
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 26 FEBRUARY 2025 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr W M Taylor chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr C J O'Neil, Cr J R P Birkett (by Microsoft Teams) Cr M K Brumpton, Cr A K Davis, Cr P J Flynn (from 9.03am – 10.15am), Cr J M Hancock, Cr B R Seawright, Cr J R Vincent, Chief Executive Officer – Robert Hayward and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Director Corporate Services – Brett Exelby, Director Bendemere – Stephen Scott, Director Regional Development, Environment and Planning – Jamie Gorry, Director Roma – Dean Ellwood, Director Warroo – Mathew, Deputy Director / Strategic Road Management – Cameron Hoffmann, Chief Financial Officer – Fleur Humphrey, (Acting Manager) - Regional Facilities Management – Leah Cooper, Lead Local Development Officer – Georgie Adams Woodall, Project Officer - Contract Management Office – Luci Gunning, Regional Arts and Culture Officer – Kimberley Stoter, Project and Administration Officer – Tennielle Limpus.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.03am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/24	
Moved Cr Seawright	Seconded Cr Davis
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 February 2025 be confirmed.	
CARRIED	9/0

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

Item Number: 8.1 **File Number:** D25/10196

SUBJECT HEADING: **AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION - SETTING OF MEETING DATES 2025**

Officer's Title: **Lead Officer - Elected Members & Community Engagement**

Original Resolution Meeting Date: 13 November 2025
Original Resolution Number: OM/11.2024/38
Original Resolution:

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the revised ordinary meeting schedule.*
- 2. Hold all ordinary meetings and briefings at Council's Roma Administration Centre.*
- 3. Commence all ordinary meetings at 9.00am.*
- 4. Continue to hold Councillor briefings (including an agenda familiarisation segment) on the day prior to each ordinary meeting this will generally be on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month and commence briefings at 8:30am or 9:00am subject to need.*
- 5. Hold Councillor briefings/community engagement on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and commence briefings/community engagement at 8:30am or 9:00am subject to need.*
- 6. Notes that any future schedule changes to the ordinary meeting schedule are subject to formal approval by Council, and any changes to the briefing schedule (including times) are subject to informal agreement by Council.*

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/25

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Vincent

That Council amend Resolution Number OM/11.2024/38 to read as follows:

That Council:

- 1. Adopt the revised ordinary meeting schedule as presented.**
- 2. Hold all ordinary meetings and briefings at Council's Roma Administration Centre.**
- 3. Commence all ordinary meetings at 9.00am.**
- 4. Hold Councillor briefings (which may include a combination of agenda familiarisation sessions / briefing topics / deputations / community engagement activities on a Wednesday on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th week of each month, and commence briefings at 8:30am or 9:00am, subject to need.**
- 5. Note that any future schedule changes to the ordinary meeting schedule are subject to formal approval by Council, and any changes to the briefing schedule (including times) are subject to informal agreement by Council.**

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer	Lead Officer - Elected Members & Community Engagement
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BUSINESS

CORPORATE SERVICES

Item Number: 11.1 **File Number:** D25/15424

SUBJECT HEADING: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT AS AT 31 JANUARY 2025

Officer's Title: Chief Financial Officer
Management Accountant

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to present the monthly financial report to Council in accordance with section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ended 31 January 2025.

Our budgeted Operating Result for the year is a deficit of \$6.8M and our YTD results as at January 2025 is \$10.6M surplus, above expected at 155% of budget, mainly due to 2nd rates billing issued earlier in this month. Our expected forecast by the end of June 2025 is in-line with our budgeted deficit of \$6.8M.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/26	
Moved Cr Brumpton	Seconded Cr Vincent
That Council receive and note the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 January 2025.	
CARRIED	9/0

Item Number: 11.2 **File Number:** D24/124544

SUBJECT HEADING: 2024/25 QUARTER 2 BUDGET AMENDMENT | BUDGET REVIEW

Officer's Title: Chief Financial Officer

Executive Summary:

In accordance with S170 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the local government may, by resolution, amend the budget for a financial year at any time before the end of the financial year.

This report seeks for Council to amend the budget to reflect the changes proposed.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/27

Moved Cr Brumpton

Seconded Cr Vincent

That Council:

1. Pursuant to Section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and Sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, adopt the amended Budget for the 2024-2025 financial year, incorporating:

1. The Statement of Income and Expenditure;
2. The Statement of Financial Position;
3. The Cash Flow Statement;
4. The Statement of Changes in Equity;
5. The Long Term Financial Forecast;
6. The Measures of Financial Sustainability; and
7. The Project Works Program.

