
LATE ITEMS AGENDA

Ordinary Meeting

Wednesday 10 July 2024

Roma Administration Centre

NOTICE OF MEETING

Date: 9 July 2024

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Councillor W M Taylor

Deputy Mayor:

Councillor C J O'Neil

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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

Acting Chief Executive Officer:

Cameron Hoffmann

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Stephen Scott – Director Bendemere
Seamus Batstone – Director Engineering
Lee Jackson – Director Bungil
Thea Griffin – (Acting) 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 **10 July, 2024 at 9:00 AM**.



Cameron Hoffmann
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: Ordinary 10 July 2024

Date: 1 July 2024

Item Number: L.1

File Number: D24/60317

SUBJECT HEADING: Applications through Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program 2023/2024

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Regional Arts and Culture Officer

Executive Summary:

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

The assessment was completed, and the Committee recommends supporting Bymount Community Recreation Association and Surat and District Development Association applications.

It is recommended that the Committee's assessment be endorsed.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council endorse the RADF Committee's grant assessment recommendations in supporting the following applications:

- i) Bymount Community Recreation Association for \$13,000.00 as received in their application on 19 June 2024.
- ii) Surat and District Development Association for \$8,320.00 as received in their application on 27 June 2024

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

The Maranoa Regional Council Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Committee has reviewed two funding applications for arts and cultural projects that were received via email 19 June 2024 and 27 June 2024. It is recommended that the Committee's assessments be endorsed.

Background (*Including any previous Council decisions*):

As part of its annual RADF program, Council offers open contestable round where eligible groups can apply for funding to support arts and cultural activities. Two applications were received and assessed at the RADF Committee in person on 1 July 2024.

Applications for Funding

The following applications were assessed by the RADF Committee on the basis that they were compliant with the RADF Guidelines.

1. Bymount Community Recreation Association

Project description: Honouring 100 years – workshops to sculpture.

Project total: \$22,490

Funding requested: \$13,000 Approved.

Date: 03 August 2024 – 18 August 2024

It is recommended that Bymount Community Recreation Association. application be approved.

The project meets the following RADF Guidelines:

Building community cultural capacity

Objective — for community groups to engage a professional artist or arts worker to work with them on developing their arts practice or to run arts development workshops or community projects.

The committee made the request that when the signage is created for the finished pieces that details are added regarding the artist Dion Cross and to include the history and story around why these pieces were created.

2. Surat and District Development Association

Project description: Reviving the Roots of Reality TV

Project total: \$12,840

Funding requested: \$8,320 - Approved.

Date: 24 August 2024 – 25 August 2024

It is recommended that Surat and District Development Association. application be approved.

The project meets the following RADF Guidelines:

Building community cultural capacity

Objective — for community groups to engage a professional artist or arts worker to work with them on developing their arts practice or to run arts development workshops or community projects.

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| 2023/2024 BUDGET | \$105,417 |
| Less expended funds | \$87,818.71 |
| Available for funding rounds | \$17,598.29 |
| Less this round | \$21,320 |
| Remaining budget | \$- 3,721.71+ |

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| 2024/2025 BUDGET | \$40,950 (RADF \$31,500 and Council co contribution \$9,450.00) |
| Add revenue 23/24 | \$2,192.97 (income from workshop ticket sales) |
| Total Budget | \$43,142.97 |
| Less 23/24 overspend | \$3,721.71 |
| Available for funding rounds | \$39,421.26 |

+ Please note that Council has received the letter of offer from Arts Queensland for allocation of RADF funding for 24/25 before these applications were assessed. The RADF committee were made aware that if both applications are approved \$3,721.71 of funding would come out of the RADF funding received for 24/25.

Options Considered:

Consider the applications as submitted. The report and recommendation is consistent with the Operational Plan adopted for 2024/25:

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| Arts and Culture | Foster an active Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Grant Program. | Encourage Regional Arts Development Funds grants to be 100% expended – support a diverse range of cultural events and encourage participation through access to community grants and other opportunities. | Regional Development | GOAL 5: Inclusivity |
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Recommendation:

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Risks:

| Risk | Description of likelihood & consequences |
|-------------------|--|
| Unallocated funds | There is a risk that if the RADF Committee recommendations are not received, the budget will not be allocated, jeopardising future funding from Arts Queensland. |

Policy and Legislative Compliance:

The Local Government Regulation 2012 states that:

Section 194 – Grants to community organisations

A local government may give a grant to a community organisation only—

- (a) if the local government is satisfied—
 - (i) the grant will be used for a purpose that is in the public interest; and
 - (ii) the community organisation meets the criteria stated in the local government's community grants policy; and
- (b) in a way that is consistent with the local government's community grants policy.

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 194 (a) and (b)

Budget / Funding (Current and future):

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Future Budget

If the RADF budget for 24/25 is not fully expended, it can be 'rolled over' to the following year. RADF has moved to a new funding structure and Council is guaranteed an allocation of \$31,500 in 25/26 under the new funding agreement from Arts Queensland which outlines any unspent funds can be rolled over.

Timelines / Deadlines:

ASAP

Consultation (Internal / External):

RADF Committee members:

- Cr Wendy Taylor
- Cr Johanne Hancock
- Sue Sands
- Chris Riddell
- Vicky Beitz

- Sally West
- Sandra MacDonald

Strategic Asset Management Implications:

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

Applications has been evaluated against the RADF Guidelines.

Acronyms:

| Acronym | Description |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| RADF | Regional Arts Development Fund |
| Inc | Incorporated |

Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:

| Plan Description | Yes / No |
|------------------|----------|
| Operational | No |
| Corporate | No |

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2023-2028

Corporate Plan Pillar 5: Inclusivity

5.5 Cultural heritage and arts promotion

Supporting Documentation:

Nil.

Report authorised by:

Manager - Regional Economic & Community Development

(Acting) Director - Regional Development, Environment & Planning

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Meeting: Ordinary 10 July 2024

Date: 5 July 2024

Item Number: L.2

File Number: D24/63345

SUBJECT HEADING: Maranoa Road Grid Safety Project

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Director - Warroo

Executive Summary:

A landowner has proactively written to council to request widening a grid from 4 metres to 8 metres on the Maranoa Road, for safety reasons. Under the grids and gates policy landowners are responsible for their own grids.

Council officers recommend taking a proactive and collaborative approach to upgrade this grid for immediate and long-term safety benefits for landowners and all road users.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Write to the landowner thanking them for the request.
2. Accept the offer from the landowner to contribute 50 per cent towards the landowner's grid purchase.
3. Fund the part purchase of the grid to the total of \$5,000 (ex GST) from Warroo Directorate Operations and Maintenance General Ledger (GL) 02087.2017.

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

Landowner has approached council to consider proactively contributing to upgrade a grid from 4 metres to 8-metres on Maranoa Road for road safety reasons – see location maps below.

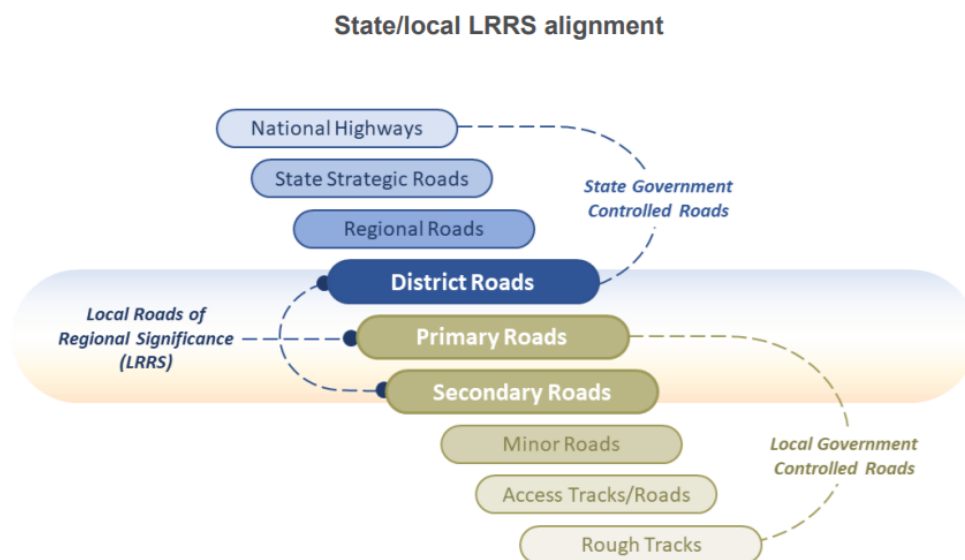
Landowner advises they have a four-metre grid and it has been hit and damaged several times due to the location (on a curve) on Maranoa Road.

Under the Grids and Gates policy the landowner is only required to install a four-metre grid – refer to extract from grid and gate policy below based on traffic volumes.

This section of Maranoa Road is likely to be upgraded to seal standard in future years and is located approximately 3.5 kilometers from the end of the current seal.

Background (Including any previous Council decisions):

1. Standard council contribution under the policy is that council funds the cost of installation of grids and advanced warning signs including any additional gravel.
2. Under the policy, a double grid may be required, at Council's discretion, irrespective of the policy specifications due to driver visibility being restricted; or road conditions preclude reasonable access from the road formation to an adjoining gate due to: or Road alignment; or Road formation height; or presence and/or interruption to channels or overland/roadside drainage paths.
3. Maranoa Road is Rural Access – Primary A road for council and is 57 kilometers long. The road is also a Local Road of Regional Significance (LRRS) being eligible for State and Regional Road funding sources.



LRRS are determined by the RRTG to focus TIDS investment on roads of strategic importance, although other road infrastructure classes are eligible for RRTG consideration.

Image 1: LRRS Image

4. Maranoa Road is likely to see increased traffic over the next five years with a Council Betterment Flood project underway to pave and seal an additional six kilometers towards Hartwood Road. Council is currently upgrading Maranoa Road from chainage 24000 and 32100. The grid is located at chainage 35400.

5. This location and associated infrastructure will need to be upgraded in the future as council continues its long term strategic and asset plan for Maranoa Road.
6. Traffic counts close to this location indicate an average of <20 vehicles per day.
7. See Image 2 - minimum standards and exclusions for council Grid and Gate

5.4. Minimum Standards and Exclusions

Licensed gate and grid requirements and exclusions will be as follows:

| Traffic Volumes | Grid Type Required |
|---|--------------------|
| Road with greater than 250 vehicles per day | Not permitted |
| Road with traffic volumes less than 250 but more than 20 vehicles per day | Double grid (8m) |
| Road less than 20 vehicles | Single grid (4m) |

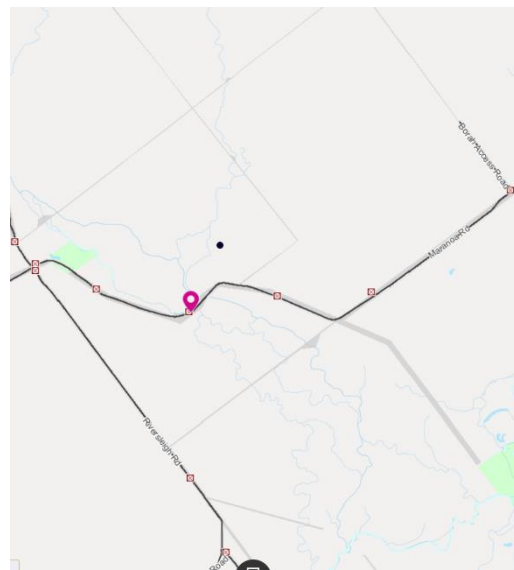
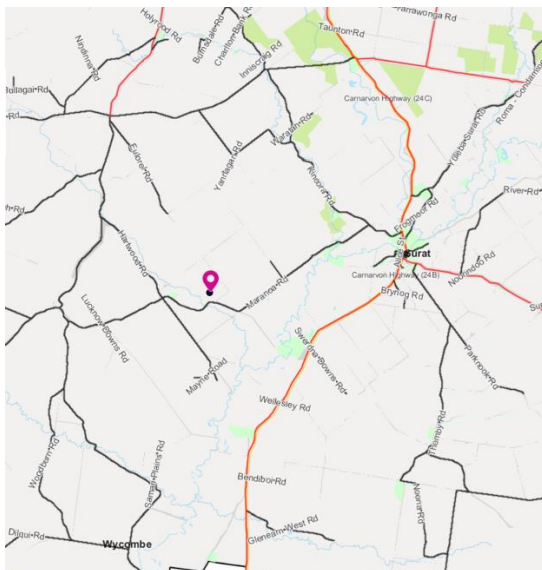
Notwithstanding the above, a double grid may be required, at Council's discretion, irrespective of the above if:

- Driver visibility is restricted; or
- Road conditions preclude reasonable access from the road formation to an adjoining gate due to:
 - Road alignment;
 - Road formation height;
 - Presence and/or interruption to channels or overland/roadside drainage paths.

Policy.

Image 2: Extract from Council Grid and Gate Policy

8. Council's contribution towards the grid is expected to be \$5000 (ex GST).



Map 1: Regional Area Maps.

Options Considered:

1. Do nothing and continue to assess risk at location
2. Landowner pays for the full cost of the grid
3. Council contributes 50% towards the cost of the grid upgrade
4. Council contributes 25% towards the cost of the grid upgrade



Photo 1-2. Images of the grid.

Recommendation:

That Council :

1. Write to the landowner thanking them for the request.
2. Accept the offer from the landowner to contribute 50 per cent towards the landowner's grid purchase.
3. Fund the part purchase of the grid to the total of \$5,000 (ex GST) from Warroo Directorate Operations and Maintenance General Ledger (GL) 02087.2017

Risks:

| Risk | Description of likelihood & consequences |
|--------------|---|
| CPI Increase | Cost of Grids likely to increase in future years |
| Local Buy | The grid is 'Aprilla' brand supplied from Cooper McCullough (contractor on site). The landowner is purchasing the grid direct from the contractor. This is not a council purchase of a grid, contribution only. |

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| Road Safety | Landowner and Council achieve improve road safety outcome at location. Not upgrading the grid is likely to result in elevated risk at the location. Council will conduct a road safety check of the alignment prior to upgrade. |
| Cost | Grid is on site already due to over order from the road seal project. Contractor is motivated to sell the grid due to administration error. |
| AMP | Asset Management Plan – A future seal on Maranoa Road may not occur in the short term. Investment in the grid has both short and long-term benefits. |

Policy and Legislative Compliance:

- Maranoa Regional Council Grids and Gates Policy 2020
- Rural Roads Asset Management Plan 2018/19 – 2027/28
- Maranoa Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No. 1.16 (Gates and Grids) 2011 and Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011

Budget / Funding *(Current and future)*:

\$5,000 (ex GST) from Waroo Local Area operations budget.

Timelines / Deadlines:

2024/25 Financial year – funded by Warroo Operations Budget.

Consultation *(Internal / External)*:

- Max and Marie Bright (landowner) – Lot/Plan 4COG49
- Lonergan's Consultants (QRA)
- Overseer (Warroo)
- Deputy Director (Strategic Roads and Contracts)
- Senior Engineer – Program and Contract Management

Strategic Asset Management Implications:

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

Include upgraded grid in Council Strategic Asset Management Plan for Maranoa Road.

Acronyms:

| Acronym | Description |
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Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:

| Plan Description | Yes / No |
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| Operational | No |
| Corporate | No |

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2023-2028
Strategic Priority 1: Getting the basics right
1.3 Manage our region's urban and rural roads

Supporting Documentation:

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[↓](#) Max and Marie Bright - Upgrade of grid request inside property boundary Karoola Park - Southern side of Maranoa Road - 05 July 2024

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[↓](#) Council Policy - Grids & Gates V4 - GM 02.2020 77

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Report authorised by:

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5/7/2024

To whom it may concern

We respectfully request Maranoa Regional Council assist with upgrading of a grid inside our property boundary on the southern side of Maranoa Road.

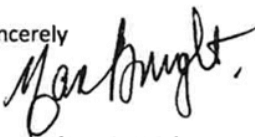
Over the years this grid has been hit several times due to it being located on a curve as it approaches the Muckadilla Creek.

Given Maranoa Road is now being extended further towards our property this is likely to bring more traffic from the south towards Surat and Roma.

Upgrading the grid now would make more sense given we may see an increase in traffic on the road over the longer term.

We respectfully request council contribute 50% to the purchase of this grid to improve road safety on the road and for future long-term growth of the road.

Sincerely



Max and Marie Bright

COUNCIL POLICY: GRIDS & GATES**1. Policy Statement**

The *Transport Infrastructure Act 1994* and *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* impose a statutory duty on Council to construct, maintain and operate public roads to promote the safe transport of persons and goods, while the *Local Government Act 2009* grants Council control of all roads in our local government area.

Gates and grids are defined as ancillary works on roads within this legislation and while Council has the responsibility for the control, care and management of our public roads, provision of this policy transfers responsibility to the property owner for gates and grids which are permitted for use.

As a preferred position, Council discourage the use of gates and grids where possible. It is however acknowledged that gates and grids may be required under certain circumstances for genuine primary production purposes. The aim of this policy is to ensure that where gates and grids are allowed they must be installed, managed and maintained to an appropriate and consistent standard, which minimises any safety risk to road users.

2. Policy Purpose

The objective of this policy is to provide detailed information on grids and gates as called upon by *Subordinate Local Law No. 1.16 (Gates and Grids) 2011*. Council seeks to provide a simple and consistent process for the management of gates and grids on public roads within our region to ensure that they do not interfere with –

- the safe movement of vehicles and other road users; and/or
- the maintenance of the public road.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure uniform standards are applied to the construction and maintenance of grids and gates on Council controlled roads.

3. Policy Scope

This policy:

- Applies to the construction and maintenance of all grids and gates on public roads, excluding state-controlled roads, under the control of Maranoa Regional Council.
- Does not apply to gates and grids at property entrances or on property boundaries, provided that the gate and grid does not encroach on the road reserve.
- Defines the framework under which gates and grids are to be managed within the region. It provides the basis for a method to control the approval, installation, ongoing maintenance and removal of a gate and/or a grid on a public road.

4. Definitions

Definitions detailed in *Subordinate Local Law No. 1.16 (Gates and Grids) 2011* and *Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011* apply to this policy.

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Owner - An owner of a gate or grid installed across a public road, means the person/s who receives the benefit of the gate or grid, i.e. does not have the roadway fenced out, which allows stock to graze the road reserve.

Road - is an area of land that is dedicated to public use as a road, a footpath or bicycle path, a bridge, culvert, ford, tunnel or viaduct as defined in section 59 of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Minor Repair Works - works on a grid or gate that are minor in nature and do not materially affect the original design or structural capacity of the structure.

5. Policy Details

5.1. Grids

5.1.1. Council's standard specification for road grids shall be as follows:

Frames and abutments are to be structurally certified for design loads in accordance with AS5100.2-2017 (the Bridge Design Code), including all relevant load factors, dynamic load allowances and deflection limits (i.e. span/600). The particular loads to be applied are as follows:

- W80 wheel load;
- A160 axle load;
- M1600 moving load;
- S1600 stationary traffic load.

Design loads need not be applied outside the line of the outer bearer.

Grids are to be structurally certified for maximum safe vehicle design speed 100km/h, where:

- Frames are securely anchored to abutments;
- Approach road gradients conform to Council standard drawings;
- Approach road surface is to a standard appropriate for the vehicle speed.

Abutments are to be certified for bearing capacity of foundation material 100kPa / soaked CBR 5, unless ground conditions can be confirmed / dictate use of a lower bearing capacity.

5.1.2. Each application submitted for Council approval shall be accompanied by –

- a) A Form 15 Certificate of Design from a qualified Registered Professional Engineer Queensland (RPEQ) stating the design parameters.
- b) Documentation providing details of the grid fabrication and installation.

5.1.3. Council may elect to use the grid as a cross-road drainage structure. In this case, Council will undertake surface drainage works in the vicinity of the grid.

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5.1.4. All grids shall be accompanied by an adjacent bypass road and double gates with a minimum opening of 7.0 metres.

5.2. Gates

Gates shall be:

5.2.1. Constructed so as to provide a minimum clear opening of 7.0 metres.

5.2.2. In two sections so as to permit convenient use by the public.

5.2.3. Of stock proof construction and to be swinging on hinges.

5.2.4. Fitted with a minimum of three delineators evenly spaced on each section of the gate.

5.2.5. Accompanied by a grid (Council will not licence a gate without a grid) where it is either across a road giving access to more than two properties, or more than one property which is residentially occupied, not taking into account the property of the applicant.

5.3. Signs

All signage will be in accordance with the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and Council's Standard Grids and Gates Drawing.

5.4. Minimum Standards and Exclusions

Licensed gate and grid requirements and exclusions will be as follows:

| Traffic Volumes | Grid Type Required |
|---|---------------------------|
| Road with greater than 250 vehicles per day | Not permitted |
| Road with traffic volumes less than 250 but more than 20 vehicles per day | Double grid (8m) |
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Notwithstanding the above, a double grid may be required, at Council's discretion, irrespective of the above if:

- Driver visibility is restricted; or
- Road conditions preclude reasonable access from the road formation to an adjoining gate due to:
 - Road alignment;
 - Road formation height;
 - Presence and/or interruption to channels or overland/roadside drainage paths.

5.5. Applications

5.5.1. Applications must be made on the prescribed form and must be accompanied by all required supporting information and payment of application fee.

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- 5.5.2. Notification from **all** boundary neighbouring property holders indicating their objection or non-objection to the application must be included as part of the application submission.

5.6. Application Fees and Renewal Charges

- 5.6.1. The applicant will pay a fee on application.
- 5.6.2. A fee to renew an existing grid or gate licence will be payable at the time of application for renewal.
- 5.6.3. On change of ownership of a property, a fee is payable for Council to transfer the licence to the new owner.
- 5.6.4. The fee payable on application, renewal or transfer will be as determined by Council as part of annual budget deliberations through fees and charges.

5.7. Decision

- 5.7.1. Authority for the approval of licensed grid and gate applications accompanied by a 'Non Objection Notice' from each and all boundary neighbouring property holders has been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. This authority may be further delegated to the Director – Infrastructure Services.
- 5.7.2. For applications received where one (1) or more 'Notice/s of Objection/s' is/are received, the application will be referred to Council for determination.
- 5.7.3. Any licensed grid/gate approvals granted by Council shall have a ten year currency period, after which application will have to be made to Council for renewal.
- 5.7.4. Gates and Grids need to remain compliant during the period of the licence.
- 5.7.5. Council reserves the right to review its approval of a gate and grid if changes occur to the classification or alignment of the road on which it is situated, or if there is a demonstrated change in road usage patterns, or if the original purpose of the gate and grid no longer exists.

5.8. Installation or Replacement of Grids and Gates

- 5.8.1. To assist landholders, Council can undertake grid installation works subject to suitable Council plant being in the area. In such case, the responsibilities are as follows:

Owner

- a) Supply and delivery of grid components to site;
- b) Where applicable supply of materials and installation of any gates and fencing; and
- c) Maintenance and registration of grid or gate at completion or works.

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- a) Where applicable remove the existing grid and associated infrastructure and deliver to a mutually agreeable location;
- b) Installation of new grid and abutments;
- c) Supply and installation of associated signage; and
- d) Complete associated roadworks.

5.8.2. Works undertaken by a party other than Council, including the installation of grids and/or gates, will be subject to Council's Works in Road Reserve Policy. Approval, under this policy, will need to be sought prior to commencement of any works.

5.9. Repairs

5.9.1. Should works be required to a grid or gate, Council will notify the owner in writing and the owner shall rectify any problems immediately. If the works are not carried out within sixty (60) days of the date of the letter, Council may perform the works itself or through a third party or remove the grid and invoice the owner for all associated costs.

5.9.2. In the event of a safety hazard at the grid or gate the owner will be required to address this immediately to a level that is satisfactory to Council and then to Council's standard specification within sixty (60) days.

5.9.3. All repair works shall be undertaken by an appropriately licensed person (i.e. qualified boilermaker / welder).

5.9.4. Minor Repair Works do not require certification by a Registered Professional Engineer Queensland.

5.9.5. All repair works shall be subject to conditions outlined in Clause 4.8.2 of this policy.

5.10. Upgrade Works to Council Roads

In the event of Council performing construction (i.e. upgrade or renewal) works, at the grid or gate location, the grid or gate may need to be upgraded to meet the current Council specifications, depending on its age and current condition.

In such case, the responsibilities are as follows:

Owner

- a) Supply of grid or gate components to specifications (including associated signage);
- b) Where applicable supply of materials and installation of any gates and fencing; and
- c) Maintenance and registration of grid or gate at completion or works.

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- a) Where applicable remove the existing grid and associated infrastructure and deliver to a mutually agreeable location;
- b) Installation of new grid and abutments;
- c) Supply and installation of associated signage; and
- d) Complete associated roadworks.

Council may:

- a) Waive any grid application fee payable, but not any renewal charges applicable; and
- b) Waive any application process required at the time of installation.

5.11. Incentive to “Fence Out”

- 5.11.1.** To encourage landholders to voluntarily fence road reserves and eliminate grids and gates from our road network, Council will reimburse licensed gate and/or grid owners per grid/gate following:
 - a) the road being fenced out to a permanent stock proof standard;
 - b) the Council removal of the gate / grid and associated structures and reinstatement of the road (when Council is undertaking works in the area);
 - c) the final inspection by Council.
- 5.11.2.** With an exception in the case of a property boundary grid, each individual owner, upon fencing their section would be reimbursed \$750 (the maximum payment for any structure being \$1,500).
- 5.11.3.** When future capital works improvements are undertaken, Council will negotiate the possible removal of any grids on that section of road with all affected landholders.
- 5.11.4.** Council will reimburse the owner the full subsidy value for the removal of a grid, where the adjoining neighbour is a government agency.
- 5.11.5.** Where the owner of a grid and/or gate, fences out a road eliminating a grid / gate which was previously a boundary grid between two owners and one of these owners has previously fenced out their side of the grid and received half of the subsidy under this policy, the later owner shall only be paid half the total subsidy.
- 5.11.6.** The value of the financial incentive offered will be as determined through annual budget deliberation processes. The subsidy has been set at \$1,500 per grid or gate removed.

COUNCIL POLICY: **GRIDS & GATES****6. Special Provisions (e.g. Privacy Provisions etc.)**

Nil

7. Related Policies and Legislation

- Transport Infrastructure Act 1994
- Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995
- Local Government Act 2009
- Council Policy – Works in Road Reserve
- Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices

8. Associated Documents

- Application Form
- Council's Standard Grids and Gates Drawing Set
- *Subordinate Local Law No. 1.16 (Gates and Grids) 2011*
- *Subordinate Local Law No. 4 (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011*

OFFICER REPORT

Meeting: Ordinary 10 July 2024

Date: 8 July 2024

Item Number: L.3

File Number: D24/64003

SUBJECT HEADING: Community Grants Round 2 2023/24 -
Amendment of Project

Classification: Open Access

Officer's Title: Lead Local Development Officer

Executive Summary:

Surat Diggers Race Club Inc were successful in securing Council's Community Grant (Major category) in Round 2 of the 2023/24 funding cycle, amounting to \$10,000, intended for visual and audio upgrades at the Warroo Sporting Complex. That project was completed and due to external grant funding, did not require the use of Council's \$10,000 grant.

Surat Diggers Race Club Inc are seeking to reallocate the \$10,000 towards finalising the landscaping and fencing (project variation) at the Warroo Sporting Complex. This report seeks Council's approval for that request.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Approve the project variation for Surat Diggers Race Club Inc Major Grant application Round 2 2023/24.
2. Allow Surat Diggers Race Club Inc to install a fence at the Warroo Sporting Complex as outlined in their proposal.

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

Surat Diggers Race Club Inc successfully applied for a \$10,000 Major Grant to upgrade the visual and audio systems at the Warroo Sporting Complex, ensuring functional and reliable access for all groups using the venue (Resolution No. OM/04.2024/35). The organisation also received funding from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and Origin Energy for the same project, which eliminated the need for the \$10,000 Major Grant from Council.

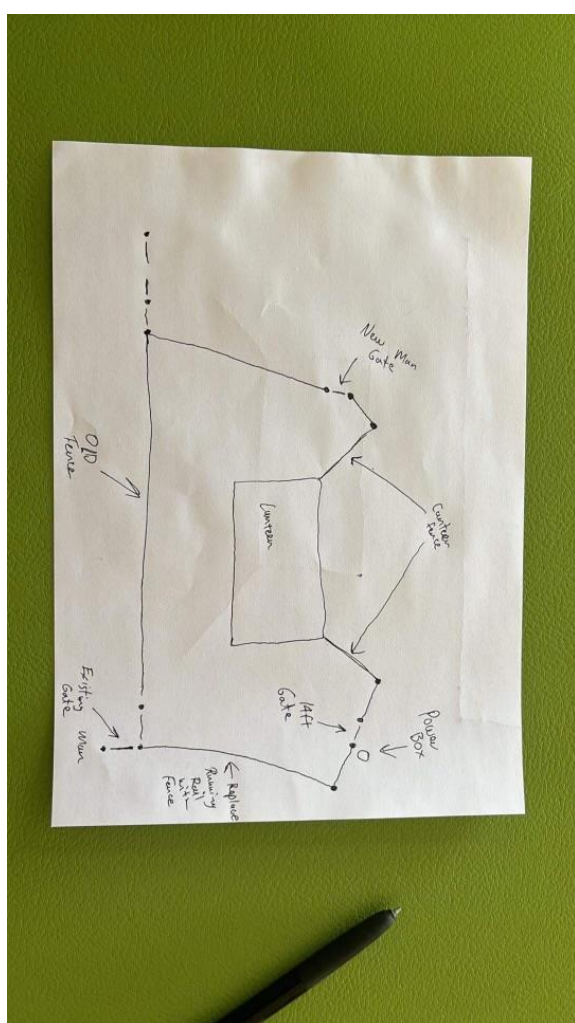
The club has now requested a variation to the project as follows:

Proposed project variation:

We are proposing that the MRC Community Grant monies allocated to us are now directed to a variation of the project. We are hoping to supply and complete earthworks around the new canteen to provide a safely sloped access up to the canteen level. Included in this project would be the installation of a fence which

would segregate the parking area from the general public areas. This fence would have sufficient access for all groups from their venues to the canteen as well as providing much needed safety from vehicles and camping areas. The earthworks is contributing to the completion of the Council owned facility in preparation for its first use on our race day, September 7th, possibly before the Cobb and Co Festival which would be ideal. Therefore, it is proposed that the earthworks would be completed by 9th August. The fence would then be installed and completed by 16th August.

For Major Grants, Council contributes up to 25% of the total project cost. The organisation's previous project completion details have been accounted for, and this request seeks Council's approval for the proposed variation to utilise the grant funds effectively.



Costs for variation project proposal:

| Item | Quantity | Rate | Total |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Truck and Side tippers | 8 hours X 5 days (40 hours) | \$ 200.00 | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Front end loader | 8 hours X 5 days (40 hours) | \$ 200.00 | \$ 8,000.00 |
| Bobcat | 8 hours X 5 days (40 hours) | \$ | \$ |

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| | hours) | 100.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Supply of fill | 200 cubic metres | \$ 30.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Volunteers | 5 people X 8 hours X 5 days (200 hours) | \$ 41.00 | \$ 8,200.00 |
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| | | | \$ 34,200.00 |
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| Relocate fence to segregate car parking and general public areas - Contractor quote to come. | | | TBC |

At the time the report was written, the organisation was awaiting the quote for the fence. Price will be provided at the Council meeting.

The club have provided their project scope to the President of the Surat Warroo Sporting Complex User Group for their approval.

Background (Including any previous Council decisions):

At the Ordinary Council meeting on 24 April 2024, Council endorsed the following projects as part of Round 2 2023/24 Community Grants:

Small Grants:

| GROUP | PROJECT | FUNDED |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| QLD Blue Light Association Inc – Surat Branch | Youth hangout space | \$1,266.50 |
| Dunkeld Pony Club Inc | Murray Cup Shield | \$1,100 |
| Mitchell & District Garden Group | 2024 Garden Days | \$1,449 |
| Mungallala Progress and Sporting Association Inc | 100th Mungallala Christmas Tree | \$3,000 |
| Maranoa Wildlife Caring & Education Centre | 100 Rescue Kits | \$2,357 |
| Surat State School Parents and Citizens Association | Safe on Social Community Session | \$1,600 |
| Yuleba Development Group Inc | Unearthing Balladeers & Bush Poets at Cobb & Co Festival | \$3,000 |
| Wallumbilla Campdraft Committee | Wallumbilla Campdraft – September | \$1,982.80 |
| | | TOTAL: \$15,755.30 |

Community Grants:

| GROUP | PROJECT | FUNDED |
|---|--|------------|
| Saloon Car Club of Roma & District Inc | Zero turn mower | \$4,500 |
| Wallumbilla Agricultural and Pastoral Association Inc | Building Billa Bonds at Wallumbilla Show | \$8,871 |
| Sculptures Out Back | Advertising 2024 Exhibition – Weekender TV | \$8,250 |
| Multicap Ltd | Establishment of Roma Community Hub | \$3,400 |
| Maranoa Archers | Build Shade Structure | \$6,974.60 |

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| Association | | |
| Surat and District Development Association Inc – Let's Dance | Sideshow Alley / The Cobb & Co Mini Show Day | \$7,440 |
| Step Into Dance | Dance flooring | \$4,500 |
| | | TOTAL: \$43,935.60 |

Major Grant:

| GROUP | PROJECT | FUNDED |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Surat Diggers Race Club Inc | Replace the Visual and Audio Systems | \$10,000 |

Overall total: \$69,690.90

Options Considered:

If Council does not approve the project variation, the \$10,000 grant money would be returned and used in the Round 1 2024/25 Grant funding pool.

Recommendation:

That Council approve Surat Diggers Race Club Inc's request to redirect their grant funding towards the proposed earthworks and fencing project at the Warroo Sporting Complex. This improvement will be a valuable addition, enhancing the safety and accessibility of the facility, and will be utilised during the upcoming Cobb & Co Festival.

Risks:

| Risk | Description of likelihood & consequences |
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| N/A | |

Policy and Legislative Compliance:

N/A

Budget / Funding (*Current and future*):

The grant funding has already been disbursed to the organisation.

Timelines / Deadlines:

The club wish to complete this project before the Cobb and Co Festival commencing 16 August 2024.

Consultation (*Internal / External*):

The club have provided their project scope to the President of the Surat Warroo Sporting Complex User Group for their approval.

Strategic Asset Management Implications:

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

N/A

Acronyms:

| Acronym | Description |
|---------|-------------|
| N/A | |

Addition to Operational or Corporate Plan:

| Plan Description | Yes / No |
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| Operational | No |
| Corporate | No |

Link to Corporate Plan:

Corporate Plan 2023-2028

Strategic Priority 4: Growing our region

4.11 Support development of our local communities through planning, programs and events

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Report authorised by:

Director Roma

COUNCILLOR NOTICE OF MOTION

Meeting: Ordinary 10 July 2024

Date: 6 July 2024

Item Number: L.4

File Number: D24/63645

SUBJECT HEADING: Maranoa and Western Downs Regional Council
Collaboration

Classification: Open Access

Councillor's Title: Cr Wendy Taylor

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional and Western Downs Regional share a number of common interests and challenges. Stronger collaboration between both Councils provides a great opportunity to open dialogue and discuss these in a way where we can share learnings and approaches.

This report seeks Councils' in trying to establish an executive collaboration working group with Western Downs Regional Council - our local government colleagues directly to the east.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That Council approve the Mayor to write to Western Downs Regional Council seeking to establish an executive collaboration working group between the two Councils.

Background:

Having attended several advocacy and networking sessions since taking Declaration of Office as Mayor, it has become apparent that Maranoa Regional and Western Downs Regional share a number of common interests and challenges.

Some of these include:

- a large and active **CSG and renewable resource presence** in both regions;
- a **significant road network** with relatively smaller population base – with Western Downs and Maranoa Regional having the second and third longest road network (respectively) of any local government in Queensland;
- both Council's running **commercial businesses** including gas network, quarries and saleyards;
- both Council's likely to have **long life infrastructure** (i.e. civic centers, aquatic centre, water and sewerage infrastructure) at similar vintage and require major refurbishment and replacement in the coming years.
- given the network similarities with roads, water, sewerage, gas – there is likely to real opportunity to look a **joint procurement arrangements** that present cost savings for both Councils.

Whilst each region will have their own nuisances, our challenges and opportunities are likely to be similar and the lessons to overcome these and move forward are likely to apply equally to us all.

This report seeks Council consideration to write to Western Downs Regional Council to establish an executive collaboration working group between the two Councils. It would be proposed that the basic structure could include:

- Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO (or delegate) as core members;
- Meet twice yearly, alternating being regions;
- Meeting Chair to be the host Mayor;
- Establish a one-page terms of reference at the first meeting to ensure the focus is defined early and can guide future discussions.
- Every second meeting to include the full Council to help with networking and relationship building.

This proposal recognises that there are currently groups in place (i.e. regional road groups, SW&DD COM) – and does not seek to circumvent or replace these.

However, what has been highlighted is the current group(s) focus at a broader regional level and we are possibly missing a constructive collaboration opportunity by establishing a small working group directly with Western Downs Regional Council.

This could be an arrangement we look back in the past as a “*watershed moment*” – with the possibility of establishing a very productive and “untapped” opportunity for both Councils. I therefore seek your support in the recommendation as presented.

Supporting Documentation:

Nil

Notice prepared by:

Cr. Wendy Taylor