



LATE ITEMS AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 26 February 2025

Mayor:	Councillor W M Taylor
Deputy Mayor:	Councillor C J O'Neil
Councillors:	Councillor J R P Birkett Councillor M K Brumpton Councillor A K Davis Councillor P J Flynn Councillor J M Hancock Councillor B R Seawright Councillor J R Vincent
Chief Executive Officer:	Robert Hayward
Executive Management:	Brett Exelby – Director Corporate Services Stephen Scott – Director Bendemere Seamus Batstone – Director Engineering Lee Jackson – Director Bungil Jamie Gorry – Director Regional Development, Environment and Planning Dean Ellwood – Director Roma Mathew Gane – Director Warroo

Attached is the agenda for the **Ordinary Meeting** to be held at the Roma Administration Centre on **26 February 2025 at 9:00 AM.**

Robert Hayward
Chief Executive Officer

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INFORMATION REPORT

Meeting: Ordinary 26 February 2025

Date: 25 February 2025

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D25/17444

SUBJECT HEADING: Don Ross Historical Collection

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Director - Warroo

Executive Summary:

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 12 February 2025, Council resolved that a report be brought back to the next Ordinary Meeting to discuss the stakeholder interest in the Don Ross Collection - Resolution No. OM/02.2025/23.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report.
2. Acknowledge that both the Yuleba Development Group and the Cobb and Co Changing Station Museum Group have been consulted about the Don Ross collection.

Background:

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/23

1. Seek feedback from Cobb & Co Store Museum Committee, Yuleba Development Group and any other key stakeholders regarding any interest in the Don Ross historical collection.
2. Be provided with a further report at the next ordinary meeting.

Don Ross Collection is a collection of twenty-two historical horse drawn vehicles that are currently on sale.

The closed sale is forecast to end by February 2025. Post this date the collection will be open to the general public.

John Osborne (OAM) is coordinating the sale on behalf of the family.

Body of Report:

The Cobb and Co Changing Station Museum group has indicated they are currently not interested in purchasing any of the larger collection items. There may be some interest if smaller items become available in the future. The minutes are to be confirmed at a future meeting.

The Yuleba Development Group held a special meeting on 25/2/25. The group agreed and passed a motion to purchase a yellow and maroon coach with additional development plans for housing of the coach in the future. The decision was passed unanimously.

These types of collections as with the Sculptures Outback could attract wider regional community and corporate interest.

Historical displays such as these could complement Maranoa tourist attractions as well including the Roma Airport, The Big Rig, The Saleyards or in a static display at town entrances for example.

Please note, if a purchase was made direct by council, these assets would require annual maintenance and upkeep and added to the broader plant list to ensure they are maintained to a proper standards including safety.



Image 1: Photo of one of the pieces of the collection.

Council Officers consulted:

- Director (Bendemere)
- Local Development Officer (Bendemere)
- Local Development Officer (Roma)
- Local Development Officer (Bungil)
- Lead Librarian (Warroo)
- Manager of Airports
- Manager of Saleyards
- Manager Regional Economic and Community Development
- Manager of Communications

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2023-2028

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.10 Foster arts and culture within our communities and help preserve our local history

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Director - Warroo