



LATE ITEMS AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 27 October 2021

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 25 October 2021

Mayor:

Councillor T D Golder

Deputy Mayor:
Councillors:

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

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms Julie Reitano

Executive Management:

Mr Rob Hayward Deputy Chief Executive Officer/ (Acting) Director
Regional Development
Ms Sharon Frank (Acting) Director Corporate Services)

Attached is the agenda for the **Ordinary Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on **27 October, 2021 at 9.00AM.**

Julie Reitano
Chief Executive Officer

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COUNCILLOR REQUEST FOR AN AGENDA REPORT

Meeting: Ordinary 27 October 2021

Date: 25 October 2021

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D21/85603

SUBJECT HEADING: Recruitment of Chief Executive Officer

Classification: Open Access

Councillor's Title: Cr Geoff McMullen

Executive Summary:

Commencement of recruitment process to fill the position of Chief Executive Officer upon vacancy of the position.

This matter had been laid on the table at the Ordinary Meeting on 13 October 2021 to seek legal advice.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That in view of Resolution Number OM/08.2021/8, that Council seeks applications from suitability qualified persons to fill the pending vacancy of Chief Executive Officer of Maranoa Regional Council to commence on or after 2 March 2022.

Details of Requested Agenda Report:

Proposal to seek applications to fill the pending vacancy of the Chief Executive, with a view to the successful applicant commencing on or after 2 March 2022.

Resolution Number OM/08.2021/8 states:

That Council:

1. Provide formal written advice that Council not enter into a new contract with the current Chief Executive Officer, consistent with the provisions of Clause 4.1 of the stated contract.
2. Adhere with Clause 13.1 of the stated contract which directs that Council "shall keep confidential and shall not disclose, publish nor publicise the reason for the Council's decision".

Supporting Documentation:

Nil.

OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: Ordinary 27 October 2021

Date: 25 October 2021

Item Number: L.2

File Number: D21/85637

SUBJECT HEADING: Mitchell Multi Purpose Facility

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Director Booringa

Executive Summary:

Following consultation undertaken by Council seeking community input into the design of a Mitchell Multi Purpose Facility, the Booringa Action Group has expressed concern about the conclusions. The Group believe that the outcome of the consultation meeting is not in the best interests of the Mitchell community and are seeking a review of this process before any further steps are taken or any further funds expended on new plans.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the concerns expressed by the Booringa Action Group.
2. Refer the matter to an upcoming Councillor briefing to receive further information about the consultation and Facility design.

Individuals or Organisations to which the report applies:

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

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

Booringa Action Group

Acronyms:

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

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

Acronym	Description
BAG	Booringa Action Group

Context:

Why is the matter coming before Council?

As requested by the Booringa Action Group (BAG) and supported by Councillors who attended the recent BAG meeting (21 October 2021).

Background:

Has anything already happened in relation to this matter?

(Succinct overview of the relevant facts, without interpretation)

Council has previously conducted several public consultation events, seeking the views of the Mitchell community on the design of a multi-purpose facility, leading to two options being considered.

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

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

Not applicable.

Council Policies or Asset Management Plans:

Does Council have a policy, plan or approach ordinarily followed for this type of decision?

What are relevant sections of the policy or plan?

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

Not applicable.

Input into the Report & Recommendation:

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

Booringa Action Group – have requested that Council review the consultation process and building design.

Funding Bodies:

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

It is proposed that the construction of the Mitchell Multi-Purpose Facility be funded from external sources.

This Financial Year's Budget:

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

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

Council has a budget of \$68,000 this financial year to progress concepts to detailed designs.

Future Years' Budgets:

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

Future expenditure is dependent on the approved design and funding opportunities.

Impact on Other Individuals or Interested Parties:

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

(Interested Parties Analysis - IS9001:2015)

The Mitchell community will be generally impacted, particularly the prospective users, including Landcare, the Country University Centres, students and visiting professionals (who may use rooms within the building).

Risks:

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

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Failure to come to an agreed design.	Without an agreed design, it is likely that funding opportunities will be missed and the project may not proceed.
Failure to meet community expectations.	If community expectations and consensus is not achieved, Council's reputation may be damaged.

Advice to Council:

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

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

Council is faced with the task of moderating the different views of the community to resolve the competing proposed design issues.

Recommendation:

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

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

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

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

The recommendation will provide staff an opportunity to present a comprehensive and balanced summary of all community inputs and issues for Council's consideration.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2018-2023

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.10 Facilities

Supporting Documentation:

[1](#) BAG Booringa Action Group letter regarding the New Multi Purpose Facility old Dance Studio

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Dear Norm,

At its General Meeting held last evening (Thursday October 21, 2021), BAG members expressed grave concern at the recent change of direction taken with the planning for the new Council building in Cambridge Street in Mitchell.

The development of this concept to date has been along the following timeline:

- March 23, 2021 – Initial community consultation regarding re-development of the site. The meeting was well attended and provided the facilitator with a virtually unanimous design concept. That concept was based around filling presently unmet space needs in Mitchell
- May 12, 2021 – A second round of discussions with Struxi Architects to flesh out design requirements based on the proposal adopted at the March meeting
- October 7, 2021 – A third meeting called to provide feedback on the two concept designs provided by the architects following the two prior meetings.

Quite amazingly, the October meeting concluded by basically wiping the discussions to date and the facilitator going away to investigate incorporating a new library into the design.

It is BAG's contention that this latest step is not in keeping with all of the initial discussion nor is it in the best interests of the Mitchell community for the following reasons:

- The original concept was based around providing modern space for community needs which cannot currently be met by existing infrastructure. That includes things like rooms for visiting professionals, floorspace for active community groups (eg Landcare) and small to medium meeting spaces. Strategically the proposed replacement of the old Dance studio is arguably a once in a lifetime opportunity to get a new building in the main street which could meet these needs.
- There is no demonstrated demand for library space. The current library occupies a significant community heritage space and dovetails perfectly with the incorporated Gallery. The co-use provides responsible supervision of the complex by Council staff and allows the Gallery to house high quality Exhibitions because of the security provided by that arrangement. We believe the Mitchell operation basically mirrors the operation of the Galleries in Roma, Surat and Injune in respect of supervision.
- If the comfort of staff (eg heat and/or cold) is an issue in the current library, there are certainly far less expensive ways of solving that problem than building a new library.
- Incorporating a new library into the proposed building would mean almost doubling the size of the existing proposed building (and subsequently the cost) with a reasonably consequential possibility that this proposed project will get pushed well into the out years (if it ever comes to fruition). The community need for the space initially proposed is now.
- Incorporating a new library into the proposed building would also inevitably mean a drastic increase in foot traffic in the complex. That would be completely at odds with the other intended uses of the building which should be relatively quiet and private spaces.

BAG is also concerned that if the whole set of concept plans is set back to Struxi for a complete redraw, this will significantly impact the budget allowed for the project in this and coming years and given our views outlined above, would certainly not be the best use of available funds.

BAG therefore, seeks a full Council review of this process before any further steps are taken or any further funds expended on new plans. It understands that essentially it is one voice in the community but believes that the major deviation taken in the planning process at the October 7 meeting is more than sufficient reason for Council to review the process urgently.

Yours faithfully,



Jeff Watson

Chief Executive Officer.