

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 7 AUGUST 2024 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 10:30 AM

### ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr W M Taylor chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr C J O'Neil, Cr J R P Birkett, Cr A K Davis, Cr J M Hancock (by Microsoft Teams), Cr B R Seawright, Cr J R Vincent, Acting Chief Executive Officer – Cameron Hoffmann and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

### WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 10.41am.

### APOLOGIES

<b>Resolution No. SM/08.2024/01</b>	
<b>Moved Cr O'Neil</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Birkett</b>
<b>That apologies be received and leave of absence granted for Cr. Brumpton and Cr. Flynn for this meeting.</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>7/0</b>

### Declaration of Interest

<b>Item</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Description	Upcoming Deputations and briefing Topic   Councillor Briefing 7 August 2024
<b>Declaring Councillor</b>	<b>Cr John Birkett</b>
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	I have a conflict as I am the president of the Mitchell & District RLFC and we play at the Cities Oval during the Roma & District Premiership Season.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision.

<b>Resolution No. SM/08.2024/02</b>	
<b>Moved Cr Vincent</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Seawright</b>
<b>That it is in the public interest that Councillor Birkett participates and votes on agenda item 3.1 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.</b>	
<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>5/0</b>

## Declaration of Interest

<b>Item</b>	<b>3.1</b>
Description	Upcoming Deputations and briefing Topic   Councillor Briefing 7 August 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Cameron O'Neil
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	I have a close personal association with Roma Commerce & Tourism General Manager - Debbie Joppich and Vice-President - Camille Johnson.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision.

### Resolution No. SM/08.2024/03

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Seawright

**That it is in the public interest that Councillor O'Neil participates and votes on agenda item 3.1 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.**

CARRIED

5/0

### Discussion Note – Provided by Mayor Taylor

Mayor Taylor indicated that the holding of a special meeting prior to a Councillor Briefing was being introduced when needed to formally allow for any Councillor identified conflicts to be considered prior to the respective briefing. The benefit of this approach in turn will allow for all Councillors to be made aware of any notified prescribed and/or declarable conflicts of interest ahead of a briefing, and for eligible Councillors to vote on declarable conflicts of interest for those Councillors seeking to remain for discussions on an item.

## BUSINESS

Item Number:

3.1

File Number: D24/73554

SUBJECT HEADING:

**UPCOMING DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFING TOPIC |  
COUNCILLOR BRIEFING 7 AUGUST 2024**

Officer's Title:

**(Acting) Chief Executive Officer**

### ***Executive Summary:***

*This report provided a summary of topics scheduled for the Councillor Briefing to immediately follow the Special Meeting on 7 August 2024.*

### **NOTE:**

**While an Officer's recommendation was included the report for this agenda item, a draft motion was not put forward by a Councillor, and therefore no vote was taken.**

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## CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 10.45am.

**These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 14 August 2024, at the Roma Administration Centre.**