0515).

According to s 232 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, A local government is not required to invite written quotes from multiple entities if the contract is entered into with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers. As AEC Group Pty Ltd is a member of a register of pre-qualified suppliers, additional quotes are not required.

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

That Council

- ) Engage AEC Group Pty Ltd to complete a review of Council's rating methodology and the new valuations with options for equitable levying across the region.
- a) The engagement be made in accordance with s 232 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that: Council is not required to invite written quotes from multiple entities if the contract is entered into with a supplier from a register of pre-qualified suppliers.
- b) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into final negotiations with AEC Group Pty Ltd and raise a purchase order if the final terms are acceptable.

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### **Body of Report:**

On 9 March 2017, Council received notification from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that the annual valuation of all lands in the Maranoa area was complete, with the new valuations effective from 30 June 2017.

Council has since received a data file containing the new Valuation Roll in respect of these lands. The new valuations have been considered within Council's current rating methodology. It is recommended that Council engage AEC Group Pty Ltd



under Local Buy's Register of Pre-Qualified Suppliers for Business Management Services (BUS 249-0515) to review Council's rating methodology and provide options for 2017/18, separating the current Commercial/Industrial category and reviewing of the Feedlot category.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Council Workshop – 21 March 2017

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

Financial, Political

**Policy Implications:**

Revenue Statement for 2017/18

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Nil

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019

Strategic Priority 2: Our Finances

2.7 Rates & Charges

2.7.2 Rating methodologies

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) Department of Natural Resources and Mines - Annual valuation of all lands in your area will come into effect commencing 30 June 2017

D17/18045

**Report authorised by:**

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Department of  
Natural Resources and Mines

Author: Kristine OConnor  
Unit: State Valuation Service  
Phone: 4529 1348

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Chief Executive Officer  
Maranoa Regional Council  
PO Box 42  
MITCHELL QLD 4465

File No.	
Corresp. No.	
Office:	MITCHELL
Date Received	- 9 MAR 2017
Action Officer:	
Date Entered	
Entered By	

Dear Sir

The annual valuation made by the Valuer-General of all lands in your area will come into effect commencing 30 June 2017.

A data file containing true and correct copies of entries in the Valuation Roll in respect of these lands has been forwarded to you directly. The Valuer-General's Certificate covering these valuations is attached.

The total of value for these valuations is \$1,648,308,702. A statement setting out the rateable values of non-rural and rural lands is attached.

Particulars of the new valuations of all lands within your area will be posted to each landowner. The valuation roll will be available for inspection by any person without payment of a fee during normal office hours at the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, 1-3 Alfred Street, Roma from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017 inclusive. The valuation display listing can also be accessed on the department's website [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au) during the same period.

These details have been advertised in the Courier Mail and the Queensland Country Life, which are circulated in your area.

Land owners who do not agree with their valuation and can provide sufficient information to demonstrate that it is incorrect, may lodge an objection with the Valuer-General.

203 Tor St, Toowoomba

Telephone 4529 1348

Facsimile 4529 1552

Email

Kristine.oconnor@dnrm.qld.gov.au

Website [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au)

All objections should be lodged with the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, PO Box 318, Toowoomba Qld 4350. The last date on which a valid objection can be lodged is 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Objections must be in the approved form. Objections can be lodged online on [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au) or for those without internet access on Form 58S or 58U. Objection guides and forms, can be obtained from the department's website [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au) or by phoning the toll free number 1300 664 217 or at the local office of the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

A statement of fees payable for this valuation will be forwarded to you after it takes effect.

Yours faithfully



Kristine O'Connor  
for **Neil Bray**  
**Valuer-General**  
**Department of Natural Resources and Mines**

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES

**CERTIFICATE BY VALUER-GENERAL TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

(Form 52)

To: The Chief Executive Officer  
Maranoa Regional Council, ROMA

I hereby Certify that the 6913 valuations forwarded are true and  
correct copies of the entries in the Valuation Roll for the

Local Government of Maranoa Regional

These valuations, subject to the provisions of the *Land Valuation Act 2010*  
supersede all previous valuations from 30 June 2015

Dated at Toowoomba, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017



For Neil Bray  
Valuer-General  
Department of Natural Resources and Mines



QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT 11/02/2017 07:11:43			OVALS REVALUATION STATISTICS REPORT			ADVERTISERS PAGE: 1		
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THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT INCORPORATES INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THIS DEPARTMENT. WHILST EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF SUCH INFORMATION, THE DEPARTMENT IS UNABLE TO GUARANTEE SUCH INFORMATION.								
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Local Government: 4860 MARANO REGIONAL			C U R R E N T V A L U A T I O N			N E W V A L U A T I O N		
Rateable Valuation			-----			-----		
Property Valuation Method (PVM)								
NON-RURAL			Number	Amount	Number	Amount	Incr	
RURAL			4381	\$637,897,569	4381	\$359,794,432	-43.60	
Total			2532	\$1,064,349,010	2532	\$1,288,514,270	21.06	
			6913	\$1,702,246,579	6913	\$1,648,308,702	-3.17	
Rateable Amounts *****								
AMEY			PVM	***				
			NON-RURAL	35	\$236,300	\$292,400	23.74	
			RURAL	17	\$6,619,000	\$8,330,200	25.85	
			Total	52	\$6,855,300	\$8,622,600	25.78	
BAFFLE WEST			RURAL	5	\$1,785,000	\$2,227,500	24.79	
BALLAROO			RURAL	28	\$20,176,508	\$25,009,700	23.95	
BARGUNYAH			RURAL	23	\$7,884,460	\$9,491,250	20.38	
BEGONIA			RURAL	27	\$13,074,170	\$16,263,980	24.40	
BELIBA			RURAL	36	\$8,078,094	\$9,890,622	22.44	
BINDEBANGO			RURAL	20	\$6,443,500	\$7,736,600	20.07	
BLYTHDALE			RURAL	28	\$13,152,900	\$16,576,800	26.03	
BUNGWONGORAI			RURAL	37	\$23,495,500	\$29,163,500	24.12	
BUNGIL			RURAL	49	\$18,606,504	\$22,488,664	20.86	
BYMOUNT			RURAL	21	\$18,272,300	\$22,742,900	24.47	
CORNWALL			RURAL	11	\$14,610,000	\$18,210,000	24.64	
DARGAL ROAD			RURAL	78	\$15,046,300	\$15,548,800	3.34	
DUNKELD			NON-RURAL	2	\$1,080	\$1,120	3.70	
			RURAL	47	\$13,623,050	\$16,606,680	21.90	
			Total	49	\$13,624,130	\$16,607,800	21.90	
DURHAM DOWNS			RURAL	17	\$28,761,011	\$35,940,250	24.96	
EDMUNDORRIN			RURAL	59	\$37,347,350	\$46,632,940	24.86	
EURELIA			RURAL	17	\$17,351,500	\$21,346,500	23.02	
EUTHULLA			RURAL	135	\$45,456,200	\$55,521,520	22.14	

