
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 11 OCTOBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.05AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr. T D Golder chaired the meeting with, Deputy Mayor Cr. J L Chambers, Cr. N H Chandler, Cr. P J Flynn, Cr. G B McMullen, Cr. W M Newman, Cr. C J O'Neil, Cr. D J Scheffe, Cr. J M Stanford, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano and Minutes Officer – Lauren Owen in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Director Infrastructure Services – Cameron Castles, Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services – Sharon Frank, Manager Economic & Community Development – Ed Sims, Regional Grants and Council Events Development Coordinator – Sue Sands, Local Development Officer Roma – Kate Papacek, Lead Town Planner – Christopher Tickner, Associate to the Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services – Christina Tincknell, Manager Communication, Information & Administration Services – Dale Waldron, Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator – Dana Harrison, Rates Officer – Katie Ballard, Manager Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures) – Tanya Mansfield, Manager Saleyards – Paul Klar and Regional Tourism Development Coordinator – Justine Miller.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.05am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/01

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That the minutes of the General Meeting (19-27.09.17) held on 27 September 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

9/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

ON THE TABLE

There were no items for discussion on the table.

PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There were no presentations/petitions or deputations at the meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF BUSINESS

There were no notices of business for consideration.

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion for consideration.

RECEPTION OF NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT MEETING

No notices of motion were received for the next meeting.

BUSINESS

CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Item Number: 11.1 File Number: D17/78938

SUBJECT HEADING: DELEGATION OF COUNCIL POWERS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Officer's Title: Associate to the Director – Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

The Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services advised that this item would need to be considered at the next Council meeting.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/02

Moved Cr Chambers

Procedural Motion – That the following items lay on the table until the next General Meeting:

- **Item 11.1 – Delegation of Council Powers to the Chief Executive Officer**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Associate to the Director – Corporate, Community & Commercial Services Director – Corporate, Community & Commercial Services
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DEVELOPMENT, FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Item Number: 13.1 File Number: D17/77363

SUBJECT HEADING: REPEALING THE ADOPTED INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES POLICY (LOCAL ROAD IMPACT COST RECOVERY) 2015

Officer's Title: Lead Town Planner

Executive Summary:

Council adopted a differential rating system for quarries and feedlots in the 2017/18 Revenue Statement, in part, to recover the cost of damage to the local road network as a result of heavy vehicle movements associated with these uses. The rating system is intended to replace development conditions that require a monetary contribution from owners/operators of quarries and feedlots, commonly referred to as the Network Access Charge or NAC.

To complete the transition away from the NAC, Council was encouraged to repeal the policy on which the charging conditions are based (the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Policy (Local Road Impact Cost Recovery) 2015) and to advise owners/operators who have development approvals that include the charging conditions that it will not seek to enforce the NAC payment while the differential rating system is in effect.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/03

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council:

- 1. Repeal the Adopted Infrastructure Charges Policy (Local Road Impact Cost Recovery) 2015.**

2. Write to the owners/operators who have development approvals with the Network Access Charge advising that Council will not seek to enforce the payment while the differential rating system is in effect.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Lead Town Planner

Item Number:

13.2

File Number: D17/67382

SUBJECT HEADING:

2017 MARANOA FOOD & FIRE FESTIVAL POST EVENT REPORT

Officer's Title:

Local Development Officer - Roma

Executive Summary:

A post event report was tabled in relation to the Maranoa Food & Fire Festival held on Saturday, 12 August 2017 at the Big Rig Parklands, Roma.

Discussion:

Cr O'Neil acknowledged the work of Council staff in organising an incredibly successful Food & Fire Festival, noting that revisiting the event's former location at the Big Rig Parklands did present some challenges however the event went well and feedback from the community has been extremely positive.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/04

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Chandler

That the Officer's report be received and noted.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Local Development Officer - Roma

Item Number:

13.3

File Number: D17/79019

SUBJECT HEADING:

EXTENSION TO SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES

Officer's Title:

Regional Libraries, Arts & Culture Development Coordinator

Executive Summary:

The Library Board of Queensland requested an extension of the current Service Level Agreement (SLA) for Public Library Services to 30 June 2018. The extension will allow time for the State Library of Queensland to review the Libraries Act 1988 and to align the SLA with the new Strategic Vision for Queensland Public Libraries and undertake the review of the Public Library Grant Methodology.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/05

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Stanford

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign the extension of the Service Level Agreement for Public Library Services between Library Board of Queensland and Maranoa Regional Council.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer
**Regional Libraries, Arts & Culture
Development Coordinator**
Item Number:

13.4

File Number: D17/79331
SUBJECT HEADING:
**FUNDING AVAILABLE UNDER FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT'S REGIONAL AVIATION ACCESS
PROGRAM**
Officer's Title:
**Regional Grants and Council Events Development
Coordinator**
Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to apply for funding under the Federal Government's Regional Aviation Access Program (RAAP). It was recommended that Council apply for minor works required at the Injune Airport.

Discussion:

Cr O'Neil spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that it is imperative to apply for funding such as this as regional airports are vital in providing movements for residents and emergency services alike. With the ability to resource significant projects across the region being tight, it is why Council undertakes such an extensive budget process each year and seeks funding wherever possible.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/06
Moved Cr O'Neil
Seconded Cr Chandler
That Council:

1. **Submit an application for works on the Injune Airport under the Federal Government's Regional Aviation Access Program (RAAP).**
2. **Commit to providing appropriate co-contributions to deliver the project within 12 months of funding being approved, with funds allocated from Work Order 11162 (Airport Maintenance Injune Runway).**
3. **Commit to the management and costs associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the infrastructure for any successful project/s.**
4. **Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the funding agreement with the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development if the application is successful.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer
**Regional Grants and Council Events
Development Coordinator**

Cr O'Neil declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in the following item, due to his employment with Queensland Murray Darling Committee. Cr O'Neil left the Chamber at 9.13am taking no further part in discussion or debate on the matter.

Item Number:

13.5

File Number: D17/79508
SUBJECT HEADING:
**SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - QUEENSLAND MURRAY
DARLING COMMITTEE - 'TYRE USE EFFICIENCY'
WORKSHOP**

Officer's Title: **Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services**

Executive Summary:

Queensland Murray Darling Committee will be hosting three 'Tyre Use Efficiency' workshops to educate participants on the environmental and economic ramifications of illegal tyre dumping, techniques and technologies for improving tyre wear, reduction of diesel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions if vehicle operators do not maintain their tyres to manufacture specifications.

Discussion:

Cr Newman moved the motion. The Chief Executive Officer suggested that the cost be allocated from Council's sponsorship budget in order to clearly record how much is being spent on sponsorship each year.

The Mayor indicated that this would change his view on the matter – if funds came from the sponsorship budget it may be taking an opportunity for sponsorship off a community group. Cr Newman agreed that the funds should not be taken from the sponsorship budget, to the detriment of community groups.

The Chief Executive Officer enquired if allocating funds from the waste budget, but from a separately identifiable number, would be suitable – that way, the total value of sponsorship each year could still easily be reported. Cr Newman and the Mayor both indicated this would be suitable.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/07	
Moved Cr Newman	Seconded Cr Stanford
That Council approve sponsorship to the value of \$500 for the Roma Breakfast workshop to be held at Explorer's Inn on Friday 27 October 2017, with funding to be transferred from Work Order 2411 (Waste Management Administration) to a new Waste Sponsorship General Ledger and Work Order.	
CARRIED	8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services
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At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item, Cr O'Neil entered the Chamber at 9.16am.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of *the Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolved to close the meeting to discuss items it has deemed to be of a confidential nature and specifically pertaining to the following sections:-

- (a) the appointment, dismissal or discipline of employees;
- (b) industrial matters affecting employees;
- (c) the local government budget;
- (d) rating concessions;
- (e) contracts proposed to be made by it;
- (f) starting or defending legal proceedings involving the local government;
- (h) other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage;

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/08

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Flynn

That:

- 1. It be noted that the following items will be considered at the next Council meeting, in lieu of this meeting, and are therefore excluded from closed session discussions:**

Item C.7 – Objection to Rating Category – Lot 6 - 7 WV 409 Assessment 11007820

Item C.8 – Objection to Rating Category – Lot 3 SP180959 Assessment 13003496

Item C.9 – Objection to Rating Category – Lot 28 BWR 122, Lot 26 BWR 145 Assessment 11008166

Item C.10 – Objection to Rating Category – Lot 189-190 WAL53523, Lot 149;158 WAL53549, Lot 210 WAL53630, Lot 213 WV991, Lot 233 WV496, Lot 24 WV432, Lot 109 WV1566, Lot 4 SP180954 & Lot 1 SP186211 Assessment 13006887

- 2. Council close the meeting to the public at 9.17am.**

CARRIED

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Cr Stanford left the Chamber at 9.17am, and entered at 9.19am.

The Mayor left the Chamber at 9.20am, and entered at 9.22am.

Cr Flynn declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to Item C.14 – Engagement of Sole Supplier – Roma Airport Reservoir Mixing System, due to his personal business operations out of the Roma Airport. Cr Flynn left the Chamber at 9.29am taking no further part in discussions on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Flynn entered the Chamber at 9.31am.

Cr Flynn left the Chamber at 9.32am, and entered at 9.46am.

Cr O'Neil left the Chamber at 9.50am, and entered at 9.52am.

Cr Stanford left the Chamber at 10.17am, and entered at 10.24am.

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

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 11.12AM.

Director Infrastructure Services – Cameron Castles advised that, in relation to Item C.23 – Request for Assistance – Injune Retirement Village, he was a member of the applicant's board until the last Annual General Meeting, but is no longer involved with the organisation.

Cr Chambers left the Chamber at 11.59am, and entered at 12.01pm.

Cr Stanford left the Chamber at 12.11pm, and entered at 12.14pm.

Cr Flynn left the Chamber at 12.11pm, and entered at 12.16pm.

Cr Chandler left the Chamber at 12.29pm, and entered at 12.33pm.

Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to Item C.27 – Old Pathology House Donated to Maranoa Regional Council, due to her husband's role with one of the State agencies mentioned in the report. The Director left the Chamber at 12.51pm taking no further part in discussions on the matter, and did not return prior to lunch.

Cr Newman left the Chamber at 12.52pm, and entered at 12.54pm.

Cr O'Neil left the Chamber at 1.03pm, and entered at 1.05pm.

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

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 2.00PM.

At cessation of discussion on Item C.27, the Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services returned to the meeting at the resumption of standing orders.

Cr Flynn declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to Item LC.2 – Re-tabled from 27 September 2017 Meeting with Update – Roma Airport Fee Waiver and Pavement Concession, due to his personal business operations out of the Roma Airport. Cr Flynn left the Chamber at 2.37pm taking no further part in discussions on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Flynn entered the Chamber at 2.38pm.

Cr Chandler declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to Item LC.3 – Minor Updates to the Organisational Structure, due to a family member being mentioned in the report. Cr Chandler left the Chamber at 2.39pm taking no further part in discussions on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Chandler entered the Chamber at 2.42pm.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/09

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council open the meeting to the public at 2.44pm.

CARRIED

9/0

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, the Director entered the Chamber at 2.46pm.

Item Number:

C.1

File Number: D17/75335

SUBJECT HEADING:

**REQUEST TO CHANGE RATING CATEGORY - LOT 87
WAL 53328 ASSESSMENT 11009743**

Officer's Title:

Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator

Executive Summary:

Correspondence was received requesting a change in rating category after removal of some equipment from site.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/10	
Moved Cr Chambers	Seconded Cr Flynn
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer's consideration and proposed decision pursuant to section 91(2) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> that the land was and is appropriately categorised as Accommodation Work Camp G taking into consideration that the buildings and water and sewerage lines have not been removed from site. 2. Advise the ratepayer accordingly. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator
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Item Number: C.2 **File Number:** D17/75457

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST TO CHANGE RATING CATEGORY - LOT 48 WAL53326

Officer's Title: Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator

Executive Summary:

Correspondence was received requesting a change in rating category due to the changes to the infrastructure which make it unusable.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/11	
Moved Cr McMullen	Seconded Cr Newman
That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's consideration and proposed decision pursuant to section 91(2) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> that the land is to be re-categorised to rating Category 9 (Commercial and/or Industrial) effective 1 July 2017.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator
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The following item was not discussed during closed session.

Cr Chambers declared a 'Conflict of Interest' in the following item, due to her involvement with Maranoa Diggers Race Club.

Cr Flynn declared a 'Conflict of Interest' in the following item, due to his involvement with Roma & District Rugby League Inc.

Cr Chambers and Cr Flynn left the Chamber at 2.49pm taking no further part in discussions on the matter.

Item Number: C.3 **File Number:** D17/76936

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANISATION CONCESSION

Officer's Title: Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator

Executive Summary:

Applications for Rates and Water Access Concession for Community Organisations were received for Council's consideration.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/12	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Stanford
That Council grant the concessions to the Community Organisations as listed in Table A of the Officer's Report.	
CARRIED	7/0

Responsible Officer	Rates Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator
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At cessation of discussion on the above item, Cr Chambers and Cr Flynn entered the Chamber at 2.50pm.

Item Number: C.4 **File Number:** D17/77207

SUBJECT HEADING: OBJECTION TO RATING CATEGORY - LOT 9 WT21 - ASSESSMENT NO. 15015886

Officer's Title: Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator

Executive Summary:

Correspondence has been received from the applicant objecting to the rating category of their property.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/13	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Newman
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Chief Executive Officer's consideration and proposed decision pursuant to section 91(2) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i> that the land was and is appropriately categorised for the notice issued for 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 taking into consideration that the buildings and infrastructure have not been removed from the site. 2. Subject to receipt of an application for a concession under the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> and <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve a concession for the difference between rating category 30 (Accommodation Work Camp F) and rating category 38 (Rural). 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator
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Item Number: C.5 **File Number:** D17/77651

SUBJECT HEADING: OBJECTION TO RATING CATEGORY - LOT 62-64 BWR 411, LOT 12 BWR 775 - ASSESSMENT NO. 11008935

Officer's Title: Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator

Executive Summary:

An objection to the rating category has been received from the applicant.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/14

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's consideration and proposed decision pursuant to section 91(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that the land is to be re-categorised to rating category 38 (Rural) effective 1 July 2017.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator
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Item Number: C.6 **File Number:** D17/78162

SUBJECT HEADING: OBJECTION TO RATING CATEGORY - LOT 2 RP 154619 - ASSESSMENT 12007878

Officer's Title: Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator

Executive Summary:

An objection to the rating category has been received from the applicant.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/15

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council endorse the Chief Executive Officer's consideration and proposed decision pursuant to section 91(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that the land is to be re-categorised to rating category 5 (Large Housesite or Small Rural or Rural Residential A) effective 1 July 2017.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Rates Officer / Rates System Administrator
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Item Number: C.11 **File Number:** D17/78399

SUBJECT HEADING: SALE OF LAND FOR OVERDUE RATES

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

In accordance with Division 3 Section 140 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, this report contains a list of properties which are eligible for sale for arrears action. A decision to sell land for overdue rates or charges can only be made by resolution.

This report recommended commencement of sale of land procedures to recover outstanding rates and charges as part of Council's ongoing debt recovery procedures.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/16
Moved Cr McMullen
Seconded Cr Chambers
That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 140(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, sell the following land described below for overdue rates and charges:

Assessment	11002482	Lot 801-803 W 4091
Assessment	11003084	Lot 110 Y 2211
Assessment	12003125	Lot 8 M 15144
Assessment	12004669	Lot 110 M 1511
Assessment	12004883	Lot 7 RP 864615
Assessment	12005039	Lot 1 RP 4201
Assessment	13000823	Lot 110 SP 226516
Assessment	13003405	Lot 2 RP 105321, Lot 46 WAL 53332
Assessment	13008636	Lot 8 RP 170110
Assessment	13016738	Lot 601 H 1491
Assessment	13016779	Lot 3 SP 180970
Assessment	14005565	Lot 36 RP 30929
Assessment	14006589	Lot 1 SP 127241
Assessment	14009237	Lot 26 RP 835127
Assessment	14013304	Lot 1 RP 76472
Assessment	14018360	Lot 1 RP 45720
Assessment	14018642	Lot 1 RP 75942
Assessment	14031520	Lot 1 RP 897187
Assessment	14032437	Lot 6 SP 180953
Assessment	14507297	Lot 908 S 2816
Assessment	15007461	Lot 3 SP 212825
Assessment	15007560	Lot 1 SP 212825
Assessment	15009657	Lot 10 SP 236781

2. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its power to take all further steps under Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect sale of the land (including, for avoidance of doubt, the power to end sale procedures).

