



LATE ITEMS AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 26 March 2025

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 25 March 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 March 2025 at 9:00 AM.**

Robert Hayward
Chief Executive Officer

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COUNCILLOR NOTICE OF MOTION

Meeting: Ordinary 26 March 2025

Date: 25 March 2025

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D25/30997

SUBJECT HEADING: Addressing the Spread of Love Grass in the Maranoa region

Classification: Open Access

Councillor's Title: Cr John Birkett

Executive Summary:

The Love Grass species is of increasing concern in the Maranoa, due to its robust growth, being so invasive and quick growing, in every area of the Maranoa and beyond.

No area is immune to it.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That Council,

1. Lobby to get all types of Love Grass on the list of Weeds of National Significance.
2. Hold a briefing on Love Grass to get factual details on all aspects love grass, including characteristics and potential impact on the environment, economy and the Maranoa Region generally.
3. Be provided up to date and comprehensive fact sheet/information, to be made available to all affected people in the wider community and interested parties, including staff.

Background:

For the last 5 years, this has been a major concern for all residents of the Maranoa.

There has been a lot of lobbying by various individuals and community groups, wanting to find ways to eradicate this problem.

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Notice prepared by: Cr. John Birkett

OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: Ordinary 26 March 2025

Date: 17 March 2025

Item Number: L.2

File Number: D25/30307

SUBJECT HEADING: Location of Injune's Wedge Tail Eagle Sculpture

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Local Development Officer (Bungil)

Executive Summary: This report presents Council with the options for the installation of the Wedge Tailed Eagle Sculpture recently gifted to Council by Injune Arts. The report considers community feedback gathered over two rounds of consultation along with project costings.

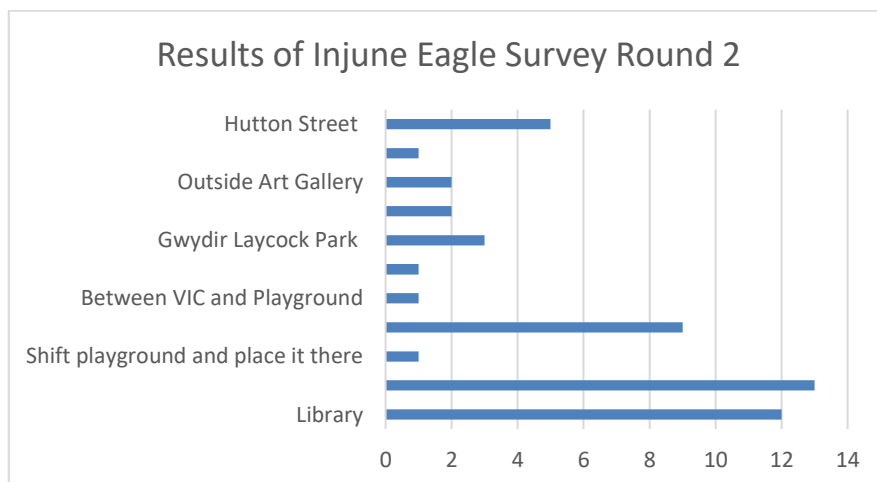
Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

- Receive and note the feedback received throughout both survey rounds
- Select Location 2: Outside the Injune Museum as the preferred site for the installation of the sculpture
- Consider the "Installation of Eagle Sculpture" with a project value of \$13,900 as part of FY25/26 budget deliberations

Context (Why is the matter coming before Council?):

Council recently accepted the donation of a Wedge Tail Eagle from Injune Arts. As part of the resolution, Council requested consultation with the community and staff to establish the preferred location for the Wedge-tailed Eagle within the Injune Multipurpose precinct. Council conducted a survey with 50 responses supplied. The results of the survey are below:



Location	Number of Votes
Option 1 Library	12
Option 2 Museum	13
Shift playground and place it there	1
On Second Ave in the grassed area at end of museum	9
Between VIC and Playground	1
Front of hall	1
Gwydir Laycock Park	3
Cricket Oval	2
Outside Art Gallery	2
No location given	1
Hutton Street	5

**Have Your Say:
Injune Eagle Survey Round 2**

Question 1: Where in the Injune Multi-Purpose Precinct should the sculpture go?

Location 1: Outside the Injune Library



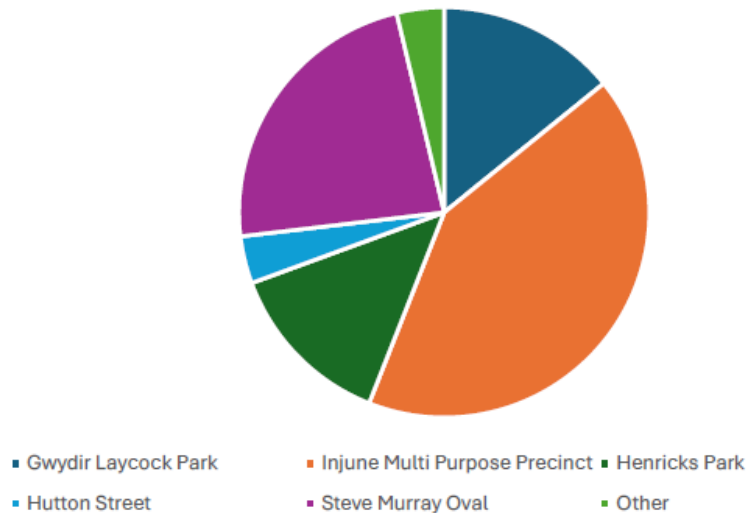
Location 2: Outside the Injune Museum



Background (Including any previous Council decisions):

Council conducted a survey to determine the preferred location within Injune for the sculpture purchased by Injune Arts to be installed. There were 134 results from the initial survey with 56 votes in favour of the Injune Multi-purpose precinct.

Preferred location of Injune Eagle Sculpture



Injune Arts purchased the Wedge-Tailed Eagle from the 2024 Sculptures Out Back exhibition which was donated to council on 27 November 2024.

Resolution No. OM/11.2024/55

Moved Cr Vincent

Seconded Cr Brumpton

That Council:

- 1. Accept the donation of the sculpture known as 'Wedge-tailed Eagle by Artist Stuart Taylor.**
- 2. Undertake community and staff consultation to establish the best location within the Injune Multipurpose Precinct.**
- 3. Be presented with a further report outlining preferred location, estimated cost of installation, funding opportunities and acknowledgement plaques.**

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Options Considered:

Lighting: Solar Lighting was considered along with traditional hardwired installation by a qualified electrician. Commercial grade solar lights were considered providing gentle and soft lighting. These lights have adjustable angles, and 12 hours of charge will be sufficient for 7 days of lighting. Solar light example below. Cost \$399 each from Sunshare solar.



Foundation/Mounting: Traditional concrete foundation was considered the only suitable mounting method based on ease of maintenance. **Cost for foundations –**
3m round concrete slab with steel edging - \$5148.00
3m round crusher dust ring with steel edging - \$3905.00

Installation requirements:	Option 1 (Library)	Option 2 (Museum)
Lighting - hardwired	\$6,000	\$8,000
Foundation - Concrete	\$5,148	\$5,148
Transport & Installation	\$700	\$700
Total:	\$11,848	\$13,848

There is opportunity to reduce this project cost should Solar lighting options be deemed suitable. This would save approximately \$4300 off the library mounting option and \$6300 off the museum mounting option.

Recommendation:

That Council:

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- Select Location 2: Outside the Injune Museum as the preferred site for the installation of the sculpture
- Consider the "Installation of Eagle Sculpture" with a project value of \$13,900 as part of FY25/26 budget deliberations.

Risks:

Risk	Description of likelihood & consequences
Community will not be happy with selected location	Implementing the results from the survey will ensure that the community see the location as fair.

Policy and Legislative Compliance:

N/A

Budget / Funding (Current and future):

There are currently no open grant rounds which Council can apply for to assist with the installation of this eagle. There is opportunity to partner with a local community group to fundraise or apply for grants.

The costs of the two options considered are summarised in the table above. There is an option to reduce the upfront installation costs by electing to use solar lights. This would save on installation and running costs however further scrutiny is required to ensure the specified solar lights will be adequate for the project. Should Council elect to adopt the project as part of overall budget adoption, any project savings would be returned to Council.

Timelines / Deadlines:

The installation of the Wedge Tailed Eagle sculpture is of keen interest to the Injune community. There would be opportunity to wait and apply for suitable grant funding opportunities however this would be the least preferred option given the relatively low estimated project cost.

Consultation (Internal / External):

Injune Arts
 Injune Community (survey)
 Injune Local Area Director
 Injune Local Development Officer
 Arts and Culture Officer

Sculptures Out Back – Local Area Director met with leaders of the Sculptures Out Back committee to gather their feedback on the preferred installation location. It was reiterated that the selected location should capture the ‘grandness’ of the sculpture and it should be adequately lit in a place of prominence. It was discussed that a location in front of the Injune Hall would be suitable.

Strategic Asset Management Implications:

(If applicable, outline changes to whole of life costs and / or level of service)

The Eagle will need to be added onto the Council Asset Register.

Acronyms:

Acronym	Description
<Insert Acronym>	<Provide details>

Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:

Plan Description	Yes / No
Operational	<Provide details>
Corporate	<Provide details>

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

Report authorised by:

Director - Bungil