



SPECIAL MEETING

AGENDA

20 APRIL 2021

Your attendance is required at a Special meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 20 April 2021 commencing at 11:30am for transaction of the enclosed business.

In line with section 277E of the Local Government Regulation 2012, it has been determined that it is not practicable for the public to attend Council meetings in person at the current time. Until further notice, Council meetings will instead take place via videoconference and will be livestreamed online.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. P.", is positioned above the printed name of the Chief Executive Officer.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
16 April 2021

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor D Kirkland
Councillor G D Mathers

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Neil Fisher - Leave of Absence from 19 April 2021 to 16 May 2021

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

5 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

5.1 LIFTING MATTERS FROM THE TABLE

File No: 11979
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Items laid on the table require a report to be lifted from the table before being dealt with. This report is designed to lift the reports that have been laid on the table at previous meetings.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT following matter be lifted from the table and dealt with accordingly:

- Beef 2021 Showgrounds Curfew

6 OFFICERS' REPORTS

6.1 BEEF 2021 SHOWGROUNDS CURFEW

File No: 10486
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: John Webb - Manager Communities and Culture

SUMMARY

Beef Australia is requesting Council amend the existing curfew of Rockhampton Showgrounds for selected nights between 2 and 8 May 2021 from 10.30pm to 11.00pm or 12 midnight.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the alteration of the Rockhampton Showgrounds event program curfew of 10.30pm to the stated times on the following three evenings of Beef 2021:

- Sunday 2 May 2021 - 11pm - dinner in marquee built on closed Exhibition Road
- Friday 7 May 2021 - 11pm - function with music in Robert Schwarten Outdoor Pavilion
- Saturday 8 May 2021 - 12 Midnight - Gala Ball with music in Robert Schwarten Outdoor Pavilion

COMMENTARY

Beef Australia are requesting an alternation to the standard 10.30pm event programming curfew that is in place for the Rockhampton Showgrounds in support of their event offering for Beef 2021.

Sunday 2 May 2021 - 11pm - Exhibition Road

This element is a function with no specific entertainment occurring within a built marquee that will be located on Exhibition Road. While not strictly within the Showgrounds it could be considered to part of the broader site activation. As this event has no programmed entertainment it presents a lower risk for disturbance.

Friday 7 May 2021 - 11pm - Function Robert Schwarten Pavilion

This element is a function with prerecorded music. A music speaker system will be set under the Robert Schwarten Outdoor Pavilion backing onto the indoor pavilion facing towards Graham Acton Way. This orientation is an optimal location and alignment to reduce the noise impact upon the surrounding residential area. The nature of the entertainment is prerecorded/DJ music.

Saturday 8 May 2021 - 12 midnight - Gala Ball Robert Schwarten Pavilion

This element is a Gala Ball with live and prerecorded music. The set up for this event will be the same manner and orientation as the Friday evening but with a live band and intermittent pre-recorded music.

As the operator of an event with outdoor entertainment elements and liquor licensing requirements the mitigation of noise impacts is the responsibility of the event operator informed by their specific noise management plan.

BACKGROUND

Rockhampton Regional Council have a standard 10.30pm curfew for event programming in the Rockhampton Showgrounds. This has been in place since the Council assumed operation of the site.

The curfew is maintained with regular users such as the Rockhampton Saloon Car Club. In this instance race meet event activities at 10.30pm with only quiet operational activity and patron movement happening beyond 10.30pm.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Since 2015 significant events have been granted extensions beyond 10.30pm as follows -

Beef 2015 - Thursday 7 May 11pm, Friday 8 May 11pm, Saturday 9 May 11.30pm

Beef 2018 – Sunday 6 May 11pm, Friday 11 May 11pm, Saturday 11 May 11.30pm

One Hot Night (Busby Marou) – Friday 29 December 11.30pm

There have been numerous relaxations for similar events including Beef prior to 2015.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Governed by Queensland Legislation.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

As the event operator and occupier of the grounds Beef is liable for adherence to noise regulation standards.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Nil

RISK ASSESSMENT

While legal and reputational risks will reside with Beef there may be reputational risks to Councils perceived good governance if there are significant noise complaints within the community. Conversely there may be reputational risks with broader community and stakeholders if restrictions affect the perceived success of the event.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The facilitation of a successful Beef 21 at the Rockhampton Showgrounds support the following -

Community Corporate Plan Outcome –

1.2 Regional public places that meet our community's needs

Economy Corporate Plan Outcomes -

2.1 A destination sought for lifestyle, community events and tourism

2.2 Value add to the strengths of industry to deepen regional economic activity

Operational Plan Action -

2.1.1 Pursue tourism opportunities for the region that leverage existing assets that provides a strong platform for future visitor and economic growth for the Region

CONCLUSION

That Council review the application for relaxation of curfew for identified dates within Beef 21 and considering the benefits of this event to the broader community balanced against the risks support the recommendation.

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING