



LATE ITEMS BUSINESS PAPER

General Meeting

Wednesday 14 September 2016

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 14 September 2016

Mayor:

Councillor T D Golder

Deputy Mayor:
Councillors:

Councillor J L Chambers
Councillor R Bryant
Councillor N H Chandler
Councillor P J Flynn
Councillor C J O'Neil
Councillor G B McMullen
Councillor D J Schefe
Councillor J M Stanford

Chief Executive Officer:

Ms Julie Reitano

Senior Management:

Mr Cameron Castles (Director Infrastructure Services)
Mr Rob Hayward (Director Development, Facilities &
Environmental Services)
Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate, Community & Commercial
Services)

Officers:

Ms Jane Frith (Coordinator Corporate Communications)

Please find attached agenda for the **General Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on **September 14, 2016 at 9.00AM.**

Julie Reitano
Chief Executive Officer

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OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: General 14 September 2016

Date: 13 September 2016

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D16/81805

SUBJECT HEADING: Projects to be Submitted Under 2016-17 Grants and Subsidies Program

Classification: Open Access

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 *2016-17 Grants & Subsidies Program*. The following projects have been identified as eligible, and are included in Council's 2016/17 budget:

- a. Wallumbilla Combined Emergency Services Centre
- b. Orallo Road Re-alignment
- c. Mitchell Stormwater Project

It is recommended that Council select and prioritise project/s for submission under the Program.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council :

1. Submit the following projects for funding under the Queensland Government *2016-17 Grants & Subsidies Program* in order of priority:
 - a. Wallumbilla Combined Emergency Services Centre
 - b. Orallo Road Re-alignment
 - c. Mitchell Stormwater Project
 2. Commit to providing appropriate co-contributions in the 2016/17 budget to allow completion of the projects within 12 months of advice of any successful projects (approximately October 2017).
 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the appropriate Funding Deed of Agreements with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning for any successful projects.
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Body of Report:

The Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning announced on Friday, 9 September that the *2016-17 Grants & Subsidies Program* is now open to regional councils in Queensland.

The program has \$62.3M available for eligible projects and will provide up to 60% of eligible project expenditure. (This is an increase on the 40% subsidy of recent years.) The program incorporates into one 'funding bucket' the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program (LGGSP), the Community Resilience Fund (CRF) and the National Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP), the last of which is jointly funded with the Australian Government.

The application process has been stream-lined to ensure that funds are disbursed as soon as possible, and there is a very strong focus on projects that are ready to commence as soon as funding is provided.

For this round, projects can commence as soon as the letter of approval is received from the Minister, rather than wait for the sub-agreement to be executed, as has been the case in previous years.

Relevant dates and deadlines are:

- Funding round opened Friday, 9 September 2016
- Closing date for Expressions of Interest Wednesday, 28 September 2016
- Further information request for short-listed projects – 1-2 weeks after closing
- Fast-tracked projects approved – from 12 October 2016
- Remaining projects considered for approval – from 26 October 2016
- Projects **must be completed** within 12 months of approval being received from the Minister (approximately October 2017).

Council is requested to consider and prioritise the following project/s for submission:

1. Wallumbilla Combined Emergency Services Centre

- Construction of shed on Council-owned land that will house both the Wallumbilla SES and Rural Fire Brigade.
- At its meeting on 27 April 2016, Council resolved to *apply for funding for the project in the next round of Local Government Grants & Subsidies and Community Resilience funding. Funding applications are to be dependent on the project meeting the criteria, including budget requirements.* **GM/04.2016/59**
- \$95,000 has been allocated in Council's 2016/17 budget towards the project, and Queensland Fire Service has allocated a further \$25,000, totaling \$120,000.
- Estimated cost of project for shed, slab, erection of shed, water and power plus 15% contingency is \$261,566. Note – this **does not** include any amenities such as toilet, shower, kitchen or communications room.
- Requested contribution 60% = \$141,940.

Total project cost	\$261,566
Deduct other financial contribution (\$25,000 from QFS)	\$25,000
Total eligible project cost	\$236,566
60% requested	\$141,940

2. Orallo Road Re-alignment

- The re-alignment of approximately 950m of Orallo Road is required due to movement of the water course through previous flood events. The site is adjacent to the intersection of Goldsborough and Orallo Roads, approximately 32km north-west of Roma.
- \$670,000 has been allocated in Council's 2016/17 budget. As the project has progressed, some additional costs have been identified, and a contingency of 15% added to equal \$770,500 for this application.
- Requested contribution therefore 60% of \$770,500= \$462,300

3. Mitchell Stormwater Improvements (Parts 1 and 3)

- This project has been identified and prioritised through the findings of the Mitchell Master Drainage Study to upgrade the existing Network to improve drainage at various sections and includes new stormwater pipes, new pits and headwalls.
- Part 1 is a section of Alice Street and Edinburgh Street, Mitchell.
- Part 3 is a section Harrow Street, Mitchell.
- Cost of Part 1 is \$350,000 and Part 3 is 200,000, totalling \$550,000. Requested contribution 60% = \$330,000.

It should be noted that applying for the Wallumbilla Centre, while delivering a valuable asset to the combined services groups, will not deliver any savings to Council's budget, which the other projects are able to do if successful.

It is recommended that Council select and prioritise project/s for submission under the Program.

Consultation (internal/external):

Director – Infrastructure Services

Director – Development, Facilities & Environmental Services

Department of Local Government staff – teleconference 12 September 2016.

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

Local governments with successful projects will receive an offer of financial assistance. If the local government accepts the offer, it will be required to enter into a formal funding agreement with the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning within two months of funding approval. An agreement is valid for the duration of the approved project and once signed by both parties forms a legally binding agreement.

Key features of the agreement will include: information about the funding recipient; details of the project; timeframes for completion; how funds will be spent; accountability and acquittal; acknowledgement of government funding.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Resource Implications:

The following projects are included in Council's 2016/17 budget:

Mitchell Stormwater Improvements – Part 1 and 3. WO 18469 for \$350,000 and WO 18470 for \$200,000.

Wallumbilla Combined Emergency Service Centre WO 18490 for \$95,000.

Orallo Road Re-alignment WO 18451 for \$670,000.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019

Strategic Priority 2: Our Finances

2.9 Other Council Revenue

2.9.8 Government funding

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Report authorised by:

Manager - Economic & Community Development

Director - Development, Facilities & Environmental Services

OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: General 14 September 2016

Date: 13 September 2016

Item Number: L.2

File Number: D16/82126

SUBJECT HEADING: RACQ Get Ready Queensland Funding Available for Council

Classification: Open Access

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

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council has been allocated funding under the Queensland Government RACQ Get Ready Queensland grants program to encourage community participation in preparedness and resilience building activities.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Accept the allocation of \$12,321 from the Queensland Government under the 2016/17 RACQ Get Ready Queensland program.
 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the sub-agreement.
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Body of Report:

The Queensland Government established the RACQ Get Ready Queensland (RACQ GRQ) grants program to position Queensland as Australia's most disaster resilient state. The year-round program is funded until the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

In 2016/17, over \$2M has been committed in non-competitive grants to Queensland local governments to encourage local community participation in preparedness and resilience building initiatives.

All funding allocations to grant recipients are approved by the Minister responsible for Local Government, and are based on population.

Maranoa Regional Council has been allocated \$12,321 for eligible activities, which will be paid on receipt of the signed sub-agreement.

It is recommended that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the sub-agreement on behalf of Council.

Consultation (internal/external):

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

Council has received funding through this program in previous years, and has successfully acquitted each allocation.

Policy Implications:

Nil.

Financial Resource Implications:

\$12,321 has been provided to Council in a non-competitive grants program. There are no further budget implications for Council.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019

Strategic Priority 2: Our Finances

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Supporting Documentation:

Nil

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