



ORDINARY MEETING

AGENDA

14 APRIL 2015

Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 14 April 2015 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
9 April 2015

Next Meeting Date: 12.05.15

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

The opening prayer will be presented by Rev Scott Ballment from the Parish of Rockhampton South Uniting Church.

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor G A Belz
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held 10 March 2015

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 AUDIT AND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - 20 MARCH 2015

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee meeting, held on 20 March 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(Note: The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.1 SAFEPLAN AUDIT CONDUCTED BY LGW**

File No: 5207
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Tracy Sweeney - Manager Workforce and Strategy
Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author: Tony Hauenschild - Coordinator Safety and Training

SUMMARY

Presentation of results from the External Safeplan2 Audit that was conducted in 2014 by Local Government Workcare.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on External Safeplan2 Audit be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015

9.1.2 AUDIT & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TRAINING ATTENDED

File No: 5207
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

A brief commentary is provided in relation to Audit & Business Improvement Committee professional development activities.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on professional development activities be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.3 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL****File No:** 2562**Attachments:**

1. **Fraud and Corruption Control Policy**
2. **Fraud and Corruption Risk Checklist**
3. **Fraud and Corruption Control Plan**

Authorising Officer: Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology
Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Kisane Ramm - Risk Management Officer

SUMMARY

Presenting the proposed Fraud and Corruption Control Policy, Guide to Fraud and Corruption Control (The Plan), and Fraud and Corruption Risk Checklists.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee receive the report and Council adopt the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy and the Fraud and Corruption Risk Checklists, as attached to this report.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.4 RISK REGISTERS - QUARTERLY UPDATE AS AT 30 JANUARY 2015****File No:** 8780

- Attachments:**
1. Corporate Risk Register including Quarterly Update as at 30 January 2015
 2. Office of the CEO Risk Register - Quarterly Update as at 30 January 2015
 3. Community Services Risk Register - Quarterly Update as at 30 January 2015
 4. Corporate Services Risk Register - Quarterly Update as at 30 January 2015
 5. Regional Services Risk Register - Quarterly Update as at 30 January 2015

Authorising Officer: Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology
Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Kisane Ramm - Risk Management Officer

SUMMARY

Presenting the quarterly departmental risk register updates as at 30 January 2015 and the Corporate Risk Register, which is being presented to this Committee for the first time post Council adoption.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the quarterly risk register updates as at 30 January 2015 and the Corporate Risk Register, as presented in the attachments to this report, be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.5 INVESTIGATION AND LEGAL MATTERS****File No:** 5207**Attachments:** 1. Legal Matters - November 2014 to 31 January 2015**Authorising Officer:** Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Tracy Sweeney - Manager Workforce and Strategy

SUMMARY

Manager Workforce and Strategy presenting an update of year to date Investigative Matters and the current Legal Matters as at 31 January 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the update of investigative and legal matters for Rockhampton Regional Council be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.6 LOSS/THEFT ITEMS REPORTED TO AUDITOR GENERAL - MAY 2014 TO FEBRUARY 2015**

File No: 3911

Attachments: 1. **Loss/Theft Report - 1 May 2014 to 28 February 2015**

Authorising Officer: **Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology**
Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

Author: **Kellie Anderson - Coordinator Property and Insurance**

SUMMARY

Coordinator Property & Insurance reporting on Loss/Theft items including those reported to the Auditor General for the period 1 May 2014 to 28 February 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the committee 'receives' the Loss/Theft Report for the period 1 May 2014 to 28 February 2015.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.7 BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITY - ACTION PROGRESS REPORT**

File No: 5207
Attachments: 1. **Business Improvement Activity - Action Progress Report**
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

The Business Improvement Activity report is a requirement of the Local Government Regulation and the Internal Audit Standards and is provided for the information and action by the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Improvement Activity Report – Action Progress Report be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015

9.1.8 UPDATE FROM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

File No: 5207
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

The Chief Executive Officer will provide a verbal update on matters of importance.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Chief Executive Officer's update be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.9 COMMITTEE ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT**

File No: 5207

Attachments: 1. Assessment Questionnaire
2. Customer Needs Survey 2015

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

The Committee is required to self-assess annually.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- (1) THAT the committee considers the short 2-page template attached to this report for completion of its 2014 self-assessment. This is the same template used previously for this purpose; and
- (2) THAT the Key Customer Needs Survey attached to the report be completed for feedback to IA of the Committee's priorities, as input to the 2015 (next) Annual Audit Planning process.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.10 C3 - SEPARATION OF DUTIES - SUMMARY REPORT**

File No: 5207
Attachments: 1. Separation of Duties - Summary Report
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

The Business Improvement Review for Separation of Duties (Pathway Systems Security) is presented for the information of the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report Business Improvement Review for Separation of Duties (Pathway Systems Security) be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.11 C2 - RISK REGISTER CONTENT**

File No: 5207
Attachments: 1. C2 - Risk Register Content Report
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

The planned business improvement review for Risk Register is provided for the information of the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on Risk Register Content - C2 be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.12 E3 - COMPLIANCE REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION**

File No: 5207
Attachments: 1. Compliance Review - Internal Audit Function
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

The attached Compliance Review of Internal Audit Function report is provided for the information of the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Compliance Review of the Internal Audit Function (E3) be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.13 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AGAINST ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN**

File No: 5207
Attachments: 1. Progress of Reviews at 9 March 2015
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: John Wallace - Chief Audit Executive

SUMMARY

The attached report is provided for the information of the Committee on the progress against the Annual Audit Plan. This report is a requirement of the Local Government Regulation.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the progress of the planned Business Improvement Reviews be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.14 2013/2014 FINANCIAL RESULTS****File No:** 9509, 8151**Attachments:**

1. 2013-2014 Financial Statements
2. Report to Audit & Business Improvement Committee for year ended 30 June 2014 - Deloitte

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

Finance Manager presenting the Audited Financial Statements as at 30 June 2014 for committee to be received. The Final Management Letter as well as a report to this committee was circulated to members via email on the 18th December 2014 but is attached again for members to read in conjunction with the Final Statements.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2013/2014 Financial Result Report be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.15 FINANCE SECTION UPDATE**

File No: 8151
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author: Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

Finance Manager providing information around the production of Audited Financial Statement preparation and other aspects of Financial Management.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report containing an update on the Finance Section be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.16 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL - CREDIT REVIEW**

File No: 2114
Attachments: 1. Rockhampton Regional Council Credit Review
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author: Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

The results of the Credit Review process by Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) on behalf of The Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience (DLGCRR) has been received and rated Council with a Moderate Rating (Neutral Outlook).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Credit Review Report received from Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC) be received.

Recommendation of the Audit and Business Improvement Committee, 20 March 2015**9.1.17 EXTERNAL AUDIT CLIENT STRATEGY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2015****File No:** 8151**Attachments:** 1. **Client Strategy - Rockhampton Regional Council 2015****Authorising Officer:** **Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services****Author:** **Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance**

SUMMARY

The External Audit Strategy for the year ended 30 June 2015, as supplied by Deloitte's, is provided for Council's consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Client Strategy between Rockhampton Regional Council and Deloitte be received.

9.2 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 APRIL 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, held on 7 April 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

File No: 10097

Attachments: 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Parks and Recreation Committee**

Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Parks and Recreation Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Parks and Recreation Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - JANUARY 2015 - PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Community Services Capital Works - January 2015
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Andrew Collins - Special Projects Officer

SUMMARY

Project summary report for Capital Projects currently being delivered by Community Services Department on behalf of the Parks and Open spaces section.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Capital Works monthly report for January 2015 be 'received'.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.3 FEBRUARY CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR PARKS AND RECREATION - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UNIT**

File No: 1484

Attachments: 1. **Facilities Capital Progress Report for February 2015**

Responsible Officer: Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Sharon Sommerville - Coordinator Facilities

SUMMARY

This report provides information on progress during February 2015 with Parks and Recreation capital projects being undertaken by the Communities and Facilities Section.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the February 2015 Progress Report from the Communities and Facilities Section in relation to Parks and Recreation capital projects be received.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.4 PROPOSAL TO HOST TACTIC 2016 CONFERENCE IN ROCKHAMPTON**

File No: 8066
Attachments: 1. TACTIC June 2014 information and registration brochure
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

Rockhampton Zoo proposes to host the TACTIC 2016 workshop.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council give "*In Principa*" support to the submission of a proposal to host the TACTIC 2016 training and conditioning workshop in Rockhampton in the second half of 2016, subject to budget limitation of \$20,000 and sponsorship commitment from external parties.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.5 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Parks and Open Space Monthly Operations Report - January and February 2015
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space unit for the month of January and February 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for January and February 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.6 LETTER OF INVITATION TO GARDENING AUSTRALIA****File No:** 1464**Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Councillor Fisher suggested that Council send a formal invitation to the Producers of Gardening Australia to view our Botanic Assets and the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Marcia.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT a formal invitation be sent to the Producers of the program “*Gardening Australia*” to view our Botanic Assets and the impacts of Tropical Cyclone Marcia.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.7 FIRE TRAILS****File No: 840****Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon – Chief Executive Officer**

SUMMARY

Mayor Strelow requested that a report on fire trails and work to date go to the next Performance and Service Committee Meeting on 28 April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT a report on fire trails and work to date go to the next Performance and Service Committee meeting on 28 April 2015.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 7 April 2015**9.2.8 CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRACEMERE CEMETERY****File No:** 805**Attachments:**

1. Resolution - April 2013
2. Resolution - April 2014
3. Resolution - July 2014
4. Perspective View
5. Staging

Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

SUMMARY

Council has previously resolved (April 2014) that "a Development Plan for Gracemere Cemetery be progressed to facilitate use as an earth dug grave cemetery". Concept Plans, including staging for development, have been prepared and are now presented for consideration by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be laid on the table until the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on 5 May 2015.

9.3 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 APRIL 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Communities Committee meeting, held on 7 April 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Communities****Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Communities Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Communities Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.2 RENEWAL OF WALTER REID CULTURAL CENTRE GROUND FLOOR TENANCY AGREEMENT**

File No: 2210
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

In February 2014 Council agreed to offer a lease over spaces on the redeveloped ground floor of the Walter Reid Cultural Centre for a period of one year ending 30 June 2015 to three new centre tenants. At the same time the existing tenants in the remainder of the building were offered new three-year leases concluding on 28 February 2017. It is now proposed to extend the term of the leases for the ground floor tenants to this same end date of 28 February 2017.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council extend the proposed tenancy agreements with Officina Athelstane, Capricornia Arts Mob and Capricornia Printmakers' Collective for the ground floor spaces at the Walter Reid Cultural Centre for a period ending 28 February 2017 at a rate determined by applying the appropriate CPI increase as detailed in the groups' proposed agreements.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.3 ROCKHAMPTON ART GALLERY FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

File No: 465
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

The February 2015 Communities Committee of Council received a report of the Future Directions for the Rockhampton Art Gallery, referring the matter to a subsequent Councillor workshop. An option for progressing this work is now tabled before Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council proceed with the feasibility study detailed in the report, approving the redirection of the existing capital budget approved for the development of Concept Plans for the Theatre/Art Gallery site to fund the study.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015

9.3.4 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM 2014-15 ROUND THREE

File No: 8944

Attachments: 1. **Regional Arts Development Fund - Recommendations from 2014-15 round 3**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

Applications received for round three of the 2014-15 Regional Arts Development Fund have been assessed by the RADF Committee and twelve are recommended for funding for a total amount of \$66,887.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the following applications for funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund:

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Grant Recommended
Rockhampton Woodworkers Guild Inc	To bring world class woodturner Doug Bell to Rockhampton to teach local and visiting turners	\$1,688
RSL National Servicemen's Combined Central Sub Branch Inc	To employ an artist to produce an array of jewellery to commemorate the Centenary of Gallipoli Battle in World War 1	\$945
Royal Queensland Art Society - Rockhampton Branch	To employ 2 professional visual artists to conduct two day workshops in Rockhampton	\$1,400
Central Queensland Aboriginal Corporation for Cultural Activities	To engage a facilitator to inspire creation of works through workshops for an Art to Wear exhibition. To engage a film maker to film the workshops and produce a short film	\$9,280
Arts Central Queensland Inc	To design and build a web portal to share event calendars, artists and arts organisation directories, reviews, and blog with artists and arts organisations	\$9,752 (50% met by RRC RADF, 50% met by LSC RADF)
Rockhampton Art Gallery	To commission a Rockhampton artist to produce drawings of Rockhampton's iconic bull statues to be included in the production of a tourist map for distribution by Rockhampton Art Gallery	\$3,850
School of Education and the Arts, Central Queensland University	To employ 5 artists to work with 60 year 2 students and follow up with the delivery of children's activities at Romp In The Park 2015	\$7,145
Rockhampton Regional Council	To commission 3 local artists to design and create interactive chalk drawings for footpaths of Rockhampton River Festival	\$7,281
Rockhampton Regional Council	To commission a professional photographer to create a series of works heroicising	\$6,536

	everyday people in Rockhampton, presented outdoors in large format poster prints	
Rockhampton Regional Council	To employ The Lost Underground to collaborate with Darumbal elder Wade Mann and the community to create digital images to be project onto buildings during Rockhampton River Festival	\$18,520
Emma Ward	To attend a 3 day workshop with international mixed media artist Cas Holmes	\$258
Amber Countryman	To attend a 3 day workshop with international mixed media artist Cas Holmes	\$232
		\$66,887

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015
9.3.5 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**File No:** 7822**Attachments:** 1. **Community Assistance Program -
Recommendations and Assessment
Comments****Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

Applications to the Community Assistance Program have been received from Cancer Council Queensland and Darumbal Community Youth Services Inc. The applications were assessed and both were recommended for funding for the total amount of \$5,700.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the following applications for funding from the Community Assistance Program:

Applicant	Purpose of Grant/Sponsorship	Amount
Cancer Council Queensland	DC Motors Masquerade Ball	\$1,605
Darumbal Community Youth Services Inc	National Youth Week Events 2015	\$4,500

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.6 COMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT -
JANUARY 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. **Communities and Facilities Monthly
Operational Report**
Authorising Officer: **Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**
Author: **Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services**

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of January 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operational Report on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of January 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.7 COMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT - FEBRUARY 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. **Communities and Facilities Monthly Operational Report**
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of February 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operational Report on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the month of February 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.8 ARTS AND HERITAGE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. ARTS AND HERITAGE MONTHLY
OPERATIONS REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

The report provides information on the programs and activities of the Arts and Heritage section for January 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operations Report of the Arts and Heritage section for January 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.9 ARTS AND HERITAGE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Arts and Heritage Monthly Operations Report for February 2015
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

The report provides information on the programs and activities of the Arts and Heritage section for February 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operations Report of the Arts and Heritage section for February 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 7 April 2015**9.3.10 PROPOSAL TO DELIVER TWILIGHT MOVIE PROGRAM****File No:** 7104**Attachments:** 1. **Proposal from Total PartyFX to deliver
Twilight Movies in Rockhampton****Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

Mr Ben Dyer of Total PartyFx has written to Council offering his company's services to deliver the annual Twilight Movie program on behalf of Council, on a fee for service basis.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council advise Mr Dyer that it will take up Option 1 of his offer to deliver the Twilight Movie program in the Rockhampton region.

9.4 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 7 APRIL 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Health & Compliance Committee meeting, held on 7 April 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 7 April 2015**9.4.1 FOOD BUSINESS LICENSING AT ROCKHAMPTON SHOW EVENTS**

File No: 6530
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

The Environment and Public Health Unit seeks Council's guidance on how the Unit responds to identifying unlicensed licensable food businesses at the Rockhampton Shows.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT an Environmental Health Officer may require the operator of an unlicensed licensable food business at the Rockhampton Show to cease operation until a food business licence is obtained.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 7 April 2015**9.4.2 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR JANUARY 2015****File No:** 1464

- Attachments:**
1. **Monthly Operations Report From Community Standards and Compliance Section for January 2015.**
 2. **Traffic Light Report for Community Standards and Compliance for the month of January 2015.**
 3. **Financial Matters Report - Community Standards and Compliance Section for January 2015**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

The Monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section as at 31 January 2015 is presented for Councillor's information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Standards and Compliance Monthly Operations Report for January 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 7 April 2015**9.4.3 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE SECTION FOR FEBRUARY 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:**

1. **Monthly Operations Report Community Standards and Compliance Section Period Ended February 2015**
2. **Traffic Light Report for February 2015**
3. **Financial Matters Report for Community Standards and Compliance Unit February 2015**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

The monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section as at 28th February 2015 is presented for Councillor's information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Standards and Compliance Monthly Operations Report for February 2015 be received.

9.5 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE MEETING - 8 APRIL 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Business Enterprise Committee meeting, held on 8 April 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 8 April 2015**9.5.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Business Enterprise Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Business Enterprise Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Business Enterprise Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 8 April 2015**9.5.2 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORT -
MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN REPORT**

File No: 7927

Attachments: 1. Airport Monthly Operations & Annual
Performance Plan Report

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

Author: Trevor Heard - Manager Rockhampