



LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

10 MARCH 2026

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 10 March 2026 commencing at 9:00 AM for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 March 2026

Next Meeting Date: 24.03.26

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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File No: 14299
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Marnie Taylor - General Manager Organisational Services
Author: John Webb - Acting General Manager Advance Rockhampton

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council approval to reallocate unspent capital within the Advance Rockhampton budget to fund the construction of a footpath which is part of the endorsed masterplan for The Common. The footpath will improve access to the Burnout Precinct for Rockynats.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the reallocation of \$170,000 of capital from the Signage budget within the Advance Rockhampton budget for the construction of additional footpath at The Common.

COMMENTARY

Rockhampton Regional Council has presented Rockynats each year from 2021 to 2025. Rockynats 06 is the first year of a five-year contract with Rockynats Pty Ltd for the annual delivery of the event.

A featured element of the event is the Burnout Precinct. This element is delivered at The Common on the car park adjacent to the Northside Boat Ramp. Spectators access the event initially by car, bus or drop off nearby.

Patrons make the last part of their journey to the site by walking alongside Reaney Street and Robert Clarke Drive across grass and potentially uneven ground. In 2025 this ground was waterlogged due to recent rain events.

A temporary path solution was sought for the five-year duration of the current Rockynats delivery contract. The total cost to install a solution for event days only including hire, transport and labour including an annual 3% CPI increase was valued at \$153,115 ex GST.

In consultation with Regional Services and Community and Lifestyle it has been established that a suitable and permanent asphalt footpath can be installed from Reaney Street along Robert Clark Drive and adjoin the existing concrete path at the boat ramp car park for an estimated \$170,000.

This would provide a permanent year-round solution extending the footpath network in keeping with the endorsed precinct Master Plan for The Common.

Advance Rockhampton currently has unspent capital of \$204,000 allocated for signage which will not be expended this financial year.

This report is seeking Council endorsement to reallocate \$170,000 to fund the footpath construction which will provide a more effective solution.

This will also provide an operational saving to Rockynats 06 event.

Civil Operations have confirmed the works can be completed prior to Rockynats 06.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The Rockynats five year delivery contract was endorsed on 10 September 2024.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

That capital expenditure of \$170,000 be reallocated to the footpath construction.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

When considering Human Rights implications, the construction of this footpath will improve access for individuals with limited mobility.

LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

There is no legal implication with the construction of this footpath.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

GOAL 1.1 We are fiscally responsible

Effort 1.1.1 We prioritise our projects and operational activities effectively to achieve our longterm goal

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

Effort 2.1.1 We ensure community assets are utilised and appropriate for the needs of the Community

GOAL 3.3 Our work attracts visitors to the region

Effort 3.3.2 We design places and deliver events that encourages visitors to come and stay.

CONCLUSION

The reallocation of unspent capital funds to the construction of a footpath will provide a permanent and ongoing benefit to the community. The proposed footpath is consistent with the endorsed Master Plan for The Common and provides a permanent solution for the Rockynats event.