

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 13 APRIL 2016 COMMENCING AT 1.30PM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr. T D Golder chaired the meeting with, Deputy Mayor, Cr. J L Chambers, Cr. R Bryant, Cr. N H Chandler, Cr P J Flynn, Cr. C J O'Neil, Cr. G B McMullen, Cr. D J Schefe, Cr. J M Stanford, Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano, Coordinator – Corporate Communications – Jane Frith, Support Officer - Office of the Mayor – Michelle Filan and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services – Sharon Frank, Manager Planning & Building Development – Danielle Pearn, Coordinator Grants, Local Development & Council Events – Susan Sands, Coordinator Debtors – Deborah Gehlaar.

GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance at the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 1.36pm.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/01

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That the minutes of the General Meeting (19-9.03.16) held on 9 March 2016 be received, noting concerns raised by Cr. Flynn with respect to:

Item L.1 – Declaration of Road Train Routes

Following the meeting, a number of errors were identified in the Urban Road Train Maps presented at that meeting.

CARRIED

9/0

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/02

Moved Cr Bryant

Seconded Cr Schefe

That the minutes of the Post-Election Meeting (6.04.16) held on 6 April 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

9/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

SUBJECT HEADING: DECLARATION OF ROAD TRAIN ROUTES

Executive Summary:

Noting the concerns raised by Cr. Flynn with respect to a number of errors identified in the Urban Road Train Maps following their presentation at the General Meeting on 9 March 2016, Council considered an approach to review the identified maps.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/03	
Moved Cr Flynn	Seconded Cr Bryant
That the Urban Road Train Access Route maps presented at the General Meeting on 9 March 2016 be further reviewed and considered at an upcoming Councillor Workshop.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager – Strategic Project Planning & asset Management
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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

OFFICE OF THE CEO

Item Number: 10.1 File Number: D16/26443

SUBJECT HEADING: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION AND DISCIPLINE TRIBUNAL REPORT 2015

Officer's Title: Manager - Strategic Human Resource Management

Executive Summary:

On 30 November 2015 the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal ('the Tribunal') concluded its review of remuneration for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors of Local Governments as required by Chapter 8, Part 1, Division 1 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 ('the LG Reg').

The Tribunal determinations included reducing the number of categories of Local Governments from 10 to 8, incorporating a new category of Local Government between the previous categories of 3 and 4. Maranoa Regional Council (MRC) has been classified by the Tribunal as a Category 2 Council.

Discussion:

Cr. Flynn spoke of his disappointment that Maranoa Regional Council had been allocated to a reduced categorisation, as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal in 2015.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/04	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Scheffe
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the change in Category from 4 to 2 as determined by the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal. 2. Put forward a submission to the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal seeking a review of the Level 2 Remuneration Schedule categorisation assigned to Maranoa Regional, with a view to requesting that Council being considered for categorisation of at least a level 3. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Strategic Human Resource Management
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Item Number: 10.2 **File Number:** D16/27671

SUBJECT HEADING: COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

This report was presented to Council for consideration of the provision of superannuation benefits for Councillors.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/05	
Moved Cr Flynn	Seconded Cr O'Neil
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take part in a superannuation scheme for its Councillors. 2. Pay contributions proportionate to contributions paid by Council to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme for its standard permanent employees on behalf of each Councillor. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services
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Item Number: 10.3 **File Number:** D16/28172

SUBJECT HEADING: ELECTED MEMBERS - PAYG

Officer's Title: Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Councillors are not regarded as employees for taxation purposes. Council may resolve under section 446-5 of the Tax Administration Act 1953 (TAA) to be an 'eligible local governing body' meaning that Councillors will be regarded as employees for the purpose of Pay As You Go withholding. This would also result in Councillors being treated as employees for a wide range of other taxation purposes.

Discussion:

Council requested additional information in relation to the report, and determined that the matter should lay on the table for further discussion at a later point during the meeting.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/06	
Moved Cr Chambers	Seconded Cr Bryant
Procedural Motion - That the matter lay on the table for further consideration at a later point during the meeting, pending the outcome of further enquiries.	
CARRIED	9/0

Item Number: 10.4 **File Number:** D16/26432

SUBJECT HEADING: PERSONS ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL WHO FAILED TO VOTE IN THE 2016 LOCAL GOVERNMENT QUADRENNIAL ELECTION

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

Executive Summary:

This report clarified that failure to vote at the recent local government election is a matter that rests solely with the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) in accordance with the Local Government Electoral Act 2011.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/07	
Moved Cr Chambers	Seconded Cr O'Neil
That Council note the information provided.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Elected Members & Community Engagement
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CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Item Number: 11.1 **File Number:** D16/29000

SUBJECT HEADING: ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR

COUNCILLORS

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

Executive Summary:

The report sought Council's endorsement of a rotational approach in booking accommodation for Councillors when travelling on Council business within the region in support of accommodation providers in the Maranoa region.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/08

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council:

1. **Book accommodation with local service providers within the Maranoa region, on a rotational basis when accommodation is required for Councillors attending to Council business.**
2. **Update the Councillor Expenses & Provision of Facilities Policy & Community Engagement Policy to reflect this recommendation.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Elected Members & Community Engagement

Item Number:

11.2

File Number: D16/29238

SUBJECT HEADING:

DRAFT EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

Officer's Title:

Coordinator - Elected Members & Community Engagement

Executive Summary:

This report sought Council's adoption of the Expenses Reimbursement Policy in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/09

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council:

1. **Adopt the Expenses Reimbursement Policy as presented, including the addition of:**

4.2.8 Councillor Community Engagement

Councillors may incur expenses for the purpose of conducting community engagement activities relevant to their portfolio or other business of Council. Each Councillor has an allocation of \$3,000 per annum (any unspent funds cannot be carried forward to the subsequent financial year)

2. **Ensure a copy of the policy may be inspected and purchased at any Customer Service Centre around the region.**
3. **Publish the policy on the Council's website.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Elected Members & Community Engagement
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Item Number: 11.3 **File Number:** D16/25053

SUBJECT HEADING: ELECTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND (LGAQ) EXECUTIVE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

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

Executive Summary:

Correspondence has been received from Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) calling nominations for the election of the South West District Representative for the LGAQ Executive for the 2016-2020 term.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/10	
Moved Cr Chambers	Seconded Cr Bryant
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the letter as presented. 2. Nominate Cr. O'Neil as candidate for the election of the South West District Representative for the LGAQ Executive, for the 2016-2020 term. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Elected Members & Community Engagement
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DEVELOPMENT, FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Item Number: 13.1 **File Number:** D16/28328

SUBJECT HEADING: CUSTOMER REQUEST FOR CARTING LOAM

Officer's Title: Grants Officer

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council received a request for Major Non- Financial Assistance from the Wallumbilla Campdraft Committee to assist them by carting 200 cubic metres of loam to the Wallumbilla arena for their Show held on 29 - 30 April 2016.

Discussion:

Cr. Flynn advised that the loam had been sourced locally through a property owner (at no cost to Council), and was suitable for its intended purpose. He further advised that this was a recommendation of the Wallumbilla Show Grounds Advisory Committee at its meeting on 18 February 2016.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/11	
Moved Cr Flynn	Seconded Cr Scheffe
That Council:	

1. Provide Major Non-Financial Assistance to the Wallumbilla Campdraft Committee by carting 200 cubic metres of loam to the arena area in Wallumbilla for the annual Show, which will be held on 29 – 30 April, 2016.
2. Allocate the value of assistance, estimated at \$1,168 to the Major Non-Financial Assistance budget GL 2887.2248.2001.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Grants Officer

COUNCILLOR BUSINESS

Item Number:

22.1

File Number: D16/28591

SUBJECT HEADING:

LOCAL AREA / TOWN MANAGEMENT MODEL

Author and Councillor's Title:

Cr. Tyson Golder

Executive Summary:

As Council will be aware, a key element of my campaign was about putting "Local" Back in Local Government, and also about reviewing Local Government as a business.

There is no doubt that local government is in the business of delivering services to our communities. However, it is also in the business of using a collective approach to solving needs and issues within the community. I am firmly of the view that regionalisation of service delivery doesn't always need to mean centralisation, and that there is more that we can be doing at a local level.

Council's support was sought to explore, as quickly as possible, opportunities to decentralise some of Council's service delivery, while still keeping many of the benefits of regionalisation. By listening locally, reacting and servicing locally, I am confident that we will job create locally.

It will also pave the way for Council to further work with the community, build on the partnerships Council is establishing with local business, and foster prosperity for the long term benefit of the Maranoa.

The following report outlined my key thoughts and sought Council's approval to formally consider a report from the Chief Executive Officer about how these initiatives can be incorporated within the Council's Organisational/Staffing structure.

Discussion:

Council determined that the matter should lay on the table, to allow further consideration of the report from the Chief Executive Officer about how the initiatives could be incorporated within the organisational/staffing structure.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/12

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded

Procedural Motion - That the matter lay on the table for further consideration at a later point during the meeting.

CARRIED

9/0

Item Number: 22.2 **File Number:** D16/28881

SUBJECT HEADING: REBUILD OF THE ROMA HOSPITAL

Author and Councillor's Title: Cr. Jan Chambers

Executive Summary:

With the current State Government's pledge to commit \$70 million to fund a total rebuild of the Roma Hospital, and the potential for a state election to be held prior to commencement of its construction, Council should advocate to the opposition leader and shadow minister seeking a commitment to continue with the project if they are returned to government.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/13

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council write to the State opposition leader for the Liberal National Party (LNP), Lawrence Springborg, and Shadow Minister for Health, Mark McArdle, seeking a commitment that they will continue to fund a rebuild of the Roma Hospital should they be returned to government.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator – Elected Members & Community Engagement

Item Number: 22.3 **File Number:** D16/28986

SUBJECT HEADING: NOMINATION OF DELEGATES FOR SOUTH-WEST REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEMBERSHIP (SW RED)

Author and Councillor's Title: Cr. Jan Chambers

Executive Summary:

This report sought endorsement of Council representation on the South-West Regional Economic Development Group (SW RED).

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/14

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Stanford

That:

- 1. Council continue to participate as a member of SWRED.**
- 2. Cr O'Neil be Council's nominated delegate on the South-West Regional Economic Development Group (SW RED), for the 2016 – 2020 term of Council.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator – Elected Members & Community Engagement/Specialist – Business Development

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/15	
Moved Cr Chandler	Seconded Cr Flynn
That Cr. Bryant be the nominated community representative on the South-West Regional Economic Development Group (SW RED), for the 2016 – 2020 term of Council.	
CARRIED	8/1

Responsible Officer	Coordinator – Elected Members & Community Engagement
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LATE ITEMS

Cr. Flynn declared a ‘Material Personal Interest’ in the following item with respect to any discussion pertaining to the Roma Airport, (a potential project for submission to the funding program). Cr. Flynn operates his personal business out of Roma Airport.

Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 2.15pm, taking no further part in discussions relating to the Roma Airport Runway Upgrade project.

At cessation of discussion, Cr. Flynn entered the Chamber at 2.22pm.

Item Number:	L.1	File Number: D16/25283
SUBJECT HEADING:	SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR BUILDING OUR REGIONS	
Officer’s Title:	Coordinator - Grants, Local Development & Council Events	

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to submit projects for funding under the Queensland Government Building Our Regions Program. Proposed projects were submitted for Council’s consideration and endorsement.

The program requires that Expressions of interest (EOI) first be submitted, and then selected projects will be asked to provide a more detailed business case. The Royalties for Resource Producing Communities fund has \$55 million available over 2 years (\$27.5 million for this round).

Discussion:

Council determined that the matter should lay on the table pending further clarification with respect to requirements relating to three (3) of the projects under consideration.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/16	
Moved Cr Scheffe	Seconded
Procedural Motion – That the matter lay on the table for further consideration at a later point during the meeting, pending the outcome of further investigations.	
CARRIED	9/0

Item Number: L.2 **File Number:** D16/29256

SUBJECT HEADING: CONFIDENTIALITY PROCEDURE

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

With the commencement of the new Council (2016-2020,) and the inclusion of newly elected Mayor and Councillors, the confidentiality procedure was tabled for Council's information and endorsement.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/17	
Moved Cr Bryant	Seconded Cr Stanford
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the procedure, and note its contents. 2. Adopt the Confidentiality Procedure as presented, for use during the Council term 2016 – 2020, unless otherwise amended by Council resolution. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
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Item Number: L.3 **File Number:** D16/29258

SUBJECT HEADING: COUNCILLOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

With the commencement of the new Council (2016-2020) and the inclusion of newly elected Mayor and Councillors, the Councillor Code of Conduct was tabled for Council's information and endorsement.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/18	
Moved Cr Bryant	Seconded Cr McMullen
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the procedure, and note its contents. 2. Adopt the Councillor Code of Conduct, for use during the Council term 2016 – 2020, unless otherwise amended by Council resolution. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
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Item Number: L.4 **File Number:** D16/29707
SUBJECT HEADING: STANDING ORDERS POLICY
Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report tabled the draft Standing Order Policy for the Council term 2016-2020.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/19	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Stanford
That Council Adopt the Standing Orders Policy as presented.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
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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;
- (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/04.2016/20	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Scheffe
That Council close the meeting to the public at 2.26pm.	
CARRIED	9/0

Cr. O'Neil declared a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to Item C.1 – Request for Assistance from Roma Show Society due to him being a member of the Roma Show Society. Cr. O'Neil elected to remain for discussions on the basis that it would not influence his ability to consider the broader public interest.

Cr. O'Neil left the Chamber at 2.40pm, and entered at 2.42pm.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/21

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council open the meeting to the public at 4.35pm.

CARRIED

9/0

Cr. O'Neil left the Chamber at 4.36pm, and entered at 4.37pm.

Cr. O'Neil declared a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to the following item due to him being a member of the Roma Show Society.

Cr. O'Neil elected to remain for discussions on the basis that it would not influence his ability to consider the broader public interest.

Item Number:

C.1

File Number: D16/26048

SUBJECT HEADING:

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ROMA SHOW SOCIETY

Officer's Title:

Grants Officer

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council received a request for Major Non-Financial Assistance from the Roma Show Society for the Show to be held 5-7 May, 2016.

Discussion:

Council determined that the matter should lay on the table for further consideration at a later point during the meeting, following the receipt of additional information.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/22

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded

Procedural Motion – That the matter lay on the table for further consideration at a later point during the meeting, following the receipt of further information.

CARRIED

9/0

COUNCILLOR REPORTS CONTINUED

Item Number:

22.1

File Number: D16/28591

SUBJECT HEADING:

LOCAL AREA / TOWN MANAGEMENT MODEL

Author and Councillor's Title:

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Executive Summary:

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locally, reacting and servicing locally, I am confident that we will job create locally.

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The following report outlined my key thoughts and sought Council's approval to formally consider a report from the Chief Executive Officer about how these initiatives can be incorporated within the Council's Organisational/Staffing structure.

This matter had been laid on the table earlier during the meeting, allowing for consideration of the of the report put forward by the Chief Executive Officer, titled – Preliminary Report – Staffing Proposal for Local Area/Town management Model.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/23

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council formally consider a detailed report on a local area staffing model at the next Council Meeting on 27 April 2016, with no change to the organisational structure and Council's budget bottom line.

CARRIED

8/1

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number:

10.3

File Number: D16/28172

SUBJECT HEADING:

ELECTED MEMBERS - PAYG

Officer's Title:

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Councillors are not regarded as employees for taxation purposes. Council may resolve under section 446-5 of the Tax Administration Act 1953 (TAA) to be an 'eligible local governing body' meaning that Councillors will be regarded as employees for the purpose of Pay As You Go withholding. This would also result in Councillors being treated as employees for a wide range of other taxation purposes.

This matter had been laid on the table earlier during the meeting, pending the outcome of further enquiries, this information now to hand, Council resumed its deliberations.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/24

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council:

- 1. Not be considered as an Eligible Local Governing Body under the Tax Administration Act 1953 for taxation purposes.**
- 2. Explore the opportunity for individual Councillors to have funds forwarded to the Australian Tax Office (ATO) on their behalf.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Director - Corporate, Community & Commercial Services

Cr. Flynn declared a 'Material Personal Interest' in the following item with respect to the Roma Airport Runway Upgrade, a project under consideration for submission. Cr. Flynn operates his personal business out of Roma Airport.

Cr. Flynn left the Chamber at 4.50pm, taking no further part in discussion or debate on the matter.

Item Number: L.1 **File Number:** D16/25283

SUBJECT HEADING: SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS FOR BUILDING OUR REGIONS

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

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to submit projects for funding under the Queensland Government Building Our Regions Program. Proposed projects were submitted for Council's consideration and endorsement.

The program requires that Expressions of interest (EOI) first be submitted, and then selected projects will be asked to provide a more detailed business case. The Royalties for Resource Producing Communities fund has \$55 million available over 2 years (\$27.5 million for this round).

This matter had been laid on the table earlier during the meeting to further clarify requirements around three (3) of the projects under consideration. This information to hand, Council resumed deliberations.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/25

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Bryant

That Council:

- 1. Submit prioritised project/s under the Queensland Government Building Our Regions Program, being:**

Project Priority	Project Name	Total Estimated Project Cost	Funding Request
1	Roma Airport Runway Upgrade	\$5,283,947	\$2,000,000
2	Remote Townships Water Sustainability Project (Yuleba & Surat)	\$1,100,000	\$ 550,000
3	Sewer Main Diversion – Major Street, Roma	\$ 920,180	\$ 460,090
4	Raslie Road Upgrade	\$3,200,000	\$1,000,000
5	Blythdale North Road	\$6,100,000	\$ 2,000,000

- 2. Commit to providing appropriate co-contributions in the 2016-17 budget to allow any successful project/s to commence no later than 30 June 2017.**

- 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the sub-agreement/s with the Department of State Development on behalf of Council for any successful project/s.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Grants, Local Development &

	Council Events
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At cessation of discussion and debate on the abovementioned item, Cr. Flynn entered the Chamber at 4.52pm.

Cr. O'Neil declared a potential perceived 'Conflict of Interest' in relation to the following item due to him being a member of the Roma Show Society.

Cr. O'Neil elected to remain for discussions on the basis that it would not influence his ability to consider the broader public interest.

Item Number: C.1 **File Number:** D16/26048

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ROMA SHOW SOCIETY

Officer's Title: Grants Officer

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council received a request for Major Non-Financial Assistance from the Roma Show Society for the Show to be held 5-7 May, 2016.

