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# LATE ITEMS BUSINESS PAPER

## General Meeting

**Thursday 26 July 2018**

Roma Administration Centre

### NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 25 July 2018

Mayor:

Councillor T D Golder

Deputy Mayor:  
Councillors:

Councillor J L Chambers  
Councillor N H Chandler  
Councillor P J Flynn  
Councillor G B McMullen  
Councillor W M Newman  
Councillor C J O'Neil  
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)

Please find attached agenda for the **General Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on **July 26, 2018 at 11.00AM.**

Julie Reitano  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**PLANNING & BUILDING DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

**Meeting:** General 26 July 2018

**Date:** 25 July 2018

**Item Number:** L.1

**File Number:** D18/58805

**SUBJECT HEADING:** Application to Round 2 of the Innovation and Improvement Fund

**Classification:** Open Access

**Name of Applicant:**

**Location:**

**Officer's Title:** Manager - Planning & Building Development

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**Executive Summary:**

Council has an opportunity to apply for funding to improve its planning services to the community through the Queensland Innovation and Improvement Fund.

It is proposed that Council submit an application to Round 2 of the Fund, to develop its internal and external mapping services online.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

That Council:

- submit an application to Round 2 of the Queensland Innovation and Improvement Fund; and
- authorise the Chief Executive Officer to sign the grant application.

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**Background:**

The Innovation and Improvement Fund (the Fund) was established by the State Government acting through the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning, to promote planning improvement and innovation across Queensland.

In 2017, Council was successful in securing \$110,000 through Round 1 of the funding program, to expand the range of development services and information currently available to the public via the Maranoa Regional Council website. A key deliverable of this project was the creation of an Individual Property Report detailing site specific property information, development approval records and relevant sections of the Maranoa Planning Scheme. The report is supported by maps showing land zonings, planning scheme overlays, local plans etc., as well as links to other relevant websites (e.g. DA Tracker, State DA mapping).

The State Government has recently announced that \$1.95 million in funding is available through Round 2 of the funding program. The funding seeks to support Council projects that:

- focus on improvements to planning schemes and policies; and
- provide innovative ways to engage with Council's customers and communities about planning.

This report seeks Council's endorsement to submit an application to Round 2 of the Fund.

The project proposal involves the development of a web-based mapping platform to host data relevant to the Maranoa regional area. Ultimately, the platform will enable Council to manage its spatial data more efficiently, generate greater interest in development processes and outcomes, and generally improve the public's understanding of the Queensland Planning System and local planning issues.

The platform will rely on Council's existing GIS software, Spectrum Spatial Analyst (SSA). It is proposed that the platform be established with three map interfaces;

**1. Maranoa Planning Scheme**

Including zoning, overlays, LGIP data etc.

**2. Infrastructure/Services**

Including the location and details of infrastructure and services, such as trunk water mains, reticulated gas infrastructure, sewerage pump stations, stock routes, water facilities, waste facilities, footpaths etc.

Details/specifications of infrastructure to include, for example, road categories and standards (kerb and channel, sealed/unsealed etc.)

**3. Flood Hazard Mapping**

Including flood hazard categories, water depths and velocities in the Defined Flood Event (DFE) in various scenarios (i.e. pre and post flood mitigation works and proposed mitigation works).

Each interface will be created with a public and internal map view, enabling Council to tailor the mapping content to the needs of the user.

The mapping platform will be fully interactive, with both search and reporting functionalities. The platform will be integrated with, and complementary to Council's existing development services online, including the Maranoa Planning Scheme, Development Application Tracker and Individual Property Report.

**Consultation (internal/external):**

In scoping the project, Council has consulted four specialist software and mapping service providers external to the organization. Council has also liaised with the Toowoomba Regional Office of the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning in regards to the eligibility of the project proposal. Internal liaison has occurred with Council's Manager, ICT Solutions.

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

Council will be reliant on the support of an external service provider to deliver the project successfully. If Council is successful in receiving funding, it will enter into

contractual agreement with the supplier to an agreed value that is within the approved funding budget.

Projects approved for funding under Round 2 must be ready to commence within three months from the date of execution of a funding agreement. Successful applicants will have up to 12 months from the date of execution of a funding agreement to complete the approved project. It will be necessary to ensure that the terms of any agreement with an external supplier incorporate appropriate timeframes for completion of the project. A project schedule will be established upon engagement of a suitable supplier.

**Policy Implications:**

The project is consistent with the desired outcomes of Council's Corporate Plan.

**Financial Resource Implications:**

Costs associated with the delivery of the project (including external supplier costs) will be accounted for the funding submission and therefore there will be no impact on Council's operational budget.

**Link to Corporate Plan:**

Corporate Plan 2018-2023

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.2 Encourage additional investment in the Maranoa, developing our local economy and increasing our region's population

4.2.3 Create an environment that is conducive to growth through progressive integration of Council's Planning Scheme, Economic & Community Development Plan and Business & Industry Strategy.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Nil

**Report authorised by:**

Director - Development, Facilities & Environmental Services