CARRIED

8/1

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. McMullen	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer
Rates Officer

Item Number: C.12 **File Number:** D17/78739
SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATIONS FOR RATE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS
Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

Applications for rates payment arrangements have been received from various ratepayers. The timeframes the applicants have proposed to have their rates paid in full extends beyond the current financial year timeframe that is adopted in Council's adopted Revenue Statement.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/17

Moved Cr Schefe

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council accepts the applicant's payment arrangements as set out in Table A, subject to all rates, charges and arrears accumulated being paid in full by 30 June 2019.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Item Number: C.13 **File Number:** D17/79688
SUBJECT HEADING: UPDATE ON OUTSTANDING GAS ACCOUNTS 1000003 AND 1000446
Officer's Title: Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

This report provided Council with a further update on two natural gas services – account 1000003 and 1000446.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/18

Moved Cr Schefe

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council accept the payment arrangement as proposed by the applicant (which is based on the applicant's estimated gas bills over the term of the arrangement); subject to all arrears and gas charges accumulated being paid in full by 30 October 2018.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Item Number: C.14 **File Number:** D17/79017
SUBJECT HEADING: ENGAGEMENT OF SOLE SUPPLIER - ROMA AIRPORT RESERVOIR MIXING SYSTEM
Officer's Title: Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Council has awarded several contracts for the provision of goods and services to construct the new water bores and reservoirs at Miscamble Street and Airport Drive, Roma.

This report was tabled to seek Council's approval to engage a sole supplier for the supply and installation of a proprietary mixing system at one of the reservoir sites.

Discussion:

The Manager Procurement & Commercial Services advised he made further enquiries and confirmed that Akwa Worx Pty Ltd is the sole supplier and retailer of this product in Australia (the manufacturer opted to decline the offer to submit a quotation), therefore the product is unavailable to be purchased locally.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/19

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That:

1. Council engage Akwa Worx Pty Ltd to supply and install a mixing system at the Roma Airport Reservoir.
2. The engagement be made in accordance with s 235(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* – i.e. that the local government resolves it is satisfied that there is only 1 supplier who is reasonably available.
3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into final negotiations with Akwa Worx Pty Ltd and raise a Purchase Order if the final terms are acceptable.
4. Expenditure be assigned to Work Order 18705 (New Roma Northern Bore, Reservoir and Booster System).

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Item Number:

C.15

File Number: D17/76519

SUBJECT HEADING:

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GREAT ARTESIAN SPA
OPENING HOURS AND ADMISSION FEES**

Officer's Title:

Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Council received correspondence from the incoming contractor requesting the amendment of the Great Artesian Spa opening hours and admission fees. This request was tabled for Council's consideration.

Discussion:

Cr Chandler spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the extension of opening hours is a great idea, particularly over the lunch time period.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/20

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr McMullen

That:

1. Council endorse the amended opening hours and admission fees for the Great Artesian Spa, as referenced in the Officer's report.
2. The extended opening hours be trialled for a period of six months from the date of the Council resolution being 11 October 2017 (concluding 10 April 2018).

3. Council consider the permanency of the extended opening hours at the conclusion of the trial period.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Item Number:

C.16

File Number: D17/79157

SUBJECT HEADING:

APPROVAL OF VARIATION TO CONTRACT - DESIGN OF ROMA SALEYARDS MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

Officer's Title:

Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Council invited quotations from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to design the Roma Saleyards Multi-Purpose Facility. The contract was awarded at the General Meeting held on 14 September 2016.

This report was tabled to seek Council's approval of a required variation to complete the design works under the contract.

Discussion:

Cr Flynn spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that since receiving the first plans from the architects a number of changes have been requested and action taken regarding additional works required for the project. Cr Flynn further indicated that he believes this variation of contract is in accordance with the changes to the project.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that Council's revenue is shrinking and this is a cost blowout which he does not believe is in line with community expectation.

Cr Chambers spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the variation of contract is a result of an increase in the size of the building from 500m² to 1,170m². This, in conjunction with the inclusion of a new bull arena within the scope of work, means additional costs, but they're very important components of the project.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/21

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Newman

That:

- 1. Council approve the variation to Contract VP53259, endorsing additional expenditure totaling \$148,830 (inclusive of GST), for a total contract value of \$341,082.50 (inclusive of GST).**
- 2. Expenditure be assigned to Work Order 18556 (Saleyard Capital Upgrade – Design of Office, Canteen and New Bull Arena at Saleyards).**

CARRIED

7/2

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	Cr. McMullen
Cr. Flynn	

Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer	Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services
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Item Number: C.17 **File Number:** D17/79289

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN TRADING TERMS

Officer's Title: Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Council has received correspondence from one supplier requesting a reduction in trading terms from 28 days to 14 days. The request was tabled for Council's consideration.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/22	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Newman
That Council approve the requested reduction in trading terms from 28 days to 14 days for any invoiced works by the entity, as referenced in the Officer's report.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services
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Item Number: C.18 **File Number:** D17/79633

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA SALEYARDS - REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION - UNPAID INVOICE (ONE HEAD)

Officer's Title: Manager - Saleyards

Executive Summary:

A buyer alleges that they had to destroy a steer in their yards that they had purchased from the Store Sale on 22 August 2017. The buyer did not pay the selling agent for the steer and now the agency is seeking compensation for the animal as they believe Council's contractor was responsible for the animal knuckling over, resulting in the animal being destroyed.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/23	
Moved Cr Chandler	Seconded Cr Flynn
That Council not compensate the selling agent for the value of the steer and provide all parties with a copy of the video footage (in a form that complies with Council's legislative obligations) of that consignment of cattle loading onto the transporter's truck to verify that all the cattle were fit to load when leaving Roma Saleyards.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Saleyards
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Item Number: C.19 **File Number:** D17/78833

SUBJECT HEADING: HIGH WATER USAGE ASSESSMENT 15001761 - REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Officer's Title: Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Executive Summary:

Council sent out a notice to this customer advising them of high water usage over the previous six months, which could be as a result of a water leak. Following the check by Council of the meter showing no fault, the customer responded with an email requesting Council give a concession for this bill as the house had been empty.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/24

Moved Cr Schefe

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council, subject to receipt of a suitable application under section 120 (1) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve a full rebate of the charges.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Item Number: C.20 **File Number:** D17/79146

SUBJECT HEADING: REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR BLOCKAGE IN COUNCIL SEWER FOR ASSESSMENT 14020978

Officer's Title: Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Executive Summary:

The applicant experienced a sewer overflow on their property resulting from a blockage in the Council sewer. The blockage was caused due to a foreign object being flushed into Council's sewer system. A private plumber was called out for this incident and the applicant is requesting reimbursement of this plumber's invoice.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/25

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Schefe

That Council approve the payment of \$198 (including GST), being the reimbursement of the plumbers invoice, from Work Order 10892 (Sewerage Reticulation Maintenance Roma Section 28 - Mains).

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Water, Sewerage & Gas

Item Number: C.21 **File Number:** D17/76109

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF TENURE - LOT 1 ON BDR37

Officer's Title: Administration Officer - Land Administration

Executive Summary:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines sought Council's views on an application it has received for conversion of Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease (GHPL) 36/7642 being Lot 1 on BDR36 to freehold tenure.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/26

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that it offers no objection to the conversion of GHPL 36/7642 being Lot 1 on BDR37 to freehold tenure.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Land Administration

Item Number: C.22 **File Number:** D17/71135

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

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

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council has previously approved a request for non-financial assistance from Roma Community Men's Shed to provide the soil base for the concrete slab for their new shed. Consequently, this assistance was not required, and a further request has been received that Council assist with providing the base for the off-street car-parking.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/27

Moved Cr McMullen

That the item lay on the table, to be presented at the General Meeting on 25 October 2017.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Regional Grants and Council Events Development Coordinator

Item Number: C.23 **File Number:** D17/79581

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE - INJUNE RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Officer's Title: Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

Correspondence has been received seeking Council's in principle support should the applicant take over operation and ownership of Injune Retirement Village.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/28

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council authorise Cr Stanford to meet with the applicant to discuss this matter and undertake preliminary enquiries, and bring the information back to Council for consideration.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Lead Officer – Councillors' Support & Community Engagement

Item Number: C.24 **File Number:** D17/79830

SUBJECT HEADING: UPDATE ON STAGE 2 FLOOD MITIGATION PROPERTY - ASSESSMENT NO. 14008445

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The landholder's representative has proposed amendments to the draft Section 15 Agreement.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/29

Moved Cr Newman

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council note the progress of the matter and that the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to make any final changes.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: C.25 **File Number:** D17/79265

SUBJECT HEADING: UPDATE ON ORIGIN APLNG REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Officer's Title: Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

Council received correspondence from Origin APLNG confirming discussions at a recent Councillor Workshop where representatives provided a general update on regional development activities and discussed the company's accommodation principles. The correspondence was tabled for Council's formal acknowledgement.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/30
Moved Cr Schefe
Seconded Cr Chambers
That Council:

1. Write to Origin APLNG to formally acknowledge receipt of their correspondence, highlighting the importance of employing more local permanent staff and providing support for their families.
2. Seek to enter into meaningful discussion about the steps that can be undertaken by Origin APLNG to maximise the number of local permanent staff living within the region.
3. Progress these discussions in parallel with discussions about proposed changes to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) conditions.

CARRIED

8/1

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. McMullen	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Schefe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer	Associate to the Chief Executive Officer
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Item Number:
C.26
File Number: D17/77929
SUBJECT HEADING:
REQUESTED REMOVAL OF ROAD SIGN
Officer's Title:
Chief Executive Officer
Executive Summary:
The customer requested consideration of removing the recently installed road sign.
Resolution No. GM/10.2017/31
Moved Cr O'Neil
Seconded Cr Chandler
That Council support the requested removal of the road sign.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager – Maintenance Delivery & Works
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Mayor Golder declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to the following item, due to his personal financial contribution to assist with removal of the house. Mayor Golder left the Chamber at 3.17pm taking no part in the formal debate on the matter, with Deputy Mayor – Cr Jan Chambers taking the role of Acting Chair during his absence.

The Mayor had elected to remain for discussion about the matter during the closed session as it wasn't a Material Personal Interest.

Item Number: C.27 **File Number:** D17/79602

SUBJECT HEADING: OLD PATHOLOGY HOUSE DONATED TO MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report provided an update on the old pathology house donated to Maranoa Regional Council, and the request for it to be provided to a private person interested in taking on, relocating and renovating the house through Hillcrest House Removal.

Discussion:

Cr Chandler spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that she hoped the matter would be resolved and that the building would find a new home.

Cr Flynn spoke against the motion, indicating that he mistakenly voted for the original motion with regard to this house on the belief that it would benefit a community or sporting organisation, however on looking at the photos tabled today, there is no way the house would have benefited any community group. Cr Flynn further indicated that he is not sure that the proposal before Council won't assist a person who may be a developer.

Cr Chandler indicated she doesn't know whether Council can ensure it does go to the right place, but they have tried. The house has gone from Queensland Health to Council, then to the removalist – what happens after that is a matter for the removalist.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/32

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Stanford

That having received written confirmation from the house removalist that there will be no financial cost to Council or the ratepayer (i.e. general public) and noting that community groups have been advised of the opportunity, that Council proceed with the remaining section of GM/03.2017/99, and now donate the house to the house removalist.

CARRIED

5/3

Cr. Flynn called for a division of the vote.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chandler	Cr. Chambers
Cr. McMullen	Cr. Flynn
Cr. Newman	Cr. O'Neil
Cr. Scheffe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Mayor Golder entered the Chamber at 3.27pm.

Item Number: LC.1 **File Number:** D17/80529

SUBJECT HEADING: OPERATION OF THE BIG RIG COMPLEX

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

Executive Summary:

The current contract management arrangements for the Big Rig complex are due to expire on 30 November 2017. Council was asked to consider options for operating the facility moving forward.

Discussion:

The Mayor asked Cr Chandler if the intent of the motion was to invite tenders for operation of the Big Rig Café, including scope for possible improvements to the site, or as the café currently is. Cr Chandler confirmed the intent of the motion was to tender with the café in its current state.

Cr Newman enquired on the term of the contract period, and if this should be two years rather than three years. Cr Chandler agreed to amend the motion to two years.

Cr Chandler spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that there has been much discussion amongst Council's tourism team over recent months with regard to this, as well as advice sought from tourism representatives outside of the Maranoa region. A lot of ideas have been raised but they always return to the question 'what is the tourism role of the Big Rig?' That's what leads the team to decide that this is the best model for running tourism in the Maranoa and that Council needs to be in control of the tourist facility.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that he believes this is a lost opportunity to ask tenderers to provide scope for potential redevelopment of the café area. The Mayor further indicated he believes this would be in the community's interest and could improve the Big Rig complex, visitor experience and foster a thriving business by unlocking the potential of the gardens which are part of the oil patch. This is a two year missed opportunity at a time when the Big Rig needs revitalisation.

Cr Newman spoke in favour of the motion, agreeing that it is an exciting time for tourism in the Maranoa and that the Big Rig is one of the region's major tourist attractions. Cr Newman indicated that this is an opportunity to explore opportunities for expansion and further development, and acknowledged that the café is an important part of the complex.

Cr Chandler closed by indicating that this is about the future and moving forward, looking at what we're aiming to achieve in tourism in the Maranoa.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/33

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Newman

That Council invite tenders for the operation of the Roma Big Rig Café for a period of two years.

CARRIED

7/2

Mayor Golder called for a division of the vote. The outcomes were recorded as follows:

Those in Favour of the Motion	Those Against the Motion
Cr. Chambers	Cr. Golder
Cr. Chandler	Cr. McMullen
Cr. Flynn	
Cr. Newman	
Cr. O'Neil	
Cr. Schefe	
Cr. Stanford	

Responsible Officer

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Cr Flynn declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to the following item, due to his personal business operations out of the Roma Airport. Cr Flynn left the Chamber at 3.34pm taking no further part in discussions on the matter.

Item Number: LC.2 **File Number:** D17/80619

SUBJECT HEADING: RETABLED FROM 27 SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING WITH UPDATE - ROMA AIRPORT FEE WAIVER AND PAVEMENT CONCESSION

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

Executive Summary:

A waiver of landing and passenger fees at the Roma airport on 16/17 March 2018 and a pavement concession have been requested for a Fokker 70 aircraft.

Discussion:

Cr Schefe enquired if one of the conditions of the original resolution (GM/09.2017/78) was the provision of a letter of support from Outback Futures, and if the letter had been received. Council discussed the matter and the mover and seconder of the motion agreed to include a point in the motion to remove the requirement for the letter to be received.

Cr Chambers enquired how Council would be acknowledged for their sponsorship. The mover and seconder of the motion agreed to include a point in the motion with regards to this.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/34	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Stanford
That:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council sponsor the Roma Picnic Races initiative with Sheehan Events and Outback Futures to the value of \$7,737.40 (including GST). 2. Funds be transferred within GL 2511 (Airport Administration) to a specific (new) Sub account 2249. 3. Council's sponsorship be appropriately acknowledged. 4. Council consider the pavement concession following confirmation of the timing of the Runway Overlay Project. 5. The requirement for the letter from Outback Futures be removed. 	
CARRIED	8/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Airports (Roma, Injune, Surat, Mitchell)
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At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Flynn entered the Chamber at 3.47pm.

Cr Chandler declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to the following item, due to a family member being mentioned in the report. Cr Chandler left the Chamber at 3.47pm taking no further part in discussions on the matter. Cr Chandler did not return to the meeting.

Item Number: LC.3 **File Number:** D17/80618

SUBJECT HEADING: MINOR UPDATES TO THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

With some staff movements and some required reshaping of roles, it was requested that Council approve some additional changes to the Organisational Structure.

Resolution No. GM/10.2017/35

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council approve:

1. **A change in department name to Environment, Health, Waste & Rural Land Services (in lieu of Environmental Health) and that this be reflected in the Manager's and Support Officer's titles.**
2. **The renaming of Position 0991 - Communications Officer - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services and repositioning it to take Executive Leadership from the Director, with day to day / operational management by the Manager - Communication, Information & Administration Services.**
3. **Proceeding with the Organisational Change process to bring the functions of Strategic Asset Management and Finance together and progressively reallocating positions and tasks to other Departments including:**
 - **Town Planning engineering assessment to transition to Position 0333 – Senior Engineer - Contract Management & Development**
 - **Transitional arrangements for and additional communication with the current incumbents in the Support Officer position 0504 and Specialist (Facilities) 0312.**
4. **The renaming of Position 0202 to Lead Payroll Officer / Payroll System Administrator.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Update on Staff Matter

The Director Infrastructure foreshadowed the distribution of information in relation to a staff matter.

The Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services declared a perceived 'Conflict of Interest' due to her husband's employment with the relevant State agency and left the chamber to enable the Director Infrastructure Services to mention it to Councillors prior to the close of the meeting. The Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services left the Chamber at 2.43pm taking no part in discussions on the matter, and did not return to the Chamber.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.48pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next General Meeting of Council to be held on 25 October 2017, at Roma Administration Centre.

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Mayor

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Date