



# **LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**23 APRIL 2024**

*Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 23 April 2024 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.*

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
19 April 2024

Next Meeting Date: 14.05.24

**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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## 10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

### 10.1 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUND - DEPUTY MAYOR COUNCILLOR DREW WICKERSON - SALVATION ARMY RED SHIELD APPEAL

**File No:** 8295  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Nicole Semfel - Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor  
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Katie-Lea Kellett - Executive Support Officer

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#### SUMMARY

*Deputy Mayor Councillor Drew Wickerson is requesting approval for a donation from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal launch being held on Wednesday 1 May 2024.*

*Council will be providing funding of \$1,000 from the Communities budget, however Deputy Mayor Councillor Wickerson would like to donate an additional \$1,000 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund for this event.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the allocation of \$1,000.00 from Deputy Mayor Councillor Drew Wickerson's Councillor Discretionary Fund to the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal launch being held on Wednesday 1 May 2024.

#### BACKGROUND

In 2024 the Salvation Army celebrate 60 years of the Red Shield Appeal and they have again approached Council to support their fund raising efforts.

The Red Shield Appeal funds help The Salvation Army deliver vital community programs and social services, such as:

- Emergency financial assistance
- Refuge for women and children in crisis
- Shelter and support for those facing homelessness
- Crisis, transitional and long-term housing
- Youth drop-in centres and support programs
- Emergency and disaster relief (immediate support, all the way to long-term recovery)
- Drug and alcohol addiction recovery and rehabilitation support
- Employment training programs
- Chaplaincy

Council will be providing funding of \$1,000 from the Communities budget, however Deputy Mayor Councillor Wickerson would like to donate an additional \$1,000 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund for this event. Councillor Wickerson has funds available from his CDF for the 23/24 financial year for this allocation.

Council supported this event in 2023 with funding of \$1,000 from the Communities budget and \$1,000 from Mayor Williams Councillor Discretionary Fund.

## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 11.15 CURRENT GRANT PROGRAMS AND PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

<b>File No:</b>	<b>12534</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Angus Russell - Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Ann Davie - Senior Advisor Advocacy</b>

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#### SUMMARY

*This report provides information about upcoming grant programs and recommends projects to be submitted.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the following projects for funding applications:

- Housing Support Program – Stream 1 – Planning (Australian Government):
  1. Replacement of Council's ICON system
  2. Traffic Modelling for Rockhampton and Gracemere
  3. Central Queensland University PDA Master Planning
- Play Our Way Program (Australian Government):
  1. Jardine Park Netball Court Rebuild Project

#### COMMENTARY

A number of grant programs were recently announced for which potential projects have been identified:

##### **Housing Support Program – Stream 1 (Planning)**

The Housing Support Program (HSP) was recently announced by the Australian Government Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, with 2 funding streams:

Stream 1 - Planning capability (opened 27 March 2024, closes 29 April 2024)

Stream 2 - Enabling Infrastructure and amenities (not announced)

Stream 1 provides up to \$5 million in funding per project, with no contribution required for local governments, although a contribution is strongly recommended. Multiple applications can be submitted. Projects that can be funded include planning industry attraction projects, tools for planning and decision making, or resources for master planning.

Proposed projects for seeking funding are:

##### 1. Replacement of Council's ICON system

Description: Purchasing and implementing a new on-line planning portal to provide faster, easier access to planning scheme documents and zoning information that would identify land suitable for residential development.

Project cost estimate: \$105,000 (there may be additional software/system costs during implementation)

Funding sought: 100% of project costs

Council contribution: In-kind support during implementation

## 2. Traffic Modelling of Rockhampton and Gracemere

Description: The project would update and expand Councils existing Strategic and Mesoscopic Transport Network models. Expansion of the models will include growth areas in Gracemere. Updates will include latest demographic projections, constructed and committed projects and other potential land use changes. Updating and expanding the Transport Network models will allow Council to better understand the capacities and limitations of the existing transport network. This will allow Council to maximise use of the network before requiring or committing additional transport infrastructure to service growth.

Project cost estimate: \$500,000

Funding sought: 100% of project costs

Council contribution: In-kind through project management and technical oversight.

## 3. Central Queensland University PDA Master Planning

Description: Engaging consultants to undertake master planning for housing development on the three identified parts of the CQUniversity (CQU) North Rockhampton Campus and CQU Priority Development Area (PDA) aimed at achieving a range of housing outcomes. The project would be lead by Council but delivered in conjunction with Economic Development Queensland (EDQ) and CQU. Preliminary support has been obtained from CQU and EDQ.

Project cost estimate: \$TBD in conjunction with EDQ

Funding sought: 100% of project costs

Council contribution: In-kind through project management and technical oversight (Council, EDQ and CQU)

## **Play Our Way Program**

The Australian Government opened the Play Our Way Program on 18 March 2024. Applications close 29 April 2024. The two funding streams include:

Stream 1: Facilities - \$50,000 - \$1.5 million

Stream 2: Participation and Equipment – \$50,000 - \$1 million

There is no minimum contribution, however co-contributions are recommended.

The proposed project for seeking funding is:

### Jardine Park Netball Court Rebuild Project

Description: Netball courts 1 & 6, which have been unavailable due to poor condition, will have their surfaces rebuilt to enable casual and competitive use.

Project cost estimate: \$614,755

Funding sought: \$464,755

Contribution from Rockhampton Netball Association: \$150,000

## **PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

Council was unsuccessful in seeking funding for the Jardine Park project through the Queensland Government's Minor Infrastructure Program in November 2023.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The budget implications for each project:

Replacement of ICON system – no direct budget impacts, seeking 100% of project costs.

Traffic Modelling – no direct budget impacts, seeking 100% of project costs.

CQU PDA Master Planning– no direct budget impacts, seeking 100% of project costs.

Jardine Park – no direct Council budget impacts, seeking contribution from Rockhampton Netball Association of \$150,000 towards project costs.

### **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

Staffing implications for each project:

Replacement of ICON system – no additional staff. Council officers will be involved in securing contractor and implementing the project.

Traffic Modelling – no additional staff. Council officers will be involved in securing contractor and managing the project.

CQUniversity PDA Master Planning – no additional staff. Council officers will be involved in securing contractor and managing the project.

Jardine Park – no additional staff. Council officers will be involved in securing contractor and implementing the project.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Each project will have its own project plan for delivery, which will include risk assessments and management actions.

### **CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Seeking funding for these projects is aligned with these goals in the Corporate Plan:

1.1 We are fiscally responsible

1.1.1 We pursue and advocate for funding that enables us to deliver our planned priorities and supports our financial sustainability

2.1 Our places and spaces enhance the liveability and diversity of our communities

3.1 We plan for growth with future needs of the community, business and industry in mind

### **CONCLUSION**

The projects listed above align with the funding programs' objectives and requirements.

The projects seeking funding through the Australian Government's Housing Support Program will help Council to plan for future growth and support housing development more efficiently.

The Jardine Park Rebuild Project will increase the capacity of Rockhampton's netball facilities to foster continual growth in participation, improve attractiveness to the sport, provide an improved and safe player experience, and enhance carnival activation opportunities.

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**11.16 BEEF 2024 ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS CURFEW ADDITIONAL DATES**

**File No:** 10486

**Attachments:**

1. Letter to RRC re Noise Curfew [↓](#)
2. Curfew Exemptions [↓](#)

**Authorising Officer:** John Webb - Manager Communities and Culture  
Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services

**Author:** Mark Millett - Coordinator Major Venues

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**SUMMARY**

*Beef Australia is requesting Council amend the existing curfew of Rockhampton Showgrounds to include the operation of their 'Lawn Bar'.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approve the alteration of the Rockhampton Showgrounds event program curfew of 10.30pm to 11pm to include the operation of the Lawn Bar situated on the Cremorne Lawn Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> up to and including Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**COMMENTARY**

Beef Australia previously requested alteration to the standard 10.30pm event programming curfew to accommodate 3 late night events occurring on:

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 11pm, The Long Paddock (on Exhibition Road) – Seated Dinner

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024, 11pm, Robert Schwarten Pavilion (outdoor) - Function

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Midnight, Robert Schwarten Pavilion (Outdoor) – Gala Ball

Council resolved to approve this on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

Since that approval and on the submission of temporary Liquor License requiring Council consent Beef Australia request this inclusion of the Lawn Bar operating:

Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday May 10<sup>th</sup> - 11pm Finish (Cremorne Lawn)

It is noted that Amplified music is programmed to finish at 10pm and will not exceed 10.30pm Stage close. Alcohol service will continue to 11pm with the licensee permitted a further 30 minutes to clear the site.

The terms of Council's consent to a liquor license will define service times and locations when outside the standard 10.30pm curfew.

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 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

Black Dog Ball – Saturday 7 October 2024 12.00am

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

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

Nil

**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 Council's 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 24 at the Rockhampton Showgrounds support the following –

Our Community –

2.1.1 We ensure community assets are utilized and appropriate for the needs of the community

2.1.1 We encourage diversity of community events and innovative use of our places and spaces

Our Economy

3.2.1 We support projects that strengthen the region's economic development

**CONCLUSION**

That Council review the application for relaxation of curfew for identified dates within Beef 24 and considering the benefits of this event to the broader community balanced against the risks support the recommendation.

**BEEF 2024 ROCKHAMPTON  
SHOWGROUNDS CURFEW  
ADDITIONAL DATES**

**Letter to RRC re Noise Curfew**

**Meeting Date: 23 April 2024**

**Attachment No: 1**



Beef Australia Ltd ABN 34 111 657 160  
PO Box 199 | Level 1, 195 Bolsover Street  
Rockhampton Qld 4700

17 April 2024

The Chief Executive Officer  
Rockhampton Regional Council  
Bolsover Street,  
ROCKHAMPTON 4700

Dear Evan

**RE: Showgrounds Noise Curfew**

We appreciate Councils acceptance of the original noise curfew submitted for Beef 2024 in 2023 for the below.

- Sunday 5th May – 11pm finish – The Long Paddock (Exhibition Road) – Seated Dinner
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 11pm finish – Robert Schwarten Pavilion (Outdoor) – Function
- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Midnight (12am) finish – Robert Schwarten Pavilion (Outdoor) – Gala Ball

We write to you to consider an addition to the above to allow for the operation of the Lawn Bar:

- Monday, May 6 to Thursday, May 9 – 11pm finish
- Note that amplified music is currently programmed to finish at 10pm and will not exceed 10.30pm stage close.

Regards,

Simon Irwin  
CEO  
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# **BEEF 2024 ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUNDS CURFEW ADDITIONAL DATES**

## **Curfew Exemptions**

**Meeting Date: 23 April 2024**

**Attachment No: 2**



Beef Australia Ltd ABN 34 111 657 160  
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Rockhampton Qld 4700

Hello Evan,

**Re: Showgrounds Noise Curfew Extension**

Planning is in full swing for our Beef Australia 2024 event to be held in May and we thank you again for your sponsorship and for your teams ongoing support in the lead up.

Evan we are seeking the following alterations to the standard 10.30pm event programming curfew that is in place for the Showground precinct.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – 11pm finish – The Long Paddock (Exhibition Road) – Seated Dinner**

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 be part of the broader site activation. As this event has no programmed entertainment it presents a lower risk for disturbance.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – 11pm finish – Robert Schwarten Pavilion (Outdoor) – Function**

This element is a function with pre-recorded music. A music speaker system will be set up under the Robert Schwarten Pavilion (Outdoor) backing onto the indoor pavilion and facing out 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 pre-recorded/DJ music.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Midnight (12am) finish – Robert Schwarten Pavilion (Outdoor) – Gala Ball**

This element is a Gala Ball with live and pre-recorded 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.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Simon Irwin  
CEO  
Beef Australia

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