

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 29 OCTOBER 2024 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 8:50 AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Deputy Mayor Cr C J O'Neil chaired the meeting with Cr J R P Birkett, Cr M K Brumpton, 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 Nikita Townsley Minutes Officer in attendance.

**WELCOME**

The Deputy Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.04am.

**APOLOGIES**

<b>Resolution No. SM/10.2024/32</b>	
<b>Moved Cr Brumpton</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Seawright</b>
<b>That apologies be received and a leave of absence granted for Mayor Taylor.</b>	
CARRIED	8/0

**BUSINESS**

**Declaration of Interest**

<b>Item</b>	<b>3 – Item 1.0 – Agenda Familiarisation</b>
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Amber Davis
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself and my children, Aubree and Libby Davis
Particulars of Interest	My children are members of the Roma & District MotorCross.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	Although I have a declarable conflict of interest and removed myself from the grant evaluation discussion due to erring on the side of caution, I do not believe a reasonable person could have a perception of bias. Therefore, I will choose to remain in the meeting/briefing. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the briefing.

<b>Resolution No. SM/10.2024/33</b>	
<b>Moved Cr Brumpton</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Flynn</b>
<b>That it is in the public interest that Councillor Davis participates in the discussion on agenda item 3 – 1.0 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.</b>	
CARRIED	3/0

**Declaration of Interest**

Item	3 – Item 1.0 – Agenda Familiarisation
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Jane Vincent
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Related party, Elsie Vincent
Particulars of Interest	Elsie is secretary of the Injune Campdraft Association. Injune Campdraft Association has submitted a grant application in this round.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	I will leave the room when this matter is discussed.

**Declaration of Interest**

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Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr John Birkett
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	My father, Gary Birkett
Particulars of Interest	I have a conflict as my Father is the President of the Mitchell Rotary Club and the Club is mentioned in the report
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	I will leave the room when this matter is discussed.

**Declaration of Interest**

Item	3 – Item 1.0 – Agenda Familiarisation
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Johanne Hancock
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Tayla Price
Particulars of Interest	Tayla Price is a close family friend, and is one of the organisers of the Ballin' on Balonne Ball, which is one of the proposed grant recipients.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	I will leave the room when this matter is discussed.

**Declaration of Interest**

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Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
Declaring Councillor	Cr Johanne Hancock
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Surat Post & News Pty Ltd
Particulars of Interest	A Surat Post & News employee is the child of the owner of the Astor Theatre.
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Action	I will leave the room when this matter is discussed

**Declaration of Interest**

<b>Item</b>	<b>3 – Item 1.0 – Agenda Familiarisation</b>
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
<b>Declaring Councillor</b>	<b>Cr Brendan Seawright</b>
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself and my wife, Kristen Seawright
Particulars of Interest	Myself and Kristen hold positions within the Wallumbilla A&P Association, and I am the president of the Wallumbilla Town Improvement Group. Both groups have submitted applications to the community grant program.
Type of conflict	Prescribed conflict of interest
Action	I will leave the room when this matter is discussed

**Declaration of Interest**

<b>Item</b>	<b>3 – Item 3.0: Roma Airport Precinct Plan and Land Use Strategy – Councillor information gathering session</b>
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
<b>Declaring Councillor</b>	<b>Cr Peter Flynn</b>
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself and my business, Maranoa Travel
Particulars of Interest	I am the owner of a business Maranoa Travel Centre, which has dealings at the Roma Airport.
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/briefing. However, I will respect the decision of the meeting on whether I can remain and participate in the decision/briefing.

<b>Resolution No. SM/10.2024/34</b>	
<b>Moved Cr Brumpton</b>	<b>Seconded Cr Vincent</b>
<b>That it is in the public interest that Councillor Flynn participates in the discussion on agenda item 3 – 3.0 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.</b>	
CARRIED	7/0

**Declaration of Interest**

<b>Item</b>	<b>3 – Item 4.0: Roma Airport   Presentation of Community Survey Results</b>
Description	Upcoming Councillor Briefing   Consideration of Declarations of Interest - Councillor Briefing 29 October 2024
<b>Declaring Councillor</b>	<b>Cr Peter Flynn</b>
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself and my business, Maranoa Travel
Particulars of Interest	I am the owner of a business Maranoa Travel Centre that has a partnership selling airfares for Rex Airlines. The business of Rex Airlines will be discussed at length as part of this survey.
Type of conflict	Prescribed conflict of interest
Action	I will leave the room when this matter is discussed.

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**Item Number:** 3 **File Number:** D24/103912

**SUBJECT HEADING:** UPCOMING BRIEFING TOPICS | COUNCILLOR  
BRIEFING - 29 OCTOBER 2024

**Officer's Title:** Chief Executive Officer

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***Executive Summary:***

*This report provides a summary of topics scheduled for the Councillor Briefing to be held on 29 October 2024. Declarable conflict(s) of interest have been identified by Councillors. As the briefing / workshop is not a decision-making forum, a Special Meeting has be organised to consider these matters.*

**Resolution No. SM/10.2024/35**

**Moved Cr Vincent**

**Seconded Cr Birkett**

**That Council receive and note the Officer's report as presented.**

CARRIED

8/0

**CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 9.16am.

**These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 13 November 2024.**