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES  
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Job Name : REVAL 4860 11/02/2017 REVALUATION STATIS  
TICS REPOR  
User Name : MARTIN MCGROXY  
Office : BNE:BRISBANE  
District : BRISBANE  
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FORESTVALE	RURAL	23	\$25,180,300	23	\$31,031,050		23.24		
GIENNORGAN	RURAL	14	\$8,045,000	14	\$10,073,500		25.21		
GUNNEWIN	RURAL	44	\$23,074,300	44	\$28,810,100		24.86		
HIGHLAND PLAINS	RURAL	13	\$8,821,000	13	\$10,982,000		24.50		
HODGSON	NON-RURAL	9	\$307,500	9	\$553,000		79.84		
	RURAL	44	\$3,645,300	44	\$5,401,800		48.19		
	Total	53	\$3,952,800	53	\$5,954,800		50.65		
HUTTON CREEK	RURAL	18	\$14,013,598	18	\$17,482,860		24.76		
INJUNE	NON-RURAL	209	\$14,252,100	209	\$7,339,400		-48.50		
	RURAL	70	\$25,558,328	70	\$31,288,912		22.42		
	Total	279	\$39,810,428	279	\$38,628,312		-2.97		
JACKSON	NON-RURAL	27	\$200,900	27	\$216,100		7.57		
	RURAL	23	\$3,319,400	23	\$4,144,800		24.87		
	Total	50	\$3,520,300	50	\$4,360,900		23.88		
JACKSON NORTH	RURAL	52	\$14,437,370	52	\$18,039,536		24.95		
JACKSON SOUTH	RURAL	7	\$2,224,000	7	\$2,789,000		25.40		
KILMOREY FALLS	RURAL	22	\$11,624,000	22	\$14,337,000		23.34		
MITCHELL	NON-RURAL	519	\$23,134,100	519	\$14,051,800		-39.26		
	RURAL	87	\$18,757,000	87	\$21,035,000		12.14		
	Total	606	\$41,891,100	606	\$35,086,800		-16.24		
MOOGA	RURAL	16	\$8,006,442	16	\$10,076,420		25.85		
MOUNT ABUNDANCE	RURAL	86	\$59,336,450	86	\$74,471,040		25.51		
MOUNT BINDANGO	RURAL	20	\$17,932,500	20	\$22,546,500		25.73		
MOUNT HOWE	RURAL	15	\$4,930,495	15	\$5,702,504		15.66		
MOUNT HUTON	RURAL	19	\$9,609,000	19	\$12,100,000		25.92		
MOUNT MOFFAT	RURAL	1	\$370,000	1	\$390,000		5.41		
MOUNT MOFFATT	RURAL	8	\$1,827,800	8	\$1,942,500		6.28		
MUCKADILLA	NON-RURAL	12	\$98,250	12	\$98,440		0.19		
	RURAL	18	\$8,513,000	18	\$10,653,800		25.26		
	Total	30	\$8,611,250	30	\$10,752,240		24.98		

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	Number	Amount	Number	Amount	
MUNGALLALA					
NON-RURAL	35	\$178,950	35	\$203,450	13.69
RURAL	24	\$5,663,200	24	\$6,904,100	21.91
Total	59	\$5,842,150	59	\$7,107,550	21.66
MUNGALLALA SOUTH					
RURAL	18	\$8,677,300	18	\$10,444,600	20.37
NOORINDOO					
RURAL	48	\$36,715,349	48	\$45,897,250	25.01
OBERINA					
RURAL	13	\$2,774,573	13	\$3,433,614	23.75
ORALLO					
RURAL	31	\$13,775,500	31	\$17,232,500	25.10
ORANGE HILL					
RURAL	73	\$11,984,620	73	\$12,841,340	7.15
PARKNOOK					
RURAL	34	\$21,863,932	34	\$27,348,634	25.09
PICKAJUNNIE					
RURAL	25	\$8,820,000	25	\$10,995,000	24.66
PONY HILLS					
RURAL	17	\$6,444,398	17	\$8,047,488	24.88
REDFORD					
RURAL	6	\$13,870,000	6	\$17,100,000	23.29
ROMA					
NON-RURAL	3063	\$583,807,389	3063	\$322,036,922	-44.84
RURAL	314	\$77,497,800	314	\$73,017,800	-5.78
Total	3377	\$661,305,189	3377	\$395,054,722	-40.26
SIMMIE					
RURAL	5	\$2,574,000	5	\$3,227,500	25.39
SURAT					
NON-RURAL	213	\$5,429,500	213	\$5,626,100	3.62
RURAL	1	\$23,000	1	\$29,000	26.09
Total	214	\$5,452,500	214	\$5,655,100	3.72
TEELBA					
RURAL	24	\$18,097,876	24	\$22,625,756	25.02
TINGUN					
RURAL	95	\$41,049,131	95	\$50,787,806	23.72
TYRCONNEL					
RURAL	12	\$6,446,000	12	\$7,857,000	21.89
UPPER DAWSON					
RURAL	5	\$2,230,750	5	\$2,790,940	25.11
V GATE					
RURAL	16	\$3,783,750	16	\$4,564,000	20.62
WALHALLOW					
RURAL	25	\$9,680,000	25	\$12,061,100	24.60
WALLUMBILLA					
NON-RURAL	126	\$5,304,500	126	\$4,831,000	-8.93
RURAL	106	\$13,521,223	106	\$16,203,402	19.84
Total	232	\$18,825,723	232	\$21,034,402	11.73
WALLUMBILLA NORTH					
RURAL	112	\$35,138,884	112	\$43,966,184	25.12

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	Number	Amount		Number	Amount		Incr Decr %
WALLUMBILLA SOUTH							
NON-RURAL	1	\$74,000		1	\$93,000		25.68
RURAL	43	\$27,771,100		43	\$34,721,600		25.03
Total	44	\$27,845,100		44	\$34,814,600		25.03
WARRON							
RURAL	21	\$14,532,850		21	\$18,091,510		24.49
WELLESLEY							
NON-RURAL	15	\$407,800		15	\$425,500		4.34
RURAL	32	\$19,075,632		32	\$23,730,420		24.40
Total	47	\$19,483,432		47	\$24,155,920		23.98
WERIBONE							
RURAL	11	\$7,616,564		11	\$9,467,850		24.31
WESTGROVE							
RURAL	5	\$1,057,525		5	\$1,279,610		21.00
WOMALILLA							
RURAL	38	\$12,737,170		38	\$15,537,210		21.98
WOMBLEBANK							
RURAL	2	\$161,110		2	\$172,026		6.78
WOMBLEBANK							
RURAL	20	\$27,288,100		20	\$33,068,000		21.18
WYCOMBE							
RURAL	21	\$14,945,770		21	\$18,554,240		24.14
YULEBA							
NON-RURAL	115	\$4,465,200		115	\$4,026,200		-9.83
RURAL	44	\$5,206,100		44	\$5,584,700		7.27
Total	159	\$9,671,300		159	\$9,610,900		-0.62
YULEBA NORTH							
RURAL	18	\$9,188,173		18	\$11,531,862		25.51
YULEBA SOUTH							
RURAL	18	\$5,129,000		18	\$6,363,500		24.07
Total	6913	\$1,702,246,579		6913	\$1,648,308,702		-3.17

Note: Locality contains only Valuations for the Property Valuation Method (PVM) displayed

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Date of Effect      30/06/2015      Date of Effect      30/06/2017

Date of Valuation      01/10/2014      Date of Valuation      01/10/2016

Date of Issue           Date of Issue      08/03/2017

Note: All site valuations displayed on this report are adjusted site valuations, i.e. the site valuations provided reflect the removal of any applicable offset or site improvement deduction.

\*\*\* End Of Report \*\*\*



## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 21 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.5

**File Number:** D17/21145

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Revenue Policy 2017/18

**Classification:** Open Access

**Name of Applicant:**

**Location:**

**Author & Officer's Title:** Claire Alexander, Specialist - Strategic Finance

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### **Executive Summary:**

The purpose of this Revenue Policy is to set out the principles used by Council for:

- Levying rates and charges;
- Granting concessions for rates and charges
- The recovery of unpaid rates and charges; and
- Cost recovery fees and methods;

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

That Council:

1. Receive and note the document titled "Revenue Policy 2017/18".
2. In accordance with Section 193 of *Local Government Regulation 2012* adopt the 2016/17 Revenue Policy.

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### **Body of Report:**

The purpose of this Revenue Policy is to set out the principles used by Council for:

- Levying rates and charges;
- Granting concessions for rates and charges;
- The recovery of unpaid rates and charges; and
- Cost-recovery fees and methods;

The Revenue Policy states guidelines that will be used for preparing the Revenue Statement.

The *Local Government Act 2009* requires that the Revenue Policy be reviewed annually. Council is required to adopt the policy in sufficient time before the start of the financial year to allow an annual budget that is consistent with the Revenue Policy to be adopted for the next financial year.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

- Councilors
- Chief Executive Officer
- Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

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

Management reports to the Council on the annual review of the Revenue Policy as required by the *Local Government Act 2009*.

**Policy Implications:**

The Revenue Policy provides guidelines in the preparation of the Revenue Statement.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Revenue from all rates and charges and fees will form part of the Budget document for 2017/18.

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2014-2019  
Strategic Priority 2: Our Finances  
2.7 Rates & Charges  
2.7.1 Policies and Revenue Statement

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) Policy - Revenue 2017-18

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**Report authorised by:**

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

## COUNCIL POLICY: REVENUE POLICY

### Purpose

To comply with the requirements of Chapter 4, Part 1 and Part 2 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 169 (2) (c) and Section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* by setting out:

- (a) the principles which Council will apply during the 2017/18 financial year for:
  - levying rates and charges;
  - granting concessions for rates and charges;
  - the recovery of unpaid rates and charges;
  - cost-recovery fees and methods;
- (b) the purpose of the concessions; and
- (c) the extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development.

### Scope

The Revenue Policy applies to revenue raised by rates, utility charges and fees and charges.

This policy applies to the making, levying, recovery and concessions for rates and utility charges and the setting of regulatory and commercial fees and charges for Council.

### Definitions

<b>Council</b>	Maranoa Regional Council
<b>Act</b>	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
<b>Pensioner</b>	a person who is the holder of a pensioner concession card issued by the department of the Commonwealth responsible for administering the <i>Social Security Act 1991</i> (Cwlth) or the <i>Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986</i> (Cwlth).
<b>Regulation</b>	<i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>

All other definitions are as per the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

## 1. Details

### 1.1 Introduction

In accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is required to prepare and adopt by resolution a Revenue Policy.

Council's Revenue Policy is based on the following principles:

- (a) Fairness & Equity – by ensuring the consistent application of lawful rating and charging principles without bias;
- (b) Transparency - by communicating the Council's charging processes and each ratepayer's responsibility under the rating system;
- (c) Efficiency - by having a rating regime that is cost effective to administer;

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- (d) Sustainability – to support the financial strategies for the delivery of infrastructure and services identified in Council's short, medium and long term planning.
- (e) Flexibility within agreed parameters - by providing payment arrangements to assist ratepayers in meeting their rate commitments

Council will apply these principles when:

- Making rates and charges;
- Levying rates and charges;
- Recovering rates and charges;
- Granting and administering rates and charges concessions;
- Charging for local government services and facilities;
- Charging for business activities (subject to the National Competition Policy);
- Funding Council infrastructure.

### 1.2 Making and Levying of Rates and Charges

Council's application of the above principles in making and levying of Rates and Charges for the 2017/18 financial year are detailed as follows:

#### 1.2.1 General Rates

General rates are set each year to assist Council in raising sufficient revenue to provide services to the community (exclusive of water, sewerage and cleansing/waste management utilities).

Council recognises that different categories of land use will generate different needs and requirements for Council services and facilities. Council also recognises that it will incur a different level of resources expenditure to provide the necessary services and facilities and therefore has opted for a system of differential General Rating to meet its needs.

##### 1.2.1.1 Differential General Rates

Council considers that the use of differential general rates allows the following factors to be taken into account in determining how the general rate revenue is to be raised which would not be possible if only one general rate were adopted:

- (a) the relative effects of various land uses on the requirements for, level of, and the cost of providing Council facilities and services;
- (b) movements and variations in the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) both within categories and between categories of land use which affect the level of rates and issues such as 'fairness' and 'equity';
- (c) location and access to services; and
- (d) amount of the Unimproved Capital Value (UCV) and the rate payable.

To ensure that owners of land across all differential categories contribute equitably to the cost of common services, Council will apply a minimum rate to each differential rating category.

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### 1.2.2 Utility Charges – Water, Sewerage and Waste Management Services

In general, Council will be guided by the principle of user pays in the making of charges that relate to the provision of water, sewerage and waste management services.

Wherever possible, those receiving the benefits of a utility service will pay for the service received through the relevant utility charge. Council will annually review its utility charges and other fees for service to ensure that revenues are meeting intended program goals and are keeping pace with the cost of providing the service.

### 1.2.3 Special and Separate Rates and Charges

Council may consider levying special and separate rates and charges when appropriate, to recover the costs associated with a particular service, project or facility that provides direct or additional benefit to the ratepayers or class of ratepayer.

## 1.3 Granting of Rebates and Concessions

### 1.3.1 Guiding Principles

In accordance with Chapter 4 Part 10 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council may grant a concession for rates and charges. In exercising these concession powers Council will be guided by the principles of equity and transparency by:

- Applying the same treatment to ratepayers with similar circumstances;
- Making clear the requirements necessary to receive concessions;

Consideration may be given by Council to granting a class concession in the event that all or part of the local government area is declared a natural disaster area by the State Government.

### 1.3.2 The Purpose of Concessions

In accordance with Section 120 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council may grant a concession in 2016/17 for the owner categories, or in some circumstances occupier categories, and properties used for the listed purposes.

(a) **Pensioner Concession**

Eligible pensioners as defined in Schedule 8 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* may be granted a concession on general rates.

(b) **Non-Profit Community Organisation Concession**

In accordance with Section 120 (1) (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a concession may be granted if Council is satisfied that the land is used for community purposes and is operated on a not-for-profit basis.

The purpose of these concessions is to encourage and support not-for-profit and charitable organisations where the land use is considered to contribute to the health and well being of the community and the social enrichment of residents.

(c) **Hardship Concession**

Council may grant a concession where it can demonstrate that the payment of the rates or charges will cause extreme hardship to the land owner.



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### (d) Other Concessions

Council will receive and consider applications from ratepayers where Council is satisfied that the application meets the eligibility criteria as provided for in Section 120 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Applications for concessions under this section will be considered and determined by Council on a case by case basis.

### 1.4 Recovery of Unpaid Amounts of Rates and Charges

Council will exercise its rates recovery powers pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 4 Part 12 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* in order to reduce the overall rate burden on ratepayers, and will be guided by the principles of:

- Fairness & Equity - by treating all ratepayers in similar circumstances in the same manner; and by making every attempt to follow-up on outstanding rates and charges prior to taking legal action;
- Transparency – by making clear the obligations of ratepayers and the processes used by Council in assisting them meet their obligations;
- Efficiency – by making the process used to recover outstanding rates and charges simple to administer and cost-effective.
- Flexibility – by providing ratepayers with a number of options to meet their rate obligations.

### 1.5. Charges for Local Government Services and Facilities

With the exception of fees and charges associated with Council's Business Activities, there are broadly two types of fees and charges:

#### 1.5.1 Cost Recovery ('Regulatory') Fees and Charges (s97 of the *Local Government Act 2009*)

These are fees under a local law or a resolution, which involve:

- (a) an application for the issue or renewal of a licence, permit, registration or other approval under a Local Government Act (an application fee); or
- (b) recording a change of ownership of land; or
- (c) giving information kept under a Local Government Act;

A cost recovery fee must not be more than the cost to Council of taking the action for which the fee is charged.

Whilst Council notes that, pursuant to Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009, it may introduce a tax component into a regulatory fee in order to achieve a social or other objective, it is not Council's intention to encompass a tax in any regulatory fee. Accordingly, Council will not recover more than the cost of administering the regulatory regime.

#### 1.5.2 Other ('Commercial') Fees & Charges

Council will apply, as a minimum and as far as practicable, the principle of full cost recovery (including overheads) in setting charges for services and facilities, including community or non-profit organisations.

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Council may give consideration to charging at less than the full cost of the service / facility when it considers it appropriate to do so in order to achieve social, economic or environmental goals.

When the service or facility supplied is of a commercial nature, then Council will give consideration to including a 'return on investment' element in the charge. Such consideration will be made on a case by case basis.

### 1.6 Fees & Charges for Business Activities (Subject to National Competition Policy)

In setting charges for a business under National Competition Policy reforms, Council's pricing strategy will apply full cost pricing principles whilst also meeting other economic, efficiency and social objectives. Full cost pricing means that on average, prices should fully recover all the relevant costs of supplying a product or service including:

- (a) direct costs;
- (b) indirect non-capital costs;
- (c) capital costs (includes return on capital, interest payments, debt guarantee fees and return of capital (depreciation));
- (d) tax equivalent adjustments; and
- (e) other competitive neutrality adjustments.

Council may decide to apply charges at less than full cost pricing in order to achieve social, economic, environmental or other objective. In making any such decision the reason for the decision will be clearly set out in the resolution together with the estimated amount of revenue to be foregone in the subject year.

When any such decision is applied to a Commercialised Business Unit, the direction to the Commercialised Business Unit will be recognised as a 'community service obligation' and a subsidy shall be paid to the Commercialised Business Unit and that subsidy shall be recognised in the accounts of the Commercialised Business Unit.

### 1.7 Funding of New Development

To minimise the impact of physical and social infrastructure charges on the efficiency of the local economy, Council will be guided by the principle of user pays in the making of physical and social infrastructure charges for new development, to the extent permissible by law. Council may depart from applying this principle if it is determined by Council that it is in the community interest to do so.

#### Special Provisions

N/A

#### Related Policies and Legislation

*Local Government Act 2009*  
*Local Government Regulation 2012*

#### Associated Documents

*Revenue Statement 2017/18*  
*Fees and Charges Register 2017/18*

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## **OFFICER REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 21 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.6

**File Number:** D17/21507

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Review of Councillor Portfolio Arrangements and Community Engagement Framework

**Classification:** Open Access

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

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### **Executive Summary:**

Review of Councillor Portfolio Arrangements and the Community Engagement Framework following the appointment of Cr. Wendy Newman to the position of Councillor for Maranoa Regional Council on 16 March 2017 for the remainder of the Council term to 2020.

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

That Council endorse the updated Community Engagement Framework 2016 – 2020 as presented.

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### **Body of Report:**

Following receipt of Cr. Robyn Bryant's resignation on 8 March 2017 (effective 15 March 2017), Council resolved to appoint the runner up from the 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Election for Maranoa Regional Council – Wendy Newman.

Cr. Wendy Newman's 'Declaration of Office' was facilitated by the Chief Executive Officer on 16 March 2017, in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Cr. Newman's appointment gives rise for Council to review current Portfolio Holder and 'Back-up' arrangements, as well as Councillor representation on Council and Community Committees.

Key changes include:

- the transfer of portfolio arrangements and committee appointments held by former Councillor Robyn Bryant to Cr. Wendy Newman;
- Inclusion of the portfolio of 'Heritage' under Cr. Chandler's current Portfolio of Tourism & Arts – recognizing linkages across to the existing Portfolio areas and operational alignment;
- An update to Cr. Schefe's Portfolio of 'Geothermal Energy,' changing this to 'Renewable Energy' to better reflect the community expectation of outcomes.

The arrangements were considered informally by Council at the workshop on 21 March 2017, and updates incorporated for formal endorsement in the attached updated Community Engagement Framework 2016 – 2020.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

Chief Executive Officer  
Councillors of Maranoa Regional Council

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

Nil

**Policy Implications:**

Update to the Community Engagement Framework and Media Policy with respect to 'spokesperson' arrangements.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Nil

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

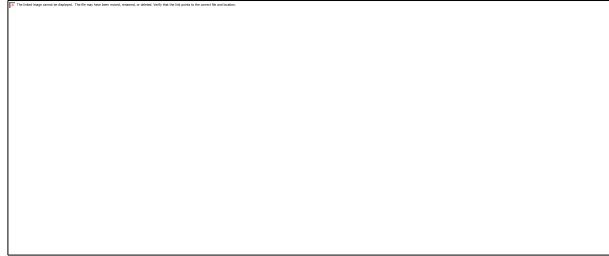
Corporate Plan 2014-2019  
Strategic Priority 1: Community Leadership & Accountability  
1.5 Community Engagement (Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate, Empower)  
1.5.5 Expanded community engagement

**Supporting Documentation:**

[1](#) Updated Community Engagement Framework 2016 - 2020 D16/33703

**Report authorised by:**

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services



# **Community Engagement Framework**

## Purpose of Community Engagement Framework

The Mayor and Councillors are elected **by the community for the community** – i.e. to represent the current and future interests of its residents. **Collectively**, in line with their legislative responsibilities, the elected members:

- Determine the **priorities** for Maranoa Regional Council through adoption of Council's Corporate Plan, Operational (Team) Plans and Budget – and work to ensure long term financial sustainability through the Long Term Financial Plan.
- Make **decisions** through the **formal Council meetings** for the benefit of the whole Maranoa Region - i.e. vote for what they believe is in the **overall public interest** of the Region rather than what might be best for an individual/s.
- Develop and adopt **policies** to help ensure consistency of decision making for the same type of issue and provide officers with an approved method of dealing with those issues in the future.

Councillors work to provide high quality **leadership** to Council and the community, ensure **compliance with the Local Government Act and other laws** and they are **accountable** to the community for the Council's performance.

Maranoa Regional Council recognises that decision making is enhanced through interaction and communication with the community that elected members represent.

The following framework, which is a work in progress, aims to **increase opportunities** for Councillors to:

- Have **dialogue** with residents who Councillors may not ordinarily come in contact with;
- Be **available and visible** in various towns and communities;
- Seek broader input and information for the determination of Council's **priorities**;
- Gain greater knowledge of **Council and Community assets**;
- Gain a broader understanding of **local issues**;
- Achieve a **greater balance of perspectives** – ensuring that decision making is not weighted towards a vocal minority at the detriment of a silent majority.
- **Communicate** the background to Council's **decisions** (with a view to residents validating those decisions).

In developing the framework, the Maranoa Regional Council recognises that each Councillor has the same legal responsibilities, with the exception of the Mayor who has additional responsibilities. For this reason, every effort will be made to provide feedback opportunities (sharing of information amongst fellow Councillors) so that all Councillors have access to the same information, however gathered, to fully inform collective decision making.

Council does, however, recognise that each Councillor has particular personal strengths, and the Maranoa Regional Council team seeks to capitalise on those strengths.

This includes local knowledge and skills. Where possible, these strengths will be used to enhance the community engagement framework, and ultimately Council's decision making.

## Guiding Principles for Community Engagement Framework:

Council recognises that successful community engagement requires a number of initiatives, both formal and informal. The ideal framework, once fully developed will have strategies for engaging residents across various segments of the community by:

- (i) Where they live (**geographic/town** interests and issues that affect them)
- (ii) Their stage in life (**age** interests and issues that affect them)
- (iii) Personal interests (**how they live** – e.g. work and play)
- (iv) Business interests (how they **invest** and issues that affect them)
- (v) Practical issues
  - Mobility/disability
  - Cultural considerations – Indigenous, English speaking/Non-English speaking
  - Resident availability considerations - Time of day – e.g. school hours, work hours, shift work.
- (vi) How they are potentially affected by a decision
  - Whole of region
  - Group
  - Individual



## Strategy 1 – Engaging residents where they live (geographic/town interests and issues that affect them)



In addition to the major centres of Roma, Injune, Mitchell, Surat, Wallumbilla and Yuleba, smaller communities including Hodgson, Amby, Begonia, Bymount, Jackson, Dunkeld, Teelba, Eumamurrin, Noonga, Muckadilla, Wycombe and Mungallala will be visited by Councillors on a rotational basis.

Strategy 1 will include a mix of formal and informal initiatives, across these areas.

### (a) Out & About

Council plans to ‘hit the road’ every two months to visit rural communities and towns, meeting with new and existing residents to share information on key Council initiatives, both regional and of local interest to the local community visited.

The 9 elected members will break up into 3 groups of 3, with a view to covering each location at least once a year. To maximise engagement with both rural and town residents, one of the 3 groups will attend sale day at the Roma Saleyards, to be available to rural residents who are visiting for the day.

The ‘Councillor Catch Up’ in the regional centres may be held either during business hours or after normal business hours to allow for residents to return home from work to speak with Councillors.

In summary, the format for the ‘Out & About’ days will be:

- 1 Group – Roma (Saleyards & Woolworths)
- 2 Group – Rotational visit to a rural community
- 3 Group – Rotational visit to a second rural community

While travelling the region as part of the ‘Out & About’ sessions, Councillors will also be available from time to time to meet with residents after 5pm, at the major regional centres, for those who may not be available during normal business hours due to work commitments.

### (b) Councillor Catch Up (Meet & Greet)

The new concept of a ‘Councillor Catch Up’ will be trialled by Councillors, and is aimed at welcoming new residents to the region, as well as meeting with existing residents in the major centres of Roma, Injune, Mitchell, Surat, Wallumbilla and Yuleba.

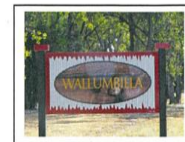
These meetings will be held on the alternate month to the scheduled ‘Out & About’ sessions, either during or outside of regular business hours. All available Councillors will attend these sessions to meet with residents.

### (c) Local Town Improvement Group Meetings

Council recognises that there are numerous active groups and associations within the region, which meet to discuss local, town issues. Rather than create another layer of meetings, and with each of the groups' endorsement, Council will give a commitment to the attendance of one or more Councillors at each meeting – as part of the elected members' formal Community Engagement framework. Attendance at these meetings will be on a rotational basis. I.e. one Councillor is not specifically allocated to always attend a specific group meeting.

Councillors will attend the following the following local town improvement group meetings:

- Booringa Action Group (BAG)
- Yuleba Development Group
- Advance Injune
- Wallumbilla Town Improvement Group
- Commerce Roma
- Surat & District Development Association
- Muckadilla Community Committee
- Mungallala Progress Association



Council's recognises that these forums provide a valuable opportunity for discussion about community issues and exchange of information about Council projects and initiatives.

To provide the most timely and relevant input, it will be requested that advice of the meeting and agenda (or items for discussion) be forwarded to Council a minimum of 5 days in advance of the meeting. This:

- (i) Recognises the larger number of commitments that individuals Councillors now have in the regional setting and will enable scheduling of Councillors' times, and determining who is most appropriate to attend (e.g. Portfolio Chairs)

(Alternatively, advice of the set day of the month the meetings occur would be helpful so that it can be programmed into the Council calendar).

- (ii) Enables Councillors to prepare for the meetings – providing more thorough and timely provision of information. In a number of cases, issues cross multiple departments, and involve internal and external stakeholders. If an agenda is provided, officers can have the information put together for the Councillor/s attending the meeting. The benefit for all concerned would be that it would largely eradicate the 'looking into' issue that has been

commented on, as the information, **where possible**, would be gathered before the meeting, and answered by the Councillor/s at the meeting.

It is Council's intention that these meetings will be attended by Councillors as part of their Community Engagement framework, with officers returning their focus to getting the work done.

#### **(d) Individual Councillor Community Engagement**

Councillors will from time to time arrange 'meeting point' visits in any of the region's major towns and smaller rural towns to connect individually with the community in their capacity as a Councillor and portfolio area of interest.

These meetings will be advertised to the public as scheduled.







#### **(d) Integrated Communication Initiatives**

In addition to Councillors visiting the towns and communities, a 'Town & Surrounds' newsletter has been developed to provide information and issues that are of most interest to individual areas, together with Regional Highlights.

## Strategy 2 – Engaging residents during each of the stages in life (age interests and issues that affect them)

The **Attracting People to the Maranoa** Strategy (September 2012) raised the importance of targeting specific markets to attract people to, and retain them within, the Maranoa community. Whilst this is important from an investment perspective, it is equally important, from a liveability perspective, to engage with all segments of our community. This helps to ensure that Council initiatives and projects remain relevant to the needs of our residents, and promotes a richly diverse community.

Drawing on the work done in the above strategy, the categories have been expanded for the purpose of this framework. (Note: The aged groups are intended to be indicative only)

Little Ones		
	Children	< 15 years
Future Talent		
	Youth	15 - 24 years
Young & Free		
	Experience Seekers	25 - 34 years
Settlers		
	Families	35 - 49 years
Grown Ups		
	Lifestyle & Leisure Seekers	50 - 65 years
Local Treasures		
	Seniors	> 65 years

### Strategy 3 – Engaging residents based on their personal interests (how they live – e.g. work and play)

#### (a) Portfolios

Residents may from time to time wish to discuss particular issues that they are interested in with Councillors. Whilst all elected members are available to all residents, Council has also developed a series of Portfolios as a further communication option for residents:

Councillor	Portfolio Holder	Supplementary Roles/Back-up
MAYOR – Tyson Golder	Government Relations (Federal, State, Local) Major Stakeholder Engagement (e.g. Industry, CSG) Executive Management (in line with Council policies) Disaster Management	Elected Member Services Community & Social Services
DEPUTY MAYOR – Cr Jan Chambers	Finance Elected Member Services Community Engagement (Information, Consultation, Participation) Major Projects (e.g. Flood Mitigation)	Major Stakeholder Engagement (e.g. Industry, CSG) Executive Management (in line with Council policies)
Cr Puddy Chandler	Tourism, Arts & Heritage Community Safety	Rural Services
Cr Peter Flynn	Saleyards Youth, Recreation, Sport	Facilities, Events Tourism & Arts Town & Surrounds
Cr Geoff McMullen	Towns & Surrounds (Town Streets, Beautification, Parks, Gardens, Cemeteries, Footpaths) Environment & Waste	Utilities (Water, Sewerage & Gas) Rural Roads & Grids
Cr Wendy Newman	Development Rural Services (Stock Routes, Wild Dogs, Pest Management)	Economic Development Saleyards
Cr Cameron O'Neil	Facilities, Airports & Events Economic Development & Advocacy	Funding Advocacy Deputy Chair – LDMG Local Business Youth, Recreation, Sport
Cr David Schefe	Utilities (Water, Sewerage & Gas) Renewable Energy Local Business	Development
Cr Janelle Stanford	Community & Social Services Rural Roads & Grids	Major Stakeholder Engagement (e.g. Industry, CSG) Community Safety Environment & Waste

The role of Portfolio Chairs centres around Communication – including listening to residents issues, discussion about Council's position and elevating policy issues to full Council where required.

Customer Requests for action are able to be lodged at any time to Council officers via letter, telephone, e-mail or by visiting one of the Council administration centres.

## **(b) Representation on Community Committees**

Closely aligned to Portfolios, individual Councillors participate in external/community committees, where invited, and as nominated by Council.

**Current representation is:**

<b>Australian Regional Tourism Network Organising Committee (ARTN)</b>	<b>Cr Puddy Chandler (Chair)</b>
<b>Darling Downs &amp; South West Queensland Council of Mayors (DDSWQ-COM) (added 13/07/16)</b>	Mayor Tyson Golder
<b>Dogwatch</b>	Cr Wendy Newman
<b>Great Artesian Basin Coordinating Committee</b>	Cr Cameron O'Neil (ALGA Representative)
<b>Great Inland Way Board</b>	Cr Puddy Chandler
<b>Great Inland Way Highway Promotion Committee</b>	Cr Puddy Chandler
<b>LGAQ Economic Development Advisory Group</b>	Cr Cameron O'Neil
<b>LGAQ Executive Representative</b>	Cr Cameron O'Neil
<b>LGAQ Resource Communities Advisory Group (added 25/01/16)</b>	Cr David Schefe
<b>LGAQ Water and Sewerage Advisory Group</b>	Cr David Schefe (Chair)
<b>Lifeline Darling Downs &amp; South West QLD Partners in Recovery (PIR)</b>	Cr Cameron O'Neil
<b>Local Disaster Management Group</b>	Mayor Tyson Golder  <u>Deputy Chair</u> Cr Cameron O'Neil <u>Relief Deputy Chair</u> Cr David Schefe
<b>Maranoa Kangaroo Harvesters &amp; Growers Working Group</b>	Cr Wendy Newman
<b>Mitchell RSL &amp; Combined Sports Club Inc.</b>	Cr. Peter Flynn
<b>PCYC Management Committee</b>	Cr Peter Flynn
<b>Queensland Murray Darling Committee</b>	Cr Wendy Newman
<b>Queensland Murray Darling (QMDC) Regional Waste Committee</b>	Cr Geoff McMullen
<b>Regional Pest Management Group</b>	Cr Wendy Newman
<b>Roma on Bungil Art Gallery Committee</b>	Cr Puddy Chandler
<b>Roma Rural Student Hostel Inc.</b>	Mayor Tyson Golder Cr Cameron O'Neil

<b>South West Queensland Local Government Association (SWQLGA)</b>	Mayor Tyson Golder
<b>South West Regional Development Association Inc. (SW RED)</b>	Cr Cameron O'Neil (Council Representative) Robyn Bryant (Community Representative)
<b>South West Regional Road and Transport Group (SWRRTG) (added 22/06/16)</b>	Cr Janelle Stanford
<b>Surat Basin Workforce Development Committee</b>	Cr Peter Flynn
<b>Tourism Advisory Group (TAG)</b>	Cr Puddy Chandler
<b>Toowoomba Surat Basin Advisory Group</b>	Cr Cameron O'Neil
<b>Wallumbilla Pool Committee</b>	Cr Peter Flynn
<b>Water Working Group (Santos GLNG)</b>	Cr. David Scheffe
<b>WORK Advisory Committee</b>	Cr Janelle Stanford

It is envisaged that minutes from these meetings will be shared across all Councillors (these could be loaded onto the new Intranet).

### (c) Representation on Council Committees

Council recognises that there are a number of areas of Council's operations for which a broader cross section of community representation is/would be valuable.

The following areas have been identified as a priority:

<b>Airport Advisory Committee*</b>	<b>Cr Cameron O'Neil (Chair)</b> <b>Cr David Scheffe (Member)</b>
<b>Audit Committee (MRC)</b>	Mayor Tyson Golder (Member) Cr Jan Chambers (Member)
<b>Bassett Park Advisory Committee</b>	Cr Cameron O'Neil (Chair) Cr Peter Flynn (Deputy Chair) Mayor Tyson Golder (Optional Attendee)
<b>CSG Advisory Committee (When re-initiated)</b>	Mayor Tyson Golder (Chair)
<b>My Maranoa Business Pilot Groups</b>	Cr David Scheffe (Chair)
<b>My Maranoa Focus Group</b>	Deputy Mayor Jan Chambers (Chair) Cr Janelle Stanford (Member)
<b>Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee</b>	Cr Puddy Chandler (Chair) Cr Geoff McMullen (Member)
<b>Roma Saleyards Advisory Committee</b>	Cr Peter Flynn (Chair) Cr Wendy Newman Mayor Tyson Golder (Optional Attendee)

<b>Regional Roads Advisory Committee</b>	Cr Janelle Stanford (Chair) Cr Puddy Chandler (Member) Cr Geoff McMullen (Member) Cr Wendy Newman (Member)
<b>Wallumbilla Showgrounds Advisory Committee</b>	Cr Peter Flynn (Chair) Cr Cameron O'Neil (Member)
<b>Wild Dog Advisory Committee</b>	Cr Wendy Newman (Chair) Cr Puddy Chandler (Member) Cr Geoff McMullen (Member)

The minutes from these meetings are presented to Council as part of the formal General Meeting Structure to ensure all Councillors have an awareness of discussions held.

Specific committee recommendations will be presented by the Committee Chair when the recommendation has been put forward for Council's consideration.

It is envisaged that a number of Committee Meeting Minutes will be made available for public access on Council's external website.

The Mayor and remaining Councillors not identified as holding the position of 'Chair' or 'Member' of a Council initiated advisory committee may attend any of the committee meetings from time to time.

#### **(d) Involvement in (a Presence at) Events & Leisure Activities**

Through the workshops it was recognised that sometimes the best engagement with the community occurs through informal, less structured activities. To this end, the framework provides for Councillors to identify annual and other events where Councillors might be able to attend and be available for conversation with residents.



## **COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 22 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.7

**File Number:** D17/21514

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Urgent Maintenance Required at Westgrove Road  
- Injune

**Classification:** Open Access

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

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### **Executive Summary:**

Westgrove Road, Injune requires maintenance to bitumen which has broken away from edges, leaving areas needing repair. These areas of concern are narrowing the already narrow road, which is used daily by large trucks and school buses. Pull-off zones are eroded and require urgent maintenance. Trees along the 15km section of road in some areas block vision of oncoming traffic.

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

That Council:

1. Repair the 15kms, where needed, of sides of the road from the bitumen to the edge of the road formation where erosion has occurred along Westgrove Road. This area along the road is a pull-off safety zone for avoiding trucks and is not safe in current condition.
  2. Remove trees as required to improve vision of oncoming traffic and safety for all motorists.
  3. Implement urgent maintenance works to damaged sections of Westgrove Road, paying particular attention to areas of overt safety concern such as Red Hill.
  4. Operational speed limits be introduced for all Council and Council contracted vehicles travelling on the Westgrove Road to alleviate safety concerns within current road conditions. A 50km p/hour section through "Red Hill", a 40 km p/hour section down Hutton Creek and 70km along the remaining distance of road.
  5. Liaise with Lyndy and Neale O'Leary to gain further detail as required.
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### **Background:**

Customer Request's 41027 and 41725 have been received from the drivers of the Injune School bus, Lyndy and Neale O'Leary, which cite grave concern for safety of motorists on the road, with particular emphasis on the areas of "Red Hill" and "Hutton Creek".

Mr O'Leary advises Council that he carries the most precious cargo and with that comes the highest of responsibilities to the children's safety each day. He repeatedly fears for the safety of road users when large vehicles are operating at higher speeds.

Mayor Golder has visited the sites of concern and Councillor Stanford has held detailed discussion with Lyndy O'Leary on the matter. Roads, Drainage and Parks team representatives have also completed site inspections, and with findings from these inspections, will act on urgent safety requirements accordingly.

**Consultation:**

**Policy Implications:**

Nil

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Funds to be sourced from Maintenance Program

**Supporting Documentation:**

<a href="#"><u>1</u></a>	Photograph 1 - Westgrove Road - 20 March 2017	D17/21379
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<a href="#"><u>3</u></a>	Photograph 3 - Westgrove Road - 20 March 2017	D17/21383
<a href="#"><u>4</u></a>	Photograph 4 - Westgrove Road - 20 March 2017	D17/21385
<a href="#"><u>5</u></a>	Photograph 5 - Westgrove Road - 20 March 2017	D17/21386
<a href="#"><u>6</u></a>	Photograph 6 - Westgrove Road - 20 March 2017	D17/21388
<a href="#"><u>7</u></a>	Photograph 7 - Westgrove Road - 20 March 2017	D17/21391
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## **COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 22 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.8

**File Number:** D17/21627

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Wallumbilla North Road - Urgent maintenance  
**Classification:** Open Access  
**Author & Councillor's Title:** Cr Tyson Golder

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### **Executive Summary:**

Expressions of concern have been raised with the safety of motorists along the Wallumbilla North Road due to overhanging trees and tree branches.

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

That Council undertake urgent maintenance trimming of the trees along the Wallumbilla North Road, from overhanging areas back to the width of road guideposts, as a measure to reduce the danger of vehicular damage.

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### **Background:**

Multiple tree trimming requests for along Wallumbilla North Road have been received. Wallumbilla Town Improvement Group remain concerned with the safety of drivers as well as damage sustained by vehicles from striking the overhanging trees.

Tree trimming falls within an annual schedule, occurring during the off peak season; approximately scheduled for a couple of months from now. Works are undertaken by a certified contractor with relevant experience, as Council has neither relevant skill set nor the specialist equipment required internally.

### **Consultation:**

Operations Manager - Maintenance Delivery & Works  
Wallumbilla Town Improvement Group

### **Policy Implications:**

Nil

### **Financial Resource Implications:**

If tree trimming is rescheduled along Wallumbilla North Road, financial implications may be seen in other areas within the scheduled maintenance budget, as well as providing disruption to delivery of other scheduled works.

### **Supporting Documentation:**

Nil

## **COUNCILLOR REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 22 March 2017

**Date:** 22 March 2017

**Item Number:** L.9

**File Number:** D17/21511

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Federal Regional Education Review

**Classification:** Open Access

**Author & Councillor's Title:** Cr David Schefe

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### **Executive Summary:**

The Australian Government is conducting an independent comprehensive review of regional education with the aim of getting more regional, rural and remote students to be successful at school and to go on to further study, training and employment.

The review will address the key barriers and challenges that impact on the educational outcomes of regional, rural and remote students. It will examine the equity of education access for rural and regional students and will seek fresh ideas and fresh thinking to bridge the clear disparity between education in the bush and the city. It aims to address the gap of achievement, aspiration and access to higher education faced by regional students.

Minister for Education and Training, Simon Birmingham, said the independent review into regional, rural and remote education would be led by Professor John Halsey of Flinders University. The review will go out to regional communities in order to find solutions to build the skills of regional Australians to allow our youth better jobs and better opportunities no matter where they live. The review into regional education will look at education from school entry to job success.

The press release accompanying the review states that "Approximately one third of regional and remote students do not complete Year 12 or an equivalent unit of study and that number rises to almost two thirds of very remote students."

The Maranoa Regional Council is taking a comprehensive approach to economic and community development which recognizes that building a future for regional communities depends on providing both local jobs and quality lifestyles. The Council is working with its communities to create shared visions and agreed strategies for land use, economic development, tourism, arts & culture and sport & recreation. These will then be incorporated into the respective local community plans. The process aims to provide broadly accepted direction for government, business and community effort and investment.

As part of the process, an initial series of focus group sessions were held across the region where community members identified access to education and training and better engagement with regional youth as issues for every community. The same patterns of concerns have been evident in community views for an extended period. It is clear that new ways are required to address these continuing concerns.

Fortunately, the accelerating waves of new technology are providing options and

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opportunities that did not exist a short time ago. There is an increasing understanding across government, business and the community of the need to make changes in the existing delivery mechanisms for education, training and employment, especially in regional areas, even if the types of changes required are still being investigated.

The Council's current strategic work and vision setting is helping to provide the fertile ground upon which the outcomes of the Halsey review of regional education may grow.

Within these contexts, Council should be an active participant in the review process. The proposed Council roles in the process could be summarized as advocacy and in assisting the review by facilitating inputs of regional knowledge & experience, sharing communications and coordination with local communities.

The Council could consider advising the review that the Maranoa region may be a suitable locality for testing the implementation of the review outcomes. An early declaration of interest would highlight the importance that the Council places on this review.

**Councillor's Recommendation:**

That the Maranoa Regional Council welcomes the opportunity to be an active participant in the review process.

That, in addition to its advocacy role, the Maranoa Regional Council is prepared to assist the review through facilitating inputs of regional knowledge & experience, sharing communications and coordination with local communities.

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**Background:**

Council received advice of the regional education review in a joint media statement titled "*Revitalising education in Maranoa*" sent out by the Federal Member for Maranoa, Mr David Littleproud MP, in conjunction with The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources and Senator The Hon Simon Birmingham, Minister for Education and Training.

**Consultation:**

There has been preliminary consultation with Councillors through a Councillor workshop which included the Council Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Development, Facilities & Environmental Services.

Preliminary contact has also been made with some business leaders and educational representatives.

**Policy Implications:**

The aims of the regional education review are consistent with directions being taken by the Council in creating regional futures through local jobs and quality lifestyles.

The outcomes of the review will help define the action plans needed to deliver beneficial changes in education, training and employment in the Maranoa region.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Council officer assistance in the review process

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil