
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 8 MARCH 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.04AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr. T D Golder chaired the meeting with, Deputy 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 Communications – Jane Frith, and Minutes Officer – Kelly Rogers in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Director Development, Facilities & Environmental Services – Rob Hayward, Director Corporate, Community & Commercial Services – Sharon Frank, Manager Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures) – Tanya Mansfield, Manager Procurement & Commercial Services – Ryan Gittins, Specialist Finance Systems Support – Michael Chow, Specialist Lease Management & Facility User Agreements – Madonna Mole, Senior Engineer Construction & Works – John (Blue) Gwydir, Rates Officer – Catherine (Katie) Ballard, Finance Officer Debtors – Linda Acutt.

GUESTS

There were no guests in attendance at the meeting.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.04am.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/01

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Stanford

That the minutes of the General Meeting (3-22.02.17) held on 22 February 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

A number of additional items were foreshadowed for inclusion in the Agenda as follows:

- Cr. Chambers foreshadowed inclusion of a late item pertaining to Councillor attendance at the upcoming 2017 Regional Airport Development Conference;
- The Chief Executive Officer foreshadowed that additional information would be provided in relation to Item L.3 – *Receipt of Letter from Councillor Bryant*.
- The Mayor foreshadowed inclusion of a 'Mayoral Minute' at a later point during the meeting.

CORPORATE, COMMUNITY & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Item Number: 11.1 **File Number:** D17/14615

SUBJECT HEADING: MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JANUARY 2017

Officer's Title: Specialist - Finance Systems Support

Executive Summary:

The purpose of the report was for Council to receive a monthly financial report in accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the month of January 2017.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/02

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Stanford

That the financial reports to 31 January 2017 be received and noted.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Finance Systems Support

DEVELOPMENT, FACILITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Item Number: 13.1 **File Number:** D17/14354

SUBJECT HEADING: MITCHELL SHOW SOCIETY - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO YARDS

Officer's Title: Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements

Executive Summary:

Council has been approached by the Mitchell Show Society advising they wish to extend the cattle yards at the Mitchell Show Grounds.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/03
Moved Cr McMullen
Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council approve the request from the Mitchell Show Society to extend the cattle yards at the Mitchell Showgrounds subject to the following conditions:

- **The final design and specifications must be submitted to Council for acceptance before construction commences;**
- **Works are to be carried out or supervised by a registered builder;**
- **All volunteers on the job site must be inducted into Council's Workplace Health & Safety System and abide by Council's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements;**
- **The Mitchell Show Society is required to sign a User Agreement for their use of the Mitchell Showgrounds.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements
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Item Number:
13.2
File Number: D17/15511
SUBJECT HEADING:
REGIONAL POOL REPORTS - JANUARY 2017
Officer's Title:
Administration Officer - Council Buildings & Structures
Executive Summary:

Across the region Council maintains five swimming pool complexes and The Great Artesian Spa complex.

The pools are operated by contractors under management agreements. Contractors provide monthly reports to Council identifying attendance, pool temperatures, chemical levels, maintenance issues and consumables.

Reports for the month of January for the Great Artesian Spa, Mitchell Memorial Swimming Pool, Injune Swimming Pool, Denise Spencer Roma Pool, Surat Swimming Pool and Wallumbilla Swimming Pool were presented.

Discussion:

The Mayor enquired as to progress on maintenance issues raised by the Surat Pool Manager. The Manager Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures) responded by confirming that an action plan was in place for minor items, and advised that some of the larger items/requests would be put forward for Council's consideration as part of budget deliberations for the Capital Works Program.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/04
Moved Cr O'Neil
Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council receive the regional swimming pool reports for the month of January 2017.

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer	Administration Officer - Council Buildings & Structures
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LATE ITEM
Item Number: L.4 **File Number:** N/A

SUBJECT HEADING: **COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT AN UPCOMING CONFERENCE**
Councillor's Title: **Cr. Jan Chambers**
Executive Summary:

Councillor O'Neil - Portfolio Chair for Airports has been invited to attend the upcoming 2017 Regional Airport Development Conference as a guest speaker for the programme on 21 March 2017. The conference will be held in Sydney on 21 – 22 March 2017, and Cr. O'Neil has confirmed his interest and availability to accept the invitation.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/05
Moved Cr Chambers
Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council endorse the attendance of Cr. O'Neil as guest speaker at the upcoming 2017 Regional Airport Development Conference on 21 March 2017, including associated travel expenses.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer
Coordinator - Councillors & Community Engagement
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;
- (c) the local government budget;
- (d) rating concessions;
- (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/03.2017/06
Moved Cr O'Neil
Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council close the meeting to the public at 9.12am.

CARRIED

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Cr. Chambers left the chamber at 9.35am, and entered at 9.36am.
 Cr. Stanford left the chamber at 9.44am, and entered at 9.47am.
 Cr. Bryant left the chamber at 9.48am, and entered at 9.56am.
 Cr. Stanford left the chamber at 10.19am, and entered at 10.23am.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/07

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council open the meeting to the public at 10.46am.

CARRIED

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SUBJECT HEADING: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR MORNING TEA AT 10.47AM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING AT 11.08AM
 (CR. O'NEIL DID NOT RETURN TO THE CHAMBER AT RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS)

Item Number:

C.1

File Number: D17/13826

SUBJECT HEADING:

CONVERSION OF TENURE - LOT 7 ON KE106

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 over Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease (GHPL) 36/7989 being Lot 7 on KE106 to freehold tenure.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/08

Moved Cr Bryant

Seconded Cr Stanford

That Council advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines that it has no objection to the conversion over GHPL 36/7989 being Lot 7 on KE106 to freehold tenure, and should survey be required to establish the boundaries of the land parcels then:

- Council to contribute to the costs associated with completing a full survey of the land parcel;
- The contribution be limited to costs associated with establishing road reserves to encase roads within this parcel, if they are listed in Council's Road Register;
- Reimbursement be made following receipt of documents confirming the road reserves have been registered and all associated costs have been paid; and
- Authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to negotiate arrangements with the landowner.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Land Administration

Item Number:

C.2

File Number: D17/11623

SUBJECT HEADING:

LOT 99 ON SP226952

Officer's Title:

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Executive Summary:

In 2008 Council issued a Negotiated Decision Notice under the Integrated Planning Act 1997 in respect to Operational Works - Subdivision at the Roma East Industrial Estate. The transfer of Lot 99 on SP226952 is an outstanding planning requirement that the developer has requested be finalised.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/09

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Bryant

That Council:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to execute the transfer of Lot 99 on SP226952 from Warrego Equities Pty Limited to Maranoa Regional Council in accordance with the Negotiated Decision Notice dated 16 July 2008.
2. Consider in quarterly budget deliberations allocation of funds to the Facilities Budget to cover outstanding rates on the land totalling \$3,214.77.
3. Continue to pursue the outstanding infrastructure charges levied.

CARRIED

7/1

Responsible Officer

Manager - Facilities (Land, Buildings & Structures)

Item Number:

C.3

File Number: D17/14607

SUBJECT HEADING:

REQUEST TO TENANT - ROMA COMMUNITY HUB

Officer's Title:

Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements

Executive Summary:

An Expression of Interest was received from the National Disability Insurance Agency to tenant an office within the Roma Community Hub.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/10

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council:

1. Enter into a tenancy arrangement with the National Disability Insurance Agency for an office within the Roma Community Hub for a period of six (6) months, with the option to renew for a further 12 month period.
2. Offer the National Disability Insurance Agency the opportunity to enter into this arrangement at the agreed rental amount of \$550 per month (Inc. GST).

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Specialist - Lease Management & Facility User Agreements

Item Number: C.4 **File Number:** D17/15495

SUBJECT HEADING: BIG RIG MANAGEMENT REPORT FEBRUARY 2017

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Council Buildings & Structures

Executive Summary:

The Big Rig Report for the month of February 2017 was presented for Council's information.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/11	
Moved Cr Chandler	Seconded Cr Stanford
That Council receive the Big Rig report as presented.	
CARRIED	8/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Council Buildings & Structures
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Item Number: C.5 **File Number:** D17/13883

SUBJECT HEADING: MINOR AMENDMENTS TO TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (TIDS) PROGRAM - WESTGROVE ROAD

Officer's Title: Senior Engineer - Construction & Works
Support Officer - Roads, Drainage & Parks

Executive Summary:

It was proposed to extend the scope of the gravel resheet project on Westgrove Road between chainages 53.42km and 66.7km to chainages 48.8km to 66.7km without amending the original budget value.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/12	
Moved Cr Stanford	Seconded Cr McMullen
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Amend the 2016/17 Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme (TIDS) Program as follows: Westgrove Road Gravel Resheet (WO18310) - amend section to Chainage 48.8km to 66.7km, subject to receipt of approval from the South West Regional Roads & Transport Group. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the TIDS Project Scope Form and Program Change Request Form. 	
CARRIED	8/0

Responsible Officer	Senior Engineer - Construction & Works
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Item Number: C.6 **File Number:** D17/14345

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR RATE PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS – VARIOUS ASSESSMENTS

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

Applications for rates payment arrangements have been received from various ratepayers. The timeframe 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/03.2017/13

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council:

1. Accept the applicants' payment plans set out in Table A, subject to all rates, charges and arrears accumulated being paid in full by 30 June 2018 as follows:

Assessment Number	Approved Rates Payment Plan
14006589	\$2,000/month
14018717	\$200/week
14020242	\$200/week
12007944	\$300/month
14009435	\$500/fortnight

2. Decline the applicants' payment plans set out in Table B and propose to the applicants a new payment arrangement so that all rates, charges and arrears accumulated being paid in full by 30 June 2018, as follows:

Assessment Number	Applicant's rates payment proposal	Council's Proposal
14027973	\$1,000/month	\$1,323/month

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Item Number: C.7 **File Number:** D17/14554

SUBJECT HEADING: RECONSIDERATION OF PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT - ASSESSMENT 14000897

Officer's Title: Rates Officer

Executive Summary:

Correspondence was received from a rate payer requesting acceptance of a new payment plan.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/14

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr Schefe

That Council accept the payment arrangement of \$100/fortnight until the start of May 2017 and then increase the payments to \$140/fortnight, subject to all rates, charges and arrears accumulated being paid in full by 30 June 2018.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Rates Officer

Cr. O'Neil entered the Chamber at 11.35am.

Item Number: C.8 **File Number:** D17/15856

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST FOR EXTENDED PAYMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR NATURAL GAS ACCOUNT - 1000266

Officer's Title: Finance Officer - Debtors

Executive Summary:

A customer with a disconnected gas account has requested a payment arrangement that exceeds Council's debt recovery policy arrangement timeframe.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/15

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council approve the extended arrangement on gas account 1000266, being 31 fortnightly payments of \$50/fortnight to clear a total outstanding amount of \$1,514.14 by 26 April 2018.

CARRIED

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Responsible Officer

Finance Officer - Debtors

Item Number: C.9 **File Number:** D17/15690

SUBJECT HEADING: REQUEST TO DEFER PAYMENT OF BUILDING APPLICATION FEES

Officer's Title: Senior Administration Officer - Building Certification
Support Officer - Planning & Building Development

Executive Summary:

Council has received a request to defer the payment of building application fees associated with a development application for a swimming pool and pool fencing at 117 Orallo Road, Roma. The fees amount to a total of \$410.

Discussion:

Cr. Chandler spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the applicant needed to pay Council the fees currently outstanding.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/16

Moved Cr Chandler

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council accept and process the building development application for a swimming pool and pool fencing at 117 Orallo Road, Roma, on the condition that all outstanding development application fees are paid to Council within a period of 30 days from the date Council acknowledges acceptance of the application, being 14 February 2017.

CARRIED

8/1

Responsible Officer

Support Officer - Planning & Building Development

LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Item Number: LC.1 **File Number:** D17/16873

SUBJECT HEADING: WATER LICENSING & APPROVALS

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Water, Sewerage, Gas Projects & Compliance

Executive Summary:

A requirement of the Water Act 2000, and as part of Council's delivery of the Miscamble Street and Currey Street water projects, Council is required to apply to amend its existing water licences to incorporate any new activities. Council must also submit a development application for any new bore construction.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/17

Moved Cr Scheffe

Seconded Cr McMullen

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer or delegate to sign on behalf of Maranoa Regional Council the required:

- **Bore Site Development Applications;**
- **Amendments to Water Licences;**
- **Any further regulatory approvals required for these projects, subject to all details being satisfactory to Council.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Water, Sewerage, Gas Projects & Compliance
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Item Number: LC.2 **File Number:** D17/17130

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA SALEYARD WEIGHING TIMES

Officer's Title: Manager - Saleyards

Executive Summary:

Council received a letter from the applicant raising concerns about weighing timeframes at the Roma Saleyards. A report on assessment of weighing times and subsequent actions was presented to Council for information.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/18

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Bryant

That the report be received and communicated to the Saleyards Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Saleyards
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Item Number: LC.5 **File Number:** D17/17150

SUBJECT HEADING: **OUTSTANDING DEBTOR ACCOUNT - PAYMENT PLAN
NATURAL GAS ACCOUNT 1000012**

Officer's Title: **Associate to the Chief Executive Officer**

Executive Summary:

At the meeting on 22 February 2017, Council considered the intent of resolution GM/02.2017/33 and clarified that Council was open to officers liaising with the business owner regarding extending the period of time for the payment plan, with the approach to be formalised at the next meeting of Council (Resolution no. GM/02.2017/84).

As a result, a proposed payment plan has been provided to the business owner for review. The report sought Council's endorsement of the actions undertaken, and the proposed payment plan.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/19

Moved Cr Stanford

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council endorse the proposed payment plan (Attachment A of the Officer's Report), and as provided to the business owner.

CARRIED

8/1

Responsible Officer

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: LC.6 **File Number:** D17/16790

SUBJECT HEADING: **REQUEST FOR REDUCTION IN TRADING TERMS**

Officer's Title: **Associate to the Chief Executive Officer**

Executive Summary:

Council received a request from a supplier for a reduction in trading terms from 28 days to 14 days.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/20

Moved Cr Scheffe

Seconded Cr Chandler

That Council decline the requested reduction in trading terms from 28 days to 14 days for any invoiced works by the applicant.

CARRIED

8/1

Responsible Officer

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: LC.7 **File Number:** D17/17080

SUBJECT HEADING: **USE OF CURREY STREET ROMA YARD**

Author and Councillor's Title: **Cr. Geoff McMullen**

Executive Summary:

The report proposed a review of current arrangements for Council owned land located on Currey Street Roma for the purpose of storage of plant and equipment and a site for holding of auctions.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/21

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Schefe

That Council advise Slattery Auctions Australia that:

1. Council no longer wish to continue with the current arrangement for use of the Currey Street, Roma yard.
2. There are a number of alternative blocks/yards available for hire or lease from which to conduct their business in Roma.
3. Council allows 30 days for the premises to be vacated and all non-Council owned equipment removed.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Director – Infrastructure Services

Item Number:

LC.4

File Number: D17/16422

SUBJECT HEADING:

MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

Officer's Title:

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

The report sought Council approval for changes to the organisational structure.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/22

Moved Cr Flynn

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council endorse the proposed amendments to the organisational structure as follows:

- Retitle the position of Digital Communication Officer to Media and Communication Officer;
- Retitle the full time position of Coordinator – Recruitment and Onboarding to Recruitment and Onboarding Officer, noting the reclassification of the revised position;
- Retitle the casual position of Project Officer – Inductions and Employee Onboarding to Recruitment and Onboarding Officer, noting the reclassification of the revised position;
- Retitle the Procurement/Advertising & Communication Officer to Advertising & Community Communication Officer – reporting to Coordinator Communications.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Associate to the Chief Executive Officer

LATE ITEMS CONTINUED
Item Number: L.2 **File Number:** D17/15862

SUBJECT HEADING: INVESTMENT POLICY AMENDMENTS

Officer's Title: Specialist - Finance Systems Support

Executive Summary:

Council's current Investment Policy has been reviewed to optimise opportunities for achieving better investment returns on cash investments now that short term investment interest rates are reducing.

Amendments proposed include increasing the maximum funds invested (by \$2 million) for A1+, A1, A2 & A3 rated institutions (any one institution) and allowing investments of up to \$250,000 with unrated institutions (any one institution) as they are government guaranteed.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/23				
Moved Cr Chambers		Seconded Cr Flynn		
That Council amend its current Investment policy to reflect the changes as listed in the table below.				
S&P short term rating	Previous Total Limit (max % of Portfolio)	New Total Limit (max % of Portfolio)	Previous Maximum Funds (Any one Institution)	New Maximum Funds (Any one Institution)
A1+	100%	100%	\$8M	\$10M
A1	50%	50%	\$8M	\$10M
A2	30%	30%	\$4M	\$6M
A3	10%	10%	\$4M	\$6M
Unrated	Nil	10%	Nil	\$250K
QTC Pooled funds	100%	100%	Unlimited	Unlimited
CARRIED				9/0

Responsible Officer	Specialist - Finance Systems Support
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Item Number: L.3 **File Number:** D17/17207

SUBJECT HEADING: RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR BRYANT

Officer's Title: Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary:

A copy of a letter from Councillor Robyn Bryant was tabled – a letter of resignation from her role as Councillor for Maranoa Regional Council. The Chief Executive Officer provided an updated report.

The relevant sections of the Local Government Act are:

- Section 162(1)(f) of the Local Government Act 2009 (“the Act”), a councillor’s office becomes vacant if a councillor “resigns as a councillor by signed notice of resignation given to the chief executive officer”.
- Section 161(3) of the Act, if the effective date of the councillor’s resignation is on or before 18 March 2017, the vacancy in the office of councillor occurs during the “beginning” of the Council’s current term.
- Section 163(2) of the Act, the vacancy in the office of councillor must be filled.
- Section 166(2) of the Act, Council “must, by resolution, fill the vacant office by either... a by-election or ... appointing the runner-up in the last election”. Subsection (3) of section 166 defines “runner-up” as being the person who would have been elected if the former councillor had not won the last quadrennial election”.

Discussion:

Cr. Bryant delivered an address to all present.

“It is with great disappointment that I tender my resignation as Councillor for the Maranoa Regional Council. I feel that at this point I am unable to commit fully to the role and as such am not representing the people who elected me to the level that is expected.

As many of you will know the last 12 months have been extremely challenging for my family. In June last year we were devastated by the loss of our precious baby Rory at 19 weeks. This has taken a significant toll on me personally and continues to be a daily struggle.

In November, Greg was involved in a serious motorbike accident on our property and we are extremely blessed to still have him in our lives as a husband and father.

I realise that I will no longer have a vote in the future direction of Council, however would like to leave a few thoughts going forward.

I am extremely passionate about rural and regional Queensland and believe that Council plays a significant role in the lives of the people who choose to live and work in these communities. Whilst much of the time our focus is on the towns and communities within our region and the business and services they provide, I see each and every landholder in the rural and remote areas of our region as a business owner. They may not have a shop front in the main street, but are essential members of our business community, and as such need to be included in business discussions and decisions. Agriculture is the backbone of our economy and to a large degree keeps local business going. Please don’t forget them in your decision making processes.

I could hardly step down without a mention of the Saleyards. There is no one in this room who is more passionate about the future of the beef industry and the Roma Saleyards. This has been argued in the past, however I can assure you this is the case. Going forward, I am concerned that we continue to look at the saleyards as just an asset for Roma and the Maranoa, when we need to look at it from an industry perspective, taking into account the impact Roma has on cattle prices across Queensland. The continuing increase to Vendor fees will force sellers to seek cheaper selling alternatives; this will have an impact on sale numbers. It will take ‘out of the box’ thinking to plan for the future of the yards. I believe that the further development of a Business Plan, including strategic direction for the yards, would give all stakeholders a clear view of the future direction. This business plan needs to be developed with substantial input from industry and explore a number of funding/budget options and ideas.

Prosperous councils are achieved through thoughtful leadership. Each Councillor is a member of a team of people making decisions on behalf of the community they represent.

This representation is not about the people who yell the loudest or complain the most, it is about the majority of our community. Being a Councillor is not about being popular or even well liked at times, it is about making difficult decisions for the right reasons. It is a privilege to represent the community and a role that should not be taken lightly. For me it has been an honour to be given the opportunity to represent the Maranoa region.

A huge thank you to each of the Directors and their teams. The knowledge and skill you bring to the Council and into the chambers is invaluable and your continued support for me as a Councillor is truly appreciated.

To our CEO Julie, it has been a privilege to work with someone who has your knowledge and passion for local government. The Maranoa Regional Council is extremely lucky to have you moving forward. I want to also personally thank you for your continued guidance and encouragement.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for the last 12 months. I have learnt so much in my time here, and commend you for the commitment you have all made to the Maranoa community. The role of Councillor is extremely challenging and rewarding all at the same time and I feel extremely honoured to have had the opportunity to work with you. A special mention to Jan, Janelle and Puddy – we have laughed, cried and debriefed together in our little house and I could not think of three people I would rather have shared the journey with!!! Thank you!!!

I hope that I am still able to provide an alternative view point to Council as a community member and look forward to hearing about the future achievements of Council.

It truly has been an honour to serve the Maranoa community.”

Mayor Golder thanked Cr. Bryant for her service to Council and the community acknowledging her efforts since being elected.

Cr. O’Neil spoke in favour of the motion indicating that, while he did so, it was with reluctance, and these sentiments were shared by Cr. Chambers. He spoke of first meeting Cr. Bryant personally towards the end of 2008, not long after her family moved to their property, and while working together on project together through AgForce. He went on to highlight her aspirations in taking on key agricultural roles in support of the region, and in 2009 she was selected to speak as a young leader at the Young Beef Producers forum – one that she did well and had since moved onto more senior roles within AgForce thanks to her commitment. He shared his thoughts that while he believed her decision was a very difficult one to make for a raft of circumstances, her commitment to the Maranoa was strong and would not change, expressing his certainty that she would continue to advocate for the communities she calls home. In closing Cr. O’Neil said it was an honour to serve with Cr. Bryant, and he was pleased to have encouraged her in the background to do so, with her nominating for Council at the last elections. Having served on Council coming up to 12 months he shared his thoughts that her energy and passion for topics that really mattered to her would be missed. He further indicated that he believes that Cr. Bryant still has a bright future ahead, and who knows, when the time is right, we may well see her representing her community again.

Cr. Flynn spoke in favour of the motion, highlighting her contribution to the Saleyards, he further thanked Cr. Bryant sincerely for her work on the Saleyards Advisory Committee, speaking of the challenges she had faced through unfair treatment bordering on bullying at times, and congratulated her on her intestinal fortitude to continue on in the face of adversity. In closing he said that he was proud to have worked alongside her on Council.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/24

Moved Cr O’Neil

Seconded Cr Chambers

That Council receive and note Councillor Bryant’s letter.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Discussion ensued in relation to how to fill the upcoming vacancy:

Cr. Chambers spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the community had spoken at the elections just under twelve (12) months ago, selecting the 9th elected position so it made sense to go with the person chosen by the community, supported by their experience and team fit. Cr. Chambers also highlighted that given the ‘tightening of the belt’ initiative underway, going to a by-election would be a costly expense.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that he believed democracy was worth every cent it costs. He felt that the community should have their say, while he understood that legislatively it could be approached two ways. He further said that he would like to give the community an opportunity to vote in 2017.

Cr. O’Neil spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that it had not yet been twelve (12) months since the election that the community was given an opportunity to vote, considering some 23 candidates at that time. He further said that as the Local Government Act allowed for the recommended approach and considering the associated costs so close to the previous election, enacting the legislative option of runner up to the last election was the best approach. In closing Cr. O’Neil indicated that the 9th selected candidate at that time could also hit the ground running, and most importantly the proposed approach did not require the rate base to fund an election.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/25

Moved Cr Chambers

Seconded Cr O’Neil

That Council fill the vacant office (resignation effective date of 15 March 2017), by the runner up from the 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Election for Maranoa Regional Council, noting that this option would:

- **Not result in additional cost to the community for a by-election;**
- **Fill the vacancy with a previous Councillor, with relevant experience;**
- **Include a person who resides in the South / East of the region.**

CARRIED

7/2

(Mayor Golder & Cr. McMullen requested their vote against the motion be recorded)

Responsible Officer

Chief Executive Officer

Item Number: Mayoral Minute – Report Presented by the Mayor

SUBJECT HEADING: KEEP MARANOA BEAUTIFUL – KERB SIDE CLEAN UP

Over numerous years Council has implemented a kerb side cleanup program known as “Keep Maranoa Beautiful” across all urban areas in the Maranoa region. This program has been well received within the community.

The initiative was not included as part of the 2016/17 Budget, with a view to reviewing the program during 2017/18 budget deliberations.

In recent weeks, a number of Roma residents have commenced placing matter out on their footpaths.

Customer service officers have also been receiving calls from residents questioning if this program is occurring this year.

Some of our residents do not have the capacity to clean up and or pay for commercial operators to complete this task for them, therefore Council may consider a kerb-side clean-up program to be implemented, with funds transferred from the identified savings:

- 9411.9605 Purchase Land Mitchell Refuse – allocated \$87,000 - of which \$46,000 has been used to purchase the land and the remainder (\$41,000) could be transferred to assist in funding the program;
- 2412.2002 Operations and Maintenance Roma Refuse – allocated \$1,455,148 of which \$733,000 has been expended. It is proposed to transfer \$60,000 from this account.

Discussion:

Cr. Flynn suggested that the roll out of the program be considered at the next Councillor Workshop on 15 March 2017, which Councillors agreed would be in order.

The Mayor spoke in favor of the motion, indicating that the program was a great opportunity for the community to participate in a clean-up, and pointed out that at this point in time Council does not offer full recycling capability. In closing, he reiterated that this was a great opportunity to clean up and clean out across the Maranoa.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/26	
Moved Cr Golder	Seconded Cr McMullen
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Initiate a kerb-side clean-up for 2017 across the region funded through identified savings. 2. Create a new Work Order containing a total of \$101,000, sourced from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WO 9411.9604 - \$41,000 • GL2412.2002 - \$60,000 3. Discuss arrangements for roll out of the clean-up at the Workshop on 15 March 2017. 	
CARRIED	8/1

Responsible Officer	Manager - Environmental Health, Waste & Rural Land Services
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LATE ITEMS CONTINUED

Item Number: L.1 **File Number:** D17/15593

SUBJECT HEADING: MY MARANOA BUSINESS - LOCAL CONTENT STAR RATING SYSTEM

Officer's Title: Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

The My Maranoa Business – Local Content Star Rating System was introduced to acknowledge local businesses' contribution to the regional economy and provide a powerful promotional platform for these businesses.

Following the rating system's introduction in late 2015, members of the business community have provided feedback on the rating criteria. These changes have been incorporated into the revised rating system.

Council's approval of the draft rating system is sought, prior to the commencement of community consultation.

Discussion:

Cr. Scheffe spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that changes made to the Local Content Star Rating System had come about as a result of feedback from the business community since its introduction. He further explained that the system recognises local businesses and ratepayers in our community, as well as new businesses coming into our community and those that expand beyond the region's boundaries.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/27

Moved Cr Scheffe

Seconded Cr McMullen

That:

- Council endorse in principle the revised My Maranoa Business – Local Content Star Rating System criteria:**

Star Rating – Local Content	Criteria to be Met (<u>All</u> in each category)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% ownership (or Directors) live in the Maranoa region > 90% employees residents of the Maranoa region Head office is in the Maranoa region <p><i>NB: an exception to these requirements exists in the case of locally-established businesses that have expanded to other regions (i.e. not all employees need to be residents of the Maranoa region. The business must maintain a presence in the Maranoa region (head office/home office) and directors/owners must continue to reside in the Maranoa region.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 75% ownership (or Directors) live in the Maranoa region > 75% employees residents of the Maranoa region Head office is in the Maranoa region
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 or more owners/ Directors live in the Maranoa region. > 25% employees are residents of the Maranoa region Office/Branch in the Maranoa region
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The business/entity is a ratepayer in the Maranoa region (e.g. commercial, industrial, rural ratepayer) for a period of 2+years Employs residents of the Maranoa region Office in the Maranoa region
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The business/entity is a ratepayer in the Maranoa region (e.g. commercial, industrial, rural ratepayer or long-term commercial lessee (<2 years) in the Maranoa region (incl. start-up businesses) Employs residents of the Maranoa region Office in the Maranoa region

** A business may not be eligible for a My Maranoa Business - Local Content Star Rating if the company/entity has previously initiated legal proceedings against Council. Any forthcoming legal proceedings (initiated by a business/entity) may result in disqualification from the My Maranoa Business program.*

2. Members of the business community be provided with the opportunity to comment on the rating system and the criteria contained within, and that the outputs of this community consultation be considered by Council at a future General Meeting.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

SUBJECT HEADING: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING FOR LUNCH AT 12.19PM

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING AT 1.35PM

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/28

Moved Cr McMullen

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council include an additional item in the late agenda, and close the meeting to the public at 1.36pm to discuss LC.8 – Stage 2a Roma Flood Mitigation Project under Section 275(h) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED

9/0

Cr. Stanford left the chamber at 1.48pm, and entered at 1.49pm.
 Cr. O'Neil left the chamber at 1.52pm, and entered at 1.53pm.
 Cr. McMullen left the chamber at 1.52pm, and entered at 1.55pm.
 Cr. O'Neil left the chamber at 1.58pm, and entered at 2.01pm.
 Cr. Flynn left the chamber at 2.11pm, and entered at 2.16pm.
 Cr. Bryant left the chamber at 2.26pm, and entered at 2.28pm.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/29

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Scheffe

That Council open the meeting to the public at 2.35pm.

CARRIED

9/0

LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS CONTINUED

Item Number:

LC.3

File Number: D17/17144

SUBJECT HEADING:

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON PROCUREMENT PROCESSES AND THE RELEASE OF COMMERCIAL INFORMATION

Officer's Title:

Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services

Executive Summary:

Following the implementation of the procurement review and the establishment of the centralised procurement system, Council has received a broad range of feedback from local business stakeholders.

This report proposed a number of policy/process initiatives, for Council's consideration.

Discussion:

Cr. Scheffe spoke in favour of the motion, indicating that the document had been designed with consultation in mind with the business community, following receipt of feedback from the business community.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/30	
Moved Cr Scheffe	Seconded Cr Stanford
That Council give its in principle support to the draft flyer to inform future community engagement opportunities with local business, noting there would be final internal review and fine-tuning prior to release.	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Procurement & Commercial Services
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Item Number: LC.8 **File Number:** D17/17448

SUBJECT HEADING: STAGE 2A ROMA FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Officer's Title: Project Officer – Community Liaison

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report was to provide Council with an update regarding Stage 2a landholders for the Western Levee and Eastern Diversion channel.

Discussion:

Cr. Flynn spoke in favour of the motion indicating that he was speaking on behalf of all those ratepayers who were affected by the three (3) floods experienced in Roma, rather than the few disaffected property owners involved in Stage 2a of the flood mitigation project, and there was a need to progress the project urgently.

The Mayor spoke against the motion, indicating that he understood Cr. Flynn's thoughts and sympathised with the many property owners affected by the floods, but felt that Council needed to focus on building the levee for stage 2a and needed to work with everyone to progress works.

At this point Cr. Chambers sought clarity as to whether the Mayor was speaking for or against the motion. The Mayor advised that he was speaking against, because he believed that additional encouragement should be provided to the landowners to participate in the discussions with Council's delegates.

At that point a vote was taken.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/31	
Moved Cr Flynn	Seconded Cr Chambers
That:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council endorse the forwarding of letters to the landholders for compulsory acquisition of land for the Stage 2a Roma Flood Mitigation Project. 2. All compensation items including legal fees will no longer be paid by Council on an ongoing basis and instead all reasonable compensation and disturbance items will be considered once the matter is gazetted and crystallisation of compensation. 	
CARRIED	5/4

Responsible Officer	Project Officer Community Liaison
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Further discussion ensued to seek additional clarity about what was intended by the Mover, Seconder and those for and against.

Cr. Flynn and Schefe indicated they were certain of the intent of the motion as it was based on the draft letters tabled in the agenda report, and as per the officer's recommendation.

Cr. O'Neil and Cr. Chambers indicated that they were of the view that the intent was for the letters to be amended to reflect discussions that had been held in closed session.

At that point, and once those additional perspectives were made known to the meeting, it was requested that those who voted be polled to ascertain who was for and who was against the motion if the content of the letters was to be *as tabled in the agenda report*.

The outcomes were recorded as follows:

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

(Councillors Chambers & O'Neil initially changed their position on clarification about the intended content of the letters)

Responsible Officer	Project Officer Community Liaison
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Cr. Chambers and then Cr Bryant left the Chamber at 3.04pm, and entered at 3.07pm.

Further discussion ensued about the actions required as a result of the resolution. There remained some additional points that came to light requiring clarification including:

- For the resolution and subsequent poll – i.e. which landholders (noting that there was one less draft letter in the agenda report than the total number of affected landowners for which discussion had occurred);
- For the poll – the relevant values, as multiple values had been discussed;
- Whether the resolution or the poll was the most valid, given that additional clarification was provided which impacted individual Councillors' views;
- Whether the timing of the letters was a residual matter requiring consideration, and if there was the intention to hold discussions first.

During the meeting Council sought legal guidance about how best to progress the matter.

Councillor Flynn indicated his belief that the resolution should stand, and raised concerns about the precedent that would be set if resolutions during a meeting were revisited multiple times during a meeting, and indicated that he would seek additional advice.

Following extensive discussion, the key points noted from the advice sought and received by Council was that:

- This was a 'live' agenda item - the Council was not aiming to revisit an agenda item and resolution from earlier during the day, and there were no intervening agenda items. The need for clarification was identified immediately.

- It was in the public interest that Councillors formed a view following receipt of any clarification required – the later position would be the most relevant, if Councillors received additional clarification that changed their position.

Further discussion ensued with the following additional clarifications, and there was consensus of those present, including the mover and seconder of the motion that:

- The resolution referred to ‘the forwarding of letters’ and given the earlier comments it could be considered that the resolution pertained solely to the draft letters included in the agenda report.
- A separate resolution was appropriate to remove any doubt about the approach for the remaining landowner.

Given the extensive discussion, Cr Chambers as Secunder of the motion advised that she would be prepared to support the resolution, particularly in light of all the discussion and clarification that had occurred following the resolution and the poll – also noting the opportunity to have a fresh vote for the remaining landowner.

Councillor O’Neil indicated that he would also be prepared to support the resolution, having regard to all the discussion and clarification post the resolution and the poll, and the Secunder’s position. Cr Scheffe advised that he believed that it was in the public interest to achieve consensus on the approach and move forward.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/32	
Moved Cr Scheffe	Seconded Cr McMullen
That Council make an offer to the remaining landowner based on the full valuation obtained by Council through a registered valuer.	
CARRIED	6/3

Responsible Officer	Project Officer Community Liaison
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CONTINUATION OF L.3
Item Number:
L.3
File Number: D17/17207
SUBJECT HEADING:
**RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR BRYANT /
 RESIGNATION & FILLING OF UPCOMING VACANCY**
Discussion:

At the conclusion of the agenda items, Council discussed what the next steps would be in relation to communicating Council's resolution to Wendy Newman, the runner up from the 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Election.

Resolution No. GM/03.2017/32
Moved Cr Chambers
Seconded Cr O'Neil
That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. **Formally notify the runner up from the 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Election for Maranoa Regional Council as determined in Resolution GM/03.2017/25.**
2. **Facilitate the 'Declaration of Office' as prescribed under the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

CARRIED
9/0
Responsible Officer
Chief Executive Officer
CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.29pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next General Meeting of Council to be held on 22 March 2017, at Roma Administration Centre.

 Mayor.

 Date.