
MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MARANOA REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD AT ROMA ADMINISTRATION CENTRE ON 12 MARCH 2026 SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 9:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Mayor Cr W M Taylor chaired the meeting with Deputy Mayor Cr C J O'Neil (by Microsoft Teams), 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 (by Microsoft Teams), Cr J R Vincent, Chief Executive Officer – Robert Hayward and Kelly Rogers Minutes Officer in attendance.

AS REQUIRED

Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects – Cameron Hoffmann, Director Corporate Services – Brett Exelby, Director Engineering – Seamus Batstone, Director Regional Development, Environment and Planning – Jamie Gorry, General Manager Saleyards – Daniel Haslop, Manager Strategic Water, Sewerage & Gas – Mathew Liston, Manager Facility & Property Services – Leah Cooper, Manager Waste & Environmental Health Services – Bob Campbell, Manager - Tourism & Community Development – Tony Klein, Coordinator Local & Community Development – Georgie Adams-Woodall.

WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed all present and declared the meeting open at 9.00am.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/01	
Moved Cr Davis	Seconded Cr Brumpton
That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 26 February 2026 be confirmed.	
CARRIED	9/0

BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE CEO

Item Number: 10.1 **File Number:** D25/122995

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA SALEYARDS CHARITY SALES

Officer's Title: General Manager - Saleyards

Executive Summary:

Roma Saleyards have conducted a review of the Roma Saleyards Annual Store Fundraiser Policy to ensure alignment between Council's governance framework and its evolving strategic direction for the Roma Saleyards.

The amended policy aims to balance Council's continued commitment to supporting aero-medical services by holding annual Charity Sales and the funding requirements of the yards.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/02

Moved Cr Brumpton

Seconded Cr Vincent

That Council :

1. Repeal the existing Roma Saleyards Annual Store Sale Fundraiser Policy (P22/12).
2. Adopt the updated Roma Saleyards Charity Sale Policy, including the following amendments-

Section 3.2

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- Provide a marketing plan at least four (4) weeks prior to the Charity Sale month.

Section 3.7 - Formatting correction

– first dot point should have one dot point only in front of the statement.

Section 4 – Definitions

Remove the “Annual Charity Sale Month” title and description from definitions, as this is specified in section 3.3.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

General Manager - Saleyards

CORPORATE SERVICES

Item Number:

11.1

File Number: D25/54154

SUBJECT HEADING:

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SAFER LOCAL ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM & HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA INITIATIVE | CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT NOMINATIONS

Officer's Title:

**Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects
Coordinator - Program Funding & Budget Coordinator
Manager – Roads Strategy**

Executive Summary:

Maranoa Regional Council is eligible to apply for funding under the Australian Government's Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) and the associated Heavy Vehicle Rest Area Initiative.

This report outlined the objectives and key requirements of these programs, including eligibility criteria, co-contribution obligations, and delivery timeframes. It also identifies potential projects that align with the program guidelines and Council's strategic priorities, particularly in relation to improving road safety outcomes and supporting freight efficiency.

The report sought Council's consideration of nominated projects and endorsement to proceed with the preparation and submission of funding applications under the relevant program streams.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/03	
Moved Cr Birkett	Seconded Cr Vincent
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply for funding under the Australian Government Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program for the Hoganthulla Road/Mt Moffatt Road Intersection Upgrade for a total project value of \$2,250,000. 2. Commit to a 20% co-contribution, being \$450,000, to be funded in the 2026/27 financial year budget, subject to the application being successful. 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to execute any funding agreement and associated documentation should the application be successful. 4. Request that a list of future projects suitable for funding under this program, and requiring pre-construction funding to achieve shovel-ready status, be presented to Council for consideration as part of the 2026/27 budget deliberations. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects
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ENGINEERING

Item Number:	12.1	File Number: D26/18215
SUBJECT HEADING:	2025/26 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM AMENDMENT - INSTALLATION OF SCADA SYSTEM FOR YULEBA WATER PLAY PARK	
Officer's Title:	Manager - Strategic Water, Sewerage & Gas	

Executive Summary:
This report sought Council's consideration for a new project in the 2025/26 capital works program for the installation of a SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system at the Yuleba Water Play Park to allow monitoring of the onsite water equipment remotely.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/04	
Moved Cr Brumpton	Seconded Cr Davis
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the new capital project – SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system for the Yuleba Water Play Park in the 2025/26 capital works program and 2. Transfer \$50,000 from WO # 25420 – Beaumont Drive Water Main Upgrade that has been completed under budget to this new project - Installation of SCADA system at Yuleba Water Play Park. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Strategic Water, Sewerage & Gas
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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT & PLANNING
Declaration of Interest

Item	13.1
Description	Wallumbilla Showgrounds - User Agreement - Wallumbilla Cattle Dog Trial Committee
Declaring Councillor	Brendan Seawright
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself Brendan Seawright
Particulars of Interest	I am the president of one of the Wallumbilla Agricultural & Pastoral Association that also has a user agreement for the same building and 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/03.2026/05	
Moved Cr Birkett	Seconded Cr Flynn
That it is in the public interest that Councillor Seawright participates and votes on agenda item 13.1 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.	
MOTION LOST	2/6

Cr Seawright left the meeting at 9.19am.

Item Number: 13.1 **File Number:** D26/17510

SUBJECT HEADING: WALLUMBILLA SHOWGROUNDS - USER AGREEMENT - WALLUMBILLA CATTLE DOG TRIAL COMMITTEE

Location: Wallumbilla

Officer's Title: Property & Tenure Officer

Executive Summary:

Council was asked to consider renewing a User Agreement with the Wallumbilla Cattle Dog Trial Committee for the use of the 'Old SES Shed' located at the Wallumbilla Showgrounds. The agreement will allow the committee to utilise the facility for equipment storage purposes.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/06

Moved Cr Hancock

Seconded Cr Davis

That Council:

- 1. Enter into a non-exclusive User Agreement with the Wallumbilla Cattle Dog Trial Committee for a period of four (4) years for the use of the 'Old SES Shed' at the Wallumbilla Showgrounds for the purpose of storing equipment.**
- 2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, (or delegate) to execute the User Agreement.**

CARRIED

8/0

Responsible Officer

Property & Tenure Officer

At cessation of discussion and decision on the abovementioned item, Cr Seawright returned to the meeting at 9.21am.

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. Meryl Brumpton, Cr. Amber Davis, Cr. Peter Flynn, Cr Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O'Neil, Cr Wendy Taylor, Cr. Jane Vincent.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Each councillor voted in favour of the motion.

Declaration of Interest

Item	13.2
Description	Roma and District Cricket Association - Irrigation and Drainage Upgrade funding
Declaring Councillor	Jane Vincent
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself
Particulars of Interest	I originally declared a perceived conflict of interest on a report that is mentioned within this report, that included the Injune Cricket Club whose President Matthew Bidgood is a friend. Although the Injune Cricket Club resolution is mentioned within the report I do not believe it has any relevance to the matter today.
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/03.2026/07	
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr Brumpton
<p>That it is in the public interest that Councillor Vincent participates and votes on agenda item 13.2 because a reasonable person would trust that the decision is made in the public interest.</p>	
CARRIED	7/0

Declaration of Interest

Item	13.2
Description	Roma and District Cricket Association - Irrigation and Drainage Upgrade funding
Declaring Councillor	Brendan Seawright
Person with the interest Related party / close associate / other relationship	Myself Brendan Seawright
Particulars of Interest	I am employed by Origin Energy, who, is a part of the APLNG Workers Transition Agreement with Maranoa Regional Council
Type of conflict	Declarable conflict of interest
Leave	Leave the room while the matter is discussed and voted on.

Cr Seawright left the meeting at 9.24am.

Item Number: 13.2 **File Number:** D26/21369

SUBJECT HEADING: ROMA AND DISTRICT CRICKET ASSOCIATION - IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE UPGRADE FUNDING

Officer's Title: Coordinator - Local & Community Development

Executive Summary:

The Roma cricket oval drainage and irrigation project is a Council Capital Works project within the 2025/26 Capital Works Program with a budget allocation of \$140,000.

Due to a funding shortfall of approximately \$80,000, the project cannot proceed within the existing budget. Roma and District Cricket Association (RDCA) recently applied to the Community Gambling Benefit Fund (Super Round – \$100,000) to cover the shortfall but were unsuccessful.

This report sought Council approval to request access to \$60,000 from the APLNG Workers Transition Agreement to enable the project to commence while the 2025/26 cricket season has concluded and the grounds are not in use.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/08	
Moved Cr Flynn	Seconded Cr Birkett
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seek the endorsement of APLNG to utilise \$60,000 from the Workers Transition Agreement for the Roma cricket oval drainage and irrigation project. 2. Subject to APLNG endorsement, approve \$60,000 from the APLNG Workers Transition Agreement to the Roma cricket irrigation and drainage project. 	
<p><i>[Following discussions, Cr O'Neil proposed amendments to points 1 and 2, of the draft motion which was accepted by the 'Mover' and 'Secunder'].</i></p>	
CARRIED	7/1

Responsible Officer	Coordinator - Local & Community Development
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At cessation of discussion and decision on the abovementioned item, Cr Seawright returned to the meeting at 9.54am.

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

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Name of each eligible councillor who voted on the matter:

Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Meryl Brumpton, Cr. Amber Davis, Cr. Peter Flynn, Cr Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O’Neil, Cr Wendy Taylor, Cr. Jane Vincent.

How each eligible councillors voted:

Cr. John Birkett, Cr. Meryl Brumpton, , Cr. Peter Flynn, Cr Johanne Hancock, Cr. Cameron O’Neil, Cr Wendy Taylor and Cr. Jane Vincent voted in favour of the motion.

Cr. Amber Davis voted against the motion.

STRATEGIC ROADS, AIRPORTS & MAJOR PROJECTS

Item Number:	14.1	File Number: D26/17981
SUBJECT HEADING:	SUBMISSION TO THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION’S REVIEW OF THE DETERMINANTS OF REGIONAL AIRFARES	
Officer’s Title:	Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects	

Executive Summary:

The Australian Government has tasked the Productivity Commission with undertaking an Inquiry into the Determinants of Regional Airfares. The Inquiry will examine the factors influencing the cost, availability and reliability of passenger air services to and from regional Australia and will inform future Commonwealth aviation policy and regulatory settings.

Regional aviation plays a critical role in supporting economic activity, access to essential services, workforce mobility and community connectivity into the Maranoa. Evidence used to support the Inquiry indicates that airfares outside capital cities are generally higher on a per kilometre basis; however, Council’s experience suggests the impacts for communities such as Roma can be more pronounced.

This report informs Council of the Inquiry and sought authorisation for the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and lodge a submission on behalf of Maranoa Regional Council. The submission will outline Council’s local experience as the owner and operator of Roma Airport and advocate for policy settings that improve affordability, reliability and equity of regional air services.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/09	
Moved Cr O'Neil	Seconded Cr Hancock
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into the Determinants of Regional Airfares and the important role regional aviation plays in supporting economic activity, access to essential services and community connectivity for residents of the Maranoa. 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to prepare and lodge a submission to the Inquiry on behalf of Maranoa Regional Council. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects
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LATE ITEMS

Item Number:	L.1	File Number: D26/18803
SUBJECT HEADING:	QCWA AMBY BRANCH - IN-PRINCIPLE SUPPORT OF MURAL PROJECT	
Officer's Title:	Manager - Facility & Property Services	

Executive Summary:
The Queensland Country Women's Association Amby Branch has requested in principle support to proceed with a proposed mural project to be applied to the exterior of the Booringa Shire Hall, Amby.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/10	
Moved Cr Birkett	Seconded Cr Brumpton
That Council provide in principle Support to the Queensland Country Women's Association Amby Branch for a proposed mural project on the exterior of the Booringa Shire Hall in Amby, subject to:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A detailed project plan, including final mural designs, being submitted to Council for consideration, with Council approval required before any works are to commence. 2. Public Liability and volunteer insurance for all project participants being provided prior to commencement. 3. Confirmation that appropriate surface preparation, paints and protective coating will be used to ensure durability. 4. Any additional requirements identified through Council's internal review (including any necessary approvals, safety and asset considerations). 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Facility & Property Services
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CHANGE TO ORDER OF BUSINESS

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/11	
Moved Cr Brumpton	Seconded Cr Vincent
That we withdraw Item C.2 [Lot 91 on M5356 – Trustee Lease] from the agenda today.	
CARRIED	9/0

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of section 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council resolve to close the meeting to the public at 10.03am 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 – Extension of Outback Contracting Group Bulk Haulage and Waste Management Services for 12 months	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.	Consideration of a 12 month extension for the respective contract, which is due to end on 30 June 2026.
C.3 – Application for Conversion of Tenure – Lot 3 on BDR93	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 Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development, seeks Council's updated views, on an application for a conversion to freehold over Lot 3 on Crown Plan BDR93 and a request for an easement to allow access to State Forest Lot 14 on FTY1754.
LC.1 – Workplace Health and safety Update	Section 254J(3)(e) (f) legal advice obtained by the local government including, for example, legal proceedings that may be taken by or against the local government; AND matters that may directly affect the health and safety of an	This report provides Council with an update on a Workplace Health and Safety incident that occurred on 23 March 2022 and seeks direction to progress the matter.

	individual or a group of individuals.	
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COUNCIL ADJOURNED THE MEETING
 FOR A MORNING TEA AT 10.26am

SUBJECT HEADING: RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS
 COUNCIL RESUMED THE MEETING AT 11.00am in Closed Session

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/12	
Moved Cr Hancock	Seconded Cr Vincent
That Council open the meeting to the public [at 11.01am].	
CARRIED	9/0

Item Number: C.1 **File Number: D26/18170**

SUBJECT HEADING: EXTENSION OF OUTBACK CONTRACTING GROUP BULK HAULAGE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT FOR 12 MONTHS

Officer's Title: Manager - Waste & Environmental Health Services

Executive Summary:

Consideration of a 12 month extension for the respective contract, which is due to end on 30 June 2026.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/13	
Moved Cr Vincent	Seconded Cr Davis
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Extend the Contract Bulk Haulage and Waste Transfer Services (MRC24/2540) for a further twelve (12) months to end on 30 June 2027, for a contract value of up to \$1,687,967.00 (Exc. GST), subject to adjustments for variations to add a fuel levy. 2. Assign costs to the Waste Management Operations Work Orders (WO11466 to WO11475) for the relevant facilities. 3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to approve amendments to the contract including the introduction of a fuel levy. 4. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) to negotiate and approve variations to the contract value resulting from the introduction of a fuel levy, ensuring compliance with the contract terms and budgetary provisions. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Manager - Waste & Environmental Health Services
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Item Number: C.2 **File Number:** D26/19077
SUBJECT HEADING: LOT 91 ON M5356 - TRUSTEE LEASE
Officer's Title: Coordinator - Property & Tenure Services

Item removed from Agenda – (Refer to Resolution No. OM/03.2026/11).

Item Number: C.3 **File Number:** D26/18375
SUBJECT HEADING: APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF TENURE - LOT 3 ON BDR93
Officer's Title: Coordinator - Property & Tenure Services

Executive Summary:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development, sought Council's updated views, on an application for a conversion to freehold over Lot 3 on Crown Plan BDR93 and a request for an easement to allow access to State Forest Lot 14 on FTY1754.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/14

Moved Cr Birkett

Seconded Cr Brumpton

That Council:

1. Advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development that it offers no objection to the conversion of Lot 3 on BDR93 to freehold tenure, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The applicant ensures that the constructed sections of Munnaweena Road that traverses through Lot 3 on BDR93, is fully contained within the road reserve; and
 - b) As part of the conversion, permanent access to Lot 1 on BDR13 by way of road reserve over the existing alignment of Oakvale Road.
2. Offer no objection to an easement from the end of Oakvale Road at the entry to Lot 1 on BDR13, along the northern side of Lot 3 on BDR93 to allow access to Lot D on BDR92, being State Forest Lot 14 on FTY1754.
3. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or delegate, to enter negotiations and sign associated documents.

CARRIED

9/0

Responsible Officer

Coordinator - Property & Tenure Services

Item Number: LC.1 **File Number:** D26/21987
SUBJECT HEADING: WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY UPDATE
Officer's Title: Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects

Executive Summary:

This report provided Council with an update on a Workplace Health and Safety incident that occurred on 23 March 2022 and sought direction to progress the matter.

Resolution No. OM/03.2026/15	
Moved Cr Davis	Seconded Cr Brumpton
That Council:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive and note the report as way of update. 2. Proceed with Option 3 as outlined in the report. 3. Maintain the current budget allocations and forward estimates initially allocated to the initiatives associated with progressing the previous resolution. 	
CARRIED	9/0

Responsible Officer	Deputy CEO - Strategic Roads, Airports & Major Projects
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CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Mayor thanked Council for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 11.05am.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 24 March 2026, at Roma Administration Centre.