This matter had been laid on the table earlier during the meeting pending the outcome of further investigations. With the information now to hand, council resumed its deliberations.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/26

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council:

1. Approve non-financial assistance to a maximum value of \$17,200 for assistance identified by the Roma Show Society including:

- Preparation of Bassett Park prior to the Show
- Delivery of sawdust for bedding in agricultural sections (The Committee will source sawdust, previously obtained from Injune Cypress Mill)
- Provision of a bobcat and driver to spread sawdust into stalls
- Provision of a bobcat/forklift and driver to unload and load portable panels before and after the Show
- Use of rubbish bins at Bassett Park
- Use of recreational horses stables for horse section
- Other assistance which may be determined as the event progresses
- Promotion of the Roma Show on Council's event website, relevant e-news contacts and Facebook page
- Provision of Mobile Parenting Van

2. Reduce the rental fees at Bassett Park from \$2,379.60 to \$2,000 for the event.

3. Allocate the associated costs to the Major Non-Financial Assistance Budget GL 2887.2247

CARRIED (Cr O'Neil voted in favour of the motion)

9/0

Responsible Officer	Grants Officer
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Item Number: C.2 **File Number:** D16/28826

SUBJECT HEADING: PRELIMINARY REPORT - STAFFING PROPOSAL FOR LOCAL AREA / TOWN MANAGEMENT MODEL

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report tabled the outcome of preliminary discussions with the Executive Management Team about how the Mayor's local area model could be incorporated into the Organisational Structure – and what type of staffing appointments would be needed.

Similar to past Organisational Structure changes, it was proposed that internal consultation with Council staff be undertaken, if Council is supportive of the concept in principle. The feedback from the internal consultation was proposed to be tabled at the next Council meeting on 27 April 2016, if Council concurs with the matter proceeding to the next stage.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/27

Moved Cr Scheffe

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council:

1. Receive and note the outcome of preliminary discussions with the Executive Management as tabled.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to conduct internal consultation using the management model report presented as a basis for discussion with local area/town staff.
3. Requires that the outcome of discussions be brought back to Council for further consideration at the next General Meeting on 27 April 2016.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: C.3 **File Number:** D16/29247

SUBJECT HEADING: FORMAL INTRODUCTION TO NEW COUNCIL - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER POSITION

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The Chief Executive Officer separately circulated a copy of her background and experience for the benefit of new Councillors, including an overview of her time with Maranoa Regional Council.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/28

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council:

1. Gives its 'Vote of Confidence' for Chief Executive Officer – Julie Reitano.
2. Initiate a feature on the Chief Executive Officer for circulation to the community via

Council's approved communication forums.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Item Number:

LC.1

File Number: D16/27385

SUBJECT HEADING:

RECOVERY OF OUTSTANDING INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGES (DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL REF: 2013/18592 & 2014/18920)

Officer's Title:

Manager - Planning & Building Development

Executive Summary:

Council has commenced legal proceedings against the applicant in an effort to recover outstanding infrastructure charges associated with two approved developments in Roma. The applicant has subsequently indicated their objection to pay the charges and have sought an extension of time to make representations in their defense. In an attempt to resolve the matter without continuing legal proceedings, Council has granted an extension of time until 2 May 2016.

Resolution No. GM/04.2016/29

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council advise Mr. and Mrs. Merrick (the applicant) that:

- 1. The infrastructure charges associated with development approvals 2013/18592 and 2014/18920 are in accordance with Council's current infrastructure charges resolutions and the charge applicable is \$25,059.**
- 2. Council is prepared to accept a payment plan over a 3 month period with payments due by the following dates:**
 - 1. 13 May 2016**
 - 2. 13 June 2016**
 - 3. 13 July 2016**
- 3. The total payment payable is the amount initially invoiced in addition to any legal costs and interest, and payments are to equal monthly instalments, with the 13 July payment incorporating any final adjustments.**
- 4. Advise Mr. and Mrs. Merrick, through their legal representatives, that legal proceedings will be recommenced in the event that a payment is not received by any of the due dates.**

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Responsible Officer

Manager - Planning & Building Development

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.15pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next General Meeting of Council to be held on 27 April 2016, at Roma Administration Centre.

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Mayor.

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Date.