
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2024 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 from 9.02am – 2.46pm), Cr A K Davis, Cr P J Flynn, 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

(Acting) Director Corporate Services – Rueben Broom, Director Bungil – Lee Jackson, Director Engineering – Seamus Batstone, (Acting) Director Regional Development, Environment and Planning – Thea Griffin, Director Roma – Dean Ellwood, Director Bendemere – Stephen Scott, Deputy Director / Strategic Road Management – Cameron Hoffmann, (Acting Manager) - Regional Facilities Management – Leah Cooper, Manager - Airports (Roma) & Regional Compliance – Daniel Jones, Lead Local Development Officer – Georgie Adams Woodall, Senior Engineer - Program & Contract Management – Jarvis Black, Project Officer - Contract Management Office – Luci Gunning.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.02am.

CONDOLENCE

On behalf of Maranoa Regional Council and the broader community I wish to express our sincere condolences on the passing of Cr Meryl Brumpton's Father and 2024 Joint Roma Citizen of the Year Mr John Finnigan.

John passed on Sunday night aged 88. John was married to his late wife Ronda for 65 years and his life story is a testament to commitment, family values, and dedication to community service.

It was with deep admiration that we bestowed the joint Citizen of the Year award to John Finnigan in 2024.

John was an active and motivating force within the Roma Historical Motor Club.

One of John's most notable contributions was his initiation and organisation of the Roma Toy Run. These runs have become a cherished annual event with John's efforts going beyond the motorcycle community; he diligently worked to raise sponsorship, coordinated with the Roma Police, and Anglicare recipients to ensure the success of these charitable events.

John was a dedicated community member and over my time in Local Government was an active participant on where we could improve what we do – particularly when it came to the Adungadoo Pathway and the exercise equipment found along its route.

John Finnigan is a loved member of our community and his loss will be felt by many.

On a personal note I know I can speak for Wendy when I share that we will both miss John's friendly face and chats when we delivered meals on wheels each month to John and Ronda and for the last couple of years just John. He was always up for a chat between making sure his little dog and escapee cat didn't make it out the door.

Vale John Finnigan a life well lived – let your memories now live through your daughters Meryl and Nerida and their children.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Taylor invited Cr Vincent to say a few words about Roma being recognised as one of the best tourism destinations in Australia, having received the Bronze Award at the Top Tourism Town Awards in Canberra on 10 September 2024. Cr Vincent, through the CEO, thanked staff for their application and highlighted the positive comments received for the guides at the Roma Saleyards and comments which highlighted the Big Rig Tower as being a great asset to the community, along with the friendliness of the community in welcoming visitors.

APOLOGIES

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/01	
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr Davis
That apologies be received and leave of absence granted for Cr. Brumpton for this meeting.	
CARRIED	8/0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/02	
Moved Cr Seawright	Seconded Cr Vincent
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 28 August 2024 be confirmed.	
CARRIED	8/0

CONSIDERATION OF NOTICES OF MOTION

Declaration of Interest

Item	8.1
Description	Call on State Government to Cover Debt Regulated air Services Route Into Roma
Declaring Councillor	Cr Peter Flynn
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	I own and operate Maranoa Travel Centre, this business has an agreement with REX Airlines – sale of community and resident fares.
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 9.07am.

Item Number: 8.1 **File Number:** D24/85669

SUBJECT HEADING: CALL ON STATE GOVERNMENT TO COVER DEBT |
REGULATED AIR SERVICES ROUTE INTO ROMA

Councillor's Title: Cr. Cameron O'Neil

Executive Summary:

In late-July 2024, Regional Express Holdings Limited and a number of its subsidiaries entered

voluntary administration.

Regional Express Holdings Limited are the provider and operator of State Government's Central 1 (Brisbane–Roma–Charleville) regulated air service route. At the time of the administration, Regional Express Holdings Limited owed Council in the order of \$270,000 associated with passenger fee charges at the Roma Airport.

This report seeks Council support to advocate and seek support from the state government to cover the debt of their contractor should the administration process fail to deliver the money owed to Maranoa Regional Council.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/03

Moved Cr Birkett

That this lay on the table until later in the meeting [to allow for confirmation of additional information being received by the Mayor regarding the matter].