2. Require that no service level reductions occur as a result of this budget adoption.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Chief Financial Officer

REPORTS - LOCAL AREA DIRECTORS

Declaration of Interest

Item	13.1
Description	Sponsorship Request – Saloon Car Club of Roma & District Inc
Declaring Councillor	Cr Peter Flynn
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	The Roma Saloon Car Club sponsorship request regards a function that takes place over the Easter Weekend as part of the Easter in the Country festivities. I am an executive member of the Easter in the Country Organisation (Committee).
Type of conflict	Prescribed conflict of interest
Action	Leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Flynn left the meeting at 9.20am.

Item Number:

13.1

File Number: D25/10181

SUBJECT HEADING:

**SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - SALOON CAR CLUB OF
ROMA & DISTRICT INC**

Officer's Title:

Lead Local Development Officer

Executive Summary:

The Saloon Car Club of Roma and District Inc. is seeking sponsorship from Council for its racing event, scheduled to take place from 17 to 19 April 2025 as part of Easter in the Country. The club requested \$5,000 to cover ambulance costs for the three nights of racing.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/28	
Moved Cr Brumpton	Seconded Cr O'Neil
That Council sponsor the Saloon Car Club of Roma and District Inc. Easter event to the value of \$5,000 and draw the funds from the Sponsorship Budget – GL 2887.2249.2001.	
CARRIED	7/1

Responsible Officer	Lead Local Development Officer
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<p>Section 150F A (2)(e) of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i> For a matter to which the prescribed conflict of interest or declarable conflict of interest relates – the name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter, and how each eligible councillor voted.</p> <p>Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter: Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Meryl Brumpton, Cr. Amber Davis, Cr Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O'Neil, Cr Brendan Seawright, Cr Wendy Taylor, Cr. Jane Vincent.</p> <p>How each eligible councillors voted: Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Meryl Brumpton, Cr Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O'Neil, Cr Brendan Seawright, Cr Wendy Taylor and Cr. Jane Vincent voted in favour of the motion.</p> <p>Cr. Amber Davis voted against the motion.</p>

At cessation of discussion and decision on the abovementioned item, Cr Flynn returned to the meeting at 9.30am.

Declaration of Interest

Item	13.2
Description	Easter in The Country's Outback Tucker Under the Stars - Request use of Saleyards
Declaring Councillor	Cr Peter Flynn
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	The request is coming from the Easter in the Country Organisation, that particular organisation I am an Executive Member of.
Type of conflict	Prescribed conflict of interest
Action	Leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Flynn left the meeting at 9.32am.

Item Number: 13.2 **File Number:** D25/12334

SUBJECT HEADING: **EASTER IN THE COUNTRY'S OUTBACK TUCKER UNDER THE STARS - REQUEST USE OF SALEYARDS**

Officer's Title: **Lead Local Development Officer**

Executive Summary:
The Roma Easter in the Country committee has requested the use of the Roma Saleyards carpark and amenities to host their annual Livestock and Property Outback Tucker Under the Stars event on Thursday, 17 April 2025 as part of the 2025 Easter in the Country festival. They also requested in-kind assistance in the lead up and after the event.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/29

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Hancock

That Council:

1. **Approve Easter in the Country's request to hire out the Roma Saleyards to host the Livestock and Property Outback Tucker Under the Stars as part of Easter in the Country on Thursday, 17 April 2025.**
2. **Assist Easter in the Country and facilitate their in-kind assistance requests and that the costs are captured in a report to be brought back to Council following the event.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Lead Local Development Officer

Section 150F A (2)(e) of the *Local Government Act 2009*

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Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Meryl Brumpton, Cr. Amber Davis, Cr Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O'Neil, Cr Brendan Seawright, Cr Wendy Taylor, Cr. Jane Vincent.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

At cessation of discussion and decision on the abovementioned item, Cr Flynn returned to the meeting at 9.34am.

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Item Number:

14.1

File Number: D25/13304

SUBJECT HEADING:

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - GRAZING OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND - LOT 603 & 604 ON Y2211, YULEBA

Location:

Yuleba

Officer's Title:

Leases and Agreements Administration Officer

Executive Summary:

Council publicly called for Expressions of Interest, from persons wishing to enter a grazing agreement to keep and graze horses, on the paddock located at Lot 603 on Y2211 & Lot 604 on Y2211, 15-17 Banks Street, Yuleba QLD 4427.

Council received one (1) response from this tender process.

Council was asked to consider this matter.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/30	
Moved Cr Seawright	Seconded Cr Davis
That:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council enter into a grazing agreement with Georgina Ellis over Lot 603 on Y2211 and lot 604 on Y2211 for a twelve (12) month period on the condition that Public Liability Insurance (Certificate of Currency) is obtained, and bond is paid to Council prior to placing a horse on the land. 2. The property is listed 'as is' and no improvements will be made by Council. 3. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to execute the grazing agreement. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Leases and Agreements Administration Officer
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Item Number: 14.2 **File Number:** D25/13352

SUBJECT HEADING: BASSETT PARK RACEHORSE TRAINER AGREEMENT

Officer's Title: Leases and Agreements Administration Officer

Executive Summary:

Council was asked to consider entering into a formal Racehorse Trainer Agreement with Jonathan Taylor for the use of the racetrack at Bassett Park.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/31	
Moved Cr Vincent	Seconded Cr Seawright
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enter into a non-exclusive Racehorse Trainer Interim Agreement with Jonathan Taylor until 29 September 2025 for use of the relevant facilities at Bassett Park. 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, (or delegate), to finalise and execute the agreement and any other associated documentation. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Leases and Agreements Administration Officer
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Item Number: 14.3 **File Number:** D25/7578

SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATIONS THROUGH REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) PROGRAM 2024/2025

Officer's Title: Project and Administration Officer

Executive Summary:

The Maranoa Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee has reviewed two funding applications for arts and cultural projects.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/32	
Moved Cr Brumpton	Seconded Cr Hancock
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the RADF Committee’s grant assessment recommendations in supporting the Wallumbilla Women’s Wellness Weekend application for \$3,831 and Maranoa Artists Inc application for \$1,992.00. 2. Endorse new RADF Committee member Jason Gregg, to join the RADF committee as per the committee terms of conditions. 3. Receive a revised Terms of Reference for the RADF Advisory Committee to be brought back to Council. 4. Write to the outgoing members and thank them for the contribution towards the RADF committee for their term. 	
[Cr Hancock proposed an amendment to include a fourth point, which was accepted by the ‘mover’].	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Project and Administration Officer
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CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/33		
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr O’Neil	
<p>In accordance with the provisions of Section 254(J(3) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>, that Council resolve to close the meeting to the public [at 9.47am] to discuss confidential items that its Councillors consider is necessary to close the meeting.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 254J(5) of the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>, the following table provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The matters to be discussed; • An overview of what is to be discussed while the meeting is closed. 		
Agenda Item	Matters to be discussed (Reasons to close the meeting under the <i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>)	Overview
C.1 – Tender 25006 – Roma Denise Spencer Memorial Aquatic Centre	Section 254J(3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for	In late 2024, Council invited its shortlisted contractors to tender for the construction of the Roma Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre. This report

	which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.	provides an overview of the responses received.
CARRIED		9/0

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING
 FOR A MORNING TEA AT 10.15am

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 10.45am

Cr Flynn was not present at the resumption of Standing orders, and did not return for the remainder of the meeting. .

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/34	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Hancock
That Council open the meeting to the public at [10.45am].	
CARRIED	
8/0	

Item Number: C.1 **File Number: D24/120645**

SUBJECT HEADING: TENDER 25006 - ROMA DENISE SPENCER MEMORIAL AQUATIC CENTRE

Officer's Title: Project Officer - Contract Management Office

Executive Summary:

In late 2024, Council invited its shortlisted contractors to tender for the construction of the Roma Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre. This report provides an overview of the responses received.

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/35	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Brumpton
That Council receive and note the report.	
CARRIED	
8/0	

Responsible Officer	Project Officer - Contract Management Office
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Declaration of Interest

Item	L.1
Description	Don Ross Historical Collection
Declaring Councillor	Cr Brendan Seawright
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	My wife Kristen Seawright
Particulars of Interest	My wife is Secretary of the Yuleba Development Group who are mentioned in the report.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Seawright left the meeting at 10.46am.

LATE ITEM

Item Number: L.1 **File Number:** D25/17444

SUBJECT HEADING: DON ROSS HISTORIAL COLLECTION

Officer's Title: Director – Warroo

Executive Summary:

That a council report be brought back to a meeting on 26 February 2025 regarding stakeholder interest in the Don Ross Collection (Resolution No. OM/02.2025/23).

Resolution No. OM/02.2025/36	
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr Vincent
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report. 2. Acknowledge that both the Yuleba Development Group and the Cobb & Co Changing Station Museum Group have been consulted about the Don Ross Collection. 3. Be provided with a list of the historical collection items. 	
CARRIED	7/0

Responsible Officer	Director - Warroo
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Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Meryl Brumpton, Cr. Amber Davis, Cr. Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O’Neil, Cr Wendy Taylor, Cr. Jane Vincent.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

At cessation of discussion and decision on the abovementioned item, Cr Seawright returned to the meeting at 10.54am.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.54am.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 13 March 2025, at Roma Administration Centre.