CARRIED

7/0

At cessation of discussion and decision on the abovementioned item, Cr Flynn returned to the meeting at 9.10am.

BUSINESS

Declaration of Interest

Item	13.1
Description	Maranoa Triathlon 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Cameron O'Neil
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Close Associate - Richard Johnson
Particulars of Interest	Richard is on the organising committee for the Maranoa Triathlon. Richard is a close personal friend.
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. OM/09.2024/04

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Seawright

That it is in the public interest that Councillor O'Neil participates and votes on agenda item 13.1 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.

CARRIED

6/0

Declaration of Interest

Item	13.1
Description	Maranoa Triathlon 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Johanne Hancock
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Richard Johnson
Particulars of Interest	Richard is on the organising committee for the Maranoa Triathlon. Richard was a scrutineer for me at the Local Government Elections held in March 2024.
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. OM/09.2024/05

Moved Cr Seawright

Seconded Cr Vincent

That it is in the public interest that Councillor Hancock participates and votes on agenda item 13.1 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.

CARRIED

6/0

REPORTS - LOCAL AREA DIRECTORS

Item Number: 13.1

File Number: D24/84551

SUBJECT HEADING: MARANOA TRIATHLON 2024

Officer's Title: Lead Local Development Officer

Executive Summary:

This report provided an overview of the Maranoa Triathlon event, scheduled for Saturday, 26 October 2024. The purpose of this report was to inform Councillors of the event, its potential impact on residents and the extent of Council's involvement.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/06

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Hancock

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report and endorse the request received from Maranoa Triathlon to hold a triathlon event on 26 October 2024.
2. Allocate up to \$4,000 from GL 2887.2248 - In-Kind Assistance Major Budget.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Lead Local Development Officer

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

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.

Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Amber Davis, Cr. Peter Flynn, 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.

Item Number:

13.2

File Number: D24/84711

SUBJECT HEADING:

INJUNE COMMUNITY GYM

Officer's Title:

Local Development Officer (Bungil)

Executive Summary:

The Injune Gym is nearing completion. Council was asked to consider and endorse the operating model and associated fees.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/07

Moved Cr Vincent

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council:

1. Receive and note the report in setting the membership fees and operating model for the Injune Community Gym.
2. Endorse an operating model of 24 hour, 7 days a week access supported by surveillance cameras and duress alarms.
3. Set a fee and charges structure as follows:
 - a. local member membership fee of \$7.50 per week, payable in 6 monthly instalments.
 - b. casual user fee of \$15 per week.
 - c. one-off joining fee of \$20 per person.
 - d. replacement access card issuing fee of \$20 per person.
4. Authorise prorated memberships for short term workers.
5. Authorise the CEO or delegate to work with local accommodation providers to establish casual access to the Injune Community Gym for patrons under a charge back arrangement.

[Wording amended a number of times following progressive discussions and suggestions which were accepted regarding points (b) and (4).]

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Local Development Officer (Bungil)

LATE ITEMS

Item Number: L.1 File Number: D24/87146

SUBJECT HEADING: POST-EVENT REPORT TO COUNCILLORS | 2024 WQAC ASSEMBLY

Councillor's Title: Cr. Wendy Taylor and Cr Cameron O'Neil

Executive Summary:

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO recently represented Council at the 2024 Western Queensland Alliance on Councils Assembly. The assembly was held in Mt Isa on 4 - 5 September 2024.

This report presented Council with a post-event summary of the assembly.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/08

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Vincent

That Council receive and note the post-event summary report for the 2024 Western Queensland Alliance on Councils Assembly as presented.

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Lead Officer – Elected Members & Community Engagement

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/09

Moved Cr Hancock

Seconded Cr Vincent

In accordance with the provisions of Section 254(J(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council resolve to close the meeting to the public [at 10.01am] to discuss confidential items that its Councillors consider is necessary to close the meeting.

In accordance with Section 254J(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the following table provides:

- 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 – Environmental Protection Order – EPPR00407513	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	Council was issued an Environmental Protection Order (EPPR00407513) from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation on 25 January 2024. This report provides Council with an overview and update of the actions undertaken and planned in July and August

		2024, in response to the order and other related matters.
C.2 – Department of Resources – Lease Renewal – Lot 61 on Crown Plan DL485 – Reserve for Water Purposes	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources seeks Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/238543 – Lot 61 on DL485 – Reserve for Water Purposes.
C.3 – Department of Resources – Lease Renewal – Lot 14 on Crown Plan WV1828 – Reserve for Water Purposes	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources seeks Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/238641 – Lot 14 on WV1828 – Reserve for Water Purposes, expiring on 23 August 2025.
C.4 – Department of Resources – Lease Renewal – Lot A on SP127242 – Reserve for Recreation and Drainage Purposes	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources seeks Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/241737 – Lot A on SP127242 – Reserve for Recreation and Drainage Purposes, expiring on 19 September 2025.
C.5 – Department of Resources – Lease Renewal – Lot 25 on DL351 – Reserve for Camping and Water Purposes	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources is seeking Council's views in confidence, on the Renewal of Term Lease 0/238714 being Lot 25 on DL351 – Reserve for Camping and Water Purposes - due to expire 8 October 2025.
C.6 – Department of Resources – Conversion to Freehold – Lot 1018 on PH1213	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources seeks Council's views 'in confidence' on an application for conversion to freehold over Lot 1018 on PH1213.
C.7 – Department of Resources – Lease Renewal – Lot 21 on WV1196	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources is seeking Council's views in confidence, on the renewal of Term Lease 0/238479 being Lot 21 on WV1196 – Reserve for Water and Crossing purposes.
C.8 – Department of Resources – Lease Renewal – Lot 14 on WV1056 – Reserve for Water Purposes	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources seeks Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/238640 – Lot 14 on WV1056 – Reserve for Water Purposes, expiring on 2 August 2025.

C.9 – Department of Resources – Lease Renewal – Lot 98 on DL442	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	The Department of Resources is seeking Council's views in confidence, on the renewal of Term Lease 0/238643 being Lot 98 on Crown Plan DL442 – Reserve for Camping and Road purposes.
C.10 – Roma Airport Café Management Agreement	Section 254J(3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government	This report considers a request from Star Asian Services to renew the Roma Airport Café Management Agreement for a further term.
C.11 – Queensland Government 2025-26 Walking Local Government Grants Program Consideration of Project Nominations	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	<p>Council is eligible to apply for funding for projects under the Queensland Government's Walking Local Government Grants (WLGG) Program. The program supports the Queensland Government's vision of making walking 'an easy choice for everyone, every day' as set out in the Queensland Walking Strategy 2019-2029.</p> <p>This report provides Council a summary of this funding opportunity and a recommendation for Council to consider applying for funding under the program.</p>
C.12 – Queensland Government 2025-26 Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program Consideration of Project Nominations	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	<p>Council is eligible to apply for funding for projects under the Queensland Government's 2025-2026 Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program. The program supports the delivery of bike networks and encourages more bike riding across Queensland.</p> <p>This report provides Council a summary of this funding opportunity and a recommendation for Council to apply for funding under this program.</p>
C.13 – Growing Regions Program Round 2 Consideration of Project Nominations	Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State	<p>The Australian Government announced a total of \$600 million over 4 years from 2023-24 through the Growing Regions Program to drive regional economic prosperity by providing access to funding for capital works for infrastructure across Australia's regional, rural and remote areas.</p> <p>The program will enhance regions by supporting liveable and connected communities. It will provide investment in community-focused infrastructure which creates and enhances amenity, liveability and social cohesion throughout Australia's regions. The program is intended to support projects that fill an unmet need, respond to local priorities, are well developed with mature planning and development in place, and provide benefits</p>

		<p>to a broad cross section of people within communities.</p> <p>Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to submit up to two applications.</p>
C.14 Project Management of Event 15 & 16 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement	<p>Section 254J(3)(i) a matter the local government is required to keep confidential under a law of, or formal arrangement with, the Commonwealth or a State; AND (g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government</p>	<p>Maranoa Regional Council has been activated for a further two 2024 rainfall and flood events under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and is eligible to apply to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for funding relief measures - including financial support to restore Council's road network to its pre-event condition. Submissions to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for the events are currently in progress with an estimated project value of \$30-\$40 million.</p> <p>This report is seeking Council's consideration to continue the engagement of specialist project management services to support and work with Council resources for the delivery of the Event 15 and Event 16 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program.</p>
C.15 – Yuleba APLNG Project Update	<p>Section 254J(3)(h) negotiations relating to the taking of land by the local government under the <i>Acquisition of Land Act 1967</i></p>	<p>This report provides an update on the Yuleba APLNG Workers Transition Agreement Community Investment Projects.</p>
LC.1 – Lease Arrangement Title Reference 51007579	<p>Section 254J(3)(g) negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government</p>	<p>In May 2023, Council entered into a Lease Arrangement Title Reference 51007579. This report presents Council with an update on the lease and property subject to this lease.</p>
CARRIED		8/0

Cr Flynn left the meeting at 10.26am.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING
 FOR MORNING TEA AT 10.44am

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 11.14am

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/10	
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr Seawright
That Council open the meeting to the public [at 11.14am].	
CARRIED	
7/0	

Item Number: 8.1 **File Number:** D24/85669
SUBJECT HEADING: CALL ON STATE GOVERNMENT TO COVER DEBT |
 REGULATED AIR SERVICES ROUTE INTO ROMA
Councillor's Title: Cr. Cameron O'Neil

Executive Summary:

In late-July 2024, Regional Express Holdings Limited and a number of its subsidiaries entered voluntary administration.

Regional Express Holdings Limited are the provider and operator of State Government's Central 1 (Brisbane–Roma–Charleville) regulated air service route. At the time of the administration, Regional Express Holdings Limited owed Council in the order of \$270,000 associated with passenger fee charges at the Roma Airport.

This report seeks Council support to advocate and seek support from the state government to cover the debt of their contractor should the administration process fail to deliver the money owed to Maranoa Regional Council. This item was laid on the table earlier during the meeting, Council resumed it's deliberations.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/11

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Seawright

That Council:

1. Write to the Premier of Queensland, The Hon Steven Miles MP, seeking a commitment from the government to cover the debt of their contractor should the administration process fail to deliver the money owed to Maranoa Regional Council.
2. Write to LGAQ to seek support and advocacy for all Local Governments across Queensland that are owed money by Regional Express Holdings Limited through the State Government's regulated route contracts.
3. Note the commitment from administrators Ernst Young to cover debts incurred from 1 July 2024.

Clarification Statement – Provided by Cr O'Neil (later during the meeting following resolution of this item)

Cr. O'Neil clarified that in relation to point 3 of the resolution, the date referenced was in fact instead of 1 July 2024 it was the 31 July 2024. He further added that this date had no material impact to the resolution and the letter to the Premier, rather clarifying that Ernst Young had committed to covering the debts incurred from 31 July 2024.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

**Deputy Director / Strategic Road
Management / Office of the Mayor**

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/12

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Hancock

That Council close the meeting to the public [at 11.17am].

CARRIED

7/0

Cr Flynn returned to the meeting at 11.39am.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING
 FOR LUNCH AT 1.02pm

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING IN CLOSED SESSION AT 1.33pm

Cr Seawright was not present at the resumption of Standing Orders.

Cr Seawright returned to the meeting at 1.47pm.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/13	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Hancock
That Council open the meeting to the public [at 1.49pm].	
CARRIED	8/0

Declaration of Interest

Item	C.13
Description	Growing Regions Program Round 2 Consideration of Project Nominations
Declaring Councillor	Cr John Birkett
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself and Mitchell RSL Combined Sports Club.
Particulars of Interest	I am the President of the Mitchell RSL Combined Sports Club. The group are considering putting forward an application under the Growing Regions Program Round 2.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Birkett left the meeting at 1.51pm.

Declaration of Interest

Item	C.13
Description	Growing Regions Program Round 2 Consideration of Project Nominations
Declaring Councillor	Cr Jane Vincent
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Related Party – my mother Janice Humphreys
Particulars of Interest	My mother is the secretary of CHIPS. CHIPS are applying for a grant under the Growing Regions Program Round 2.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Declaration of Interest

Item	C.13
Description	Growing Regions Program Round 2 Consideration of Project Nominations
Declaring Councillor	Cr Peter Flynn
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	I am an executive member of organisations who have user agreements at Bassett Park. Bassett Park is mentioned in the report.
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. OM/09.2024/14

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Seawright

That it is in the public interest that Councillor Flynn participates and votes on agenda item C.13 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.

CARRIED

5/0

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/15

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Seawright

That council close the meeting to the public [at 1.53pm].

CARRIED

7/0

Cr Vincent, having previously declared a declarable conflict of interest in item C.13 left the meeting at 1.53pm prior to discussion on the matter.

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Vincent returned to the meeting at 2.03pm, and Cr Birkett returned at 2.04pm.

Cr Seawright left the meeting at 2.18pm, and returned at 3.19pm.

Cr Vincent left the meeting at 2.39pm, and returned at 2.40pm.

Cr O'Neil left the meeting at 2.41pm, and returned at 2.43pm.

Cr Birkett left the meeting at 2.46pm and did not return for the remainder of the meeting.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/16

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Hancock

That Council open the meeting [at 3.13pm].

CARRIED

7/0

Cr Flynn, having previously declared a prescribed conflict of interest for the following item, left the meeting at 3.13pm.

Item Number: 8.1 **File Number:** D24/85669

SUBJECT HEADING: CALL ON STATE GOVERNMENT TO COVER DEBT |
REGULATED AIR SERVICES ROUTE INTO ROMA

Councillor's Title: Cr. Cameron O'Neil

Discussion:

Cr O'Neil indicated he would like to provide a point of clarification pertaining to Item 8.1. [Refer to Resolution No. OM/09.2024/17 for the details of this statement].

At cessation of discussion on the abovementioned item, Cr Flynn returned to the meeting at 3.15pm.

Item Number: C.1 **File Number:** D24/71454

SUBJECT HEADING: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORDER -
EPPR00407513

Officer's Title: (Acting) Director - Regional Development, Environment & Planning

Executive Summary:

Council was issued an Environmental Protection Order (EPPR00407513) from the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation on 25 January 2024.

This report provided Council with an overview and update of the actions undertaken and planned in July and August 2024, in response to the order and other related matters.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/18

Moved Cr Vincent

Seconded Cr Seawright

That Council receive and note the Officer's report as presented for August 2024 update on the activities undertaken in response to Environmental Protection Order - EPPR00407513.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

**(Acting) Director - Regional Development,
Environment & Planning**

Item Number: C.2 **File Number:** D24/73367

SUBJECT HEADING: DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - LEASE RENEWAL -
LOT 61 ON CROWN PLAN DL485 - RESERVE FOR
WATER PURPOSES

Officer's Title: Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Executive Summary:

The Department of Resources sought Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/238543 – Lot 61 on DL485 – Reserve for Water Purposes.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/19

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Hancock

That Council:

1. Advise the Department of Resources it offers no objection to the renewal of Term Lease 0/238543 over Lot 61 on DL485 – Reserve for Water Purposes.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter negotiations with the current Lessee, if required, to offer a Trustee Lease over Lot 61 on Crown Plan DL485 for a period of five (5) years.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to sign documentation in relation to this decision.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Item Number:

C.3

File Number: D24/73370

SUBJECT HEADING:

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - LEASE RENEWAL - LOT 14 ON CROWN PLAN WV1828 - RESERVE FOR WATER PURPOSES

Officer's Title:

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Executive Summary:

The Department of Resources sought Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/238641 – Lot 14 on WV1828 – Reserve for Water Purposes, expiring on 23 August 2025.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/20

Moved Cr Seawright

Seconded Cr Vincent

That Council:

1. Advise the Department of Resources it offers no objection to the renewal of Term Lease 0/238641 – Lot 14 on WV1828 – Reserve for Water Purposes.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter negotiations with the current Lessee, if required, to offer a Trustee Lease over Lot 14 on WV1828 for a period of five (5) years.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to sign documentation in relation to this decision.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Item Number:**C.4****File Number: D24/73372****SUBJECT HEADING:****DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - LEASE RENEWAL -
LOT A ON SP127242 - RESERVE FOR RECREATION AND
DRAINAGE PURPOSES****Officer's Title:****Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management*****Executive Summary:***

The Department of Resources sought Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/241737 – Lot A on SP127242 – Reserve for Recreation and Drainage Purposes, expiring on 19 September 2025.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/21**Moved Cr Hancock****Seconded Cr Davis****That Council:**

1. Advise the Department of Resources it offers no objection to the renewal of Term Lease 0/241737 – Lot A on SP127242 – Reserve for Recreation and Drainage Purposes.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter negotiations with the current Lessee, if required, to offer a Trustee Lease over Lot A on SP127242 for a period of five (5) years.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to sign documentation in relation to this decision.

CARRIED**7/0****Responsible Officer****Administration Officer - Council Facilities
Management****Item Number:****C.5****File Number: D24/73373****SUBJECT HEADING:****DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - LEASE RENEWAL -
LOT 25 ON DL351 - RESERVE FOR CAMPING AND
WATER PURPOSES****Officer's Title:****Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management*****Executive Summary:***

The Department of Resources sought Council's views in confidence, on the Renewal of Term Lease 0/238714 being Lot 25 on DL351 – Reserve for Camping and Water Purposes - due to expire 8 October 2025.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/22

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Vincent

That Council:

1. Notify the Department of Resources that Council offers no objection to the renewal of Term 0/238714 being Lot 25 on DL351 – Reserve for Camping and Water Purposes.
2. Notify the Department of Resources that the road appears to be outside the road corridor on the Eastern side adjacent to the Redford Road.
3. Request that any new lease arrangement must accept the existing road location as the road parcel is still required for its gazetted purpose.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter negotiations with the current Lessee, if required, to offer a Trustee Lease over Lot 25 on DL351 for a period of five (5) years.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to sign documentation in relation to the decision.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Item Number:

C.6

File Number: D24/73256

SUBJECT HEADING:

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - CONVERSION TO FREEHOLD - LOT 1018 ON PH1213

Officer's Title:

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Executive Summary:

The Department of Resources sought Council's views 'in confidence' on an application for conversion to freehold over Lot 1018 on PH1213.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/23

Moved Cr Vincent

Seconded Cr O'Neil

That Council:

1. Offers no objection to the conversion of Term Lease PH36/1018 being Lot 1018 on PH1213 to Freehold tenure, subject to the following conditions.
2. a. That the road parcel boundaries are realigned as part of the freeholding process to suit the existing road alignment for both Hoganthulla Road and Forestry Road.
3. b. The road type parcel is still required for its gazetted purpose.
4. c. Would not object to resurvey of stock route to fenced boundary of road parcel or to exclude infrastructure

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Item Number: C.7 File Number: D24/73362

SUBJECT HEADING: DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - LEASE RENEWAL -
LOT 21 ON WV1196

Officer's Title: Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Executive Summary:

The Department of Resources sought Council's views in confidence, on the renewal of Term Lease 0/238479 being Lot 21 on WV1196 – Reserve for Water and Crossing purposes.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/24

Moved Cr Seawright

Seconded Cr Davis

That Council:

1. Notify the Department of Resources that Council offers no objection to the renewal of Term Lease 0/238479 being Lot 21 on WV1196 – Reserve for Water and Crossing purposes.
2. Notify the Department of Resources that the land is not currently being used for its gazetted purpose of grazing.
3. Advise the road type parcel is still required for its gazetted purpose.
4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to make further recommendations and consideration regarding future use if required, to offer a Trustee Lease for a period of five (5) years.
5. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to sign documentation in relation to this decision.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

**Administration Officer - Council Facilities
Management**

Item Number: C.8 File Number: D24/73369

SUBJECT HEADING: DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - LEASE RENEWAL -
LOT 14 ON WV1056 - RESERVE FOR WATER PURPOSES

Officer's Title: Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Executive Summary:

The Department of Resources sought Council's views in confidence on the renewal of existing Term Lease 0/238640 – Lot 14 on WV1056 – Reserve for Water Purposes, expiring on 2 August 2025.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/25

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Seawright

That Council:

1. Advise the Department of Resources it offers no objection to the renewal of Term Lease 0/238640 – Lot 14 on WV1056 – Reserve for Water Purposes.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter negotiations with the current Lessee, if required, to offer a Trustee Lease over Lot 14 on WV1056 for a period of five (5) years.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to sign documentation in relation to this decision.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Item Number:

C.9

File Number: D24/73363

SUBJECT HEADING:

DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES - LEASE RENEWAL - LOT 98 ON DL442

Officer's Title:

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Executive Summary:

The Department of Resources sought Council's views in confidence, on the renewal of Term Lease 0/238643 being Lot 98 on Crown Plan DL442 – Reserve for Camping and Road purposes.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/26

Moved Cr Vincent

Seconded Cr Hancock

In line with Council's Stock Route Management Plan 2024-2029, that Council:

1. Advise the Department of Resources that Council objects to the renewal of Term Lease 0/238643 being Lot 98 on DL442 – Reserve for Camping and Road purposes.
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter negotiations with the current Lessee, if required, to offer a three (3) year Trustee Lease.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to sign documentation in relation to this decision.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Administration Officer - Council Facilities Management

Item Number: C.10 **File Number:** D24/74563

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA AIRPORT CAFE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Officer's Title: Manager - Airports (Roma) & Regional Compliance

Executive Summary:

This report considered a request from Star Asian Services to renew the Roma Airport Café Management Agreement for a further term.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/27

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Flynn

That Council:

- 1. Accept the request and extend the agreement with Star Asian Services for the Roma Café Airport Agreement for a further 12 months and continue to not charge a fee.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to execute necessary documents.**

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Airports (Roma) & Regional Compliance
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Item Number: C.11 **File Number:** D24/76828

SUBJECT HEADING: QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT 2025-26 WALKING LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS PROGRAM | CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS

Officer's Title: Senior Engineer - Program & Contract Management

Executive Summary:

Council is eligible to apply for funding for projects under the Queensland Government's Walking Local Government Grants (WLGG) Program. The program supports the Queensland Government's vision of making walking 'an easy choice for everyone, every day' as set out in the Queensland Walking Strategy 2019-2029.

This report provided Council a summary of this funding opportunity and a recommendation for Council to consider applying for funding under the program.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/28

Moved Cr Hancock

Seconded Cr Vincent

That Council:

1. Note the WLGG Program funding opportunities have been expanded to include construction funding.
2. Apply for funding under the Queensland Government's 2025-26 Walking Local Government Grants Program for two sub-projects:
 - a. Adungadoo Pathway extension - from Big Rig through Sculptures Outback – Priority 1.
 - b. Surat - from the Hospital to the School – Priority 2.
3. Provide commitment to co-fund the projects to the value of up to \$497,500 Council funding (financial year 2025-2026) and authorise the CEO or authorised delegate to sign the funding agreement.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Senior Engineer - Program & Contract Management

Item Number:

C.12

File Number: D24/79144

SUBJECT HEADING:

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT 2025-26 CYCLE NETWORK LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS PROGRAM | CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS

Officer's Title:

**Senior Engineer - Program & Contract Management
Program Funding & Budget Coordinator**

Executive Summary:

Council is eligible to apply for funding for projects under the Queensland Government's 2025-2026 Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program. The program supports the delivery of bike networks and encourages more bike riding across Queensland. This report provided Council a summary of this funding opportunity and a recommendation for Council to apply for funding under this program.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/29

Moved Cr Vincent

Seconded Cr Davis

That Council:

1. Note the funding opportunities have been expanded to include construction funding; however, such projects must already be designed, therefore Council does not have any suitable project candidates.
2. Apply for funding under the Queensland Government's 2025-26 Cycle Network Local Government Grants Program for the design of cycling facilities from Currey St (Miscamble St – Bowen St) and Bowen St (Currey St – Cottell St).
3. Commit to co-funding the design project at a 50:50 ratio, to the value of \$112,500 of Council funding, and if the application is successful, authorise the CEO or authorised delegate to sign the funding agreement.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer	Senior Engineer - Program & Contract Management
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Cr Vincent, having previously declared a declarable conflict of interest in the following item, left the meeting at 3.35pm.

Item Number: C.13 **File Number:** D24/80294

SUBJECT HEADING: **GROWING REGIONS PROGRAM ROUND 2 |
CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS**

Officer's Title: **Project Officer - Contract Management Office
Program Funding & Budget Coordinator**

Executive Summary:

The Australian Government announced a total of \$600 million over 4 years from 2023-24 through the Growing Regions Program to drive regional economic prosperity by providing access to funding for capital works for infrastructure across Australia's regional, rural and remote areas.

The program will enhance regions by supporting liveable and connected communities. It will provide investment in community-focused infrastructure which creates and enhances amenity, liveability and social cohesion throughout Australia's regions. The program is intended to support projects that fill an unmet need, respond to local priorities, are well developed with mature planning and development in place, and provide benefits to a broad cross section of people within communities.

Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to submit up to two applications.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/30

Moved Cr O'Neil

Seconded Cr Seawright

That Council:

- 1. Submit an application under the Australian Government's Growing Regions Program Round 2 for Project - Roma Denise Spencer Memorial Pool, for the amount specified in the officer's report.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to sign funding agreement and any other necessary documentation if successful.**

CARRIED

6/0

Responsible Officer	Project Officer - Contract Management Office
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At cessation of discussion and decision on the abovementioned item, Cr Vincent returned to the meeting at 3.37pm.

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

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.

Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Cr. Amber Davis, Cr. Peter Flynn, Cr Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O'Neil, Cr Brendan Seawright, Cr Wendy Taylor.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

Item Number: C.14 File Number: D24/81208

SUBJECT HEADING: PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF EVENT 15 & 16 DISASTER RECOVERY FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

Officer's Title: Director - Engineering

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council has been activated for a further two 2024 rainfall and flood events under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and is eligible to apply to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for funding relief measures - including financial support to restore Council's road network to its pre-event condition. Submissions to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for the events are currently in progress with an estimated project value of \$30-\$40 million.

This report sought Council's consideration to continue the engagement of specialist project management services to support and work with Council resources for the delivery of the Event 15 and Event 16 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/31

Moved Cr Davis

Seconded Cr Seawright

That Council:

1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to enter into a contractual arrangement with Lonergan Project Services Pty Ltd under Local Buy Arrangement LB279 to provide specialist project management services and support for the delivery of the Event 15 and Event 16 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program.
2. Include costs associated with these services as part of future claims for reimbursement to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority under the Event 15 and Event 16 Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement Program.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Director - Engineering

Item Number: C.15 File Number: D24/82357

SUBJECT HEADING: YULEBA APLNG PROJECT UPDATE

Officer's Title: Project Officer - Contract Management Office
Planning Officer

Executive Summary:

This report provided an update on the Yuleba APLNG Workers Transition Agreement Community Investment Projects.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/32

Moved Cr Seawright

Seconded Cr Davis

That Council:

1. Provide Origin APLNG with a summary of the proposed amendments to the Yuleba APLNG Liveability Projects and request an extension of funding to December 2025.
2. Acknowledge Council Resolution OM/12.2023/68 and the landowners response to Council's formal compensation proposal.
3. Construct the walking loop between the Yuleba CBD & Muggins Lane Bridge as part of the Judds Lagoon Parkland Improvements & Connectivity Project.
4. Continue to investigate options for a walking trail from Muggins Lane Bridge to Judds Lagoon which minimises impact to adjacent landowners.
5. Transfer \$500,000 from the Judds Lagoon Parkland Improvements & Connectivity Project (WO23565) to the Yuleba Main Street Youth & Recreation Liveability project (WO23566).

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Project Officer - Contract Management Office

LATE CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

Item Number:

LC.1

File Number: D24/87218

SUBJECT HEADING:

LEASE ARRANGEMENT | TITLE REFERENCE 51007579

Officer's Title:

Deputy Director / Strategic Road Management

Executive Summary:

In May 2023, Council entered into a Lease Arrangement | Title Reference 51007579. This report presented Council with an update on the lease and property subject to this lease.

Resolution No. OM/09.2024/33

Moved Cr Hancock

Seconded Cr Davis

That Council:

1. Receive and note the Officer's report as presented.
2. Authorise the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO to hold initial discussions with the tenants to gauge the current and future suitability of the site, building and lease arrangements.
3. Be provided an update on the outcome of discussions at the next available briefing.

CARRIED

7/0

Responsible Officer

Deputy Director / Strategic Road Management

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 3.44pm.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 25 September 2024, at Roma Administration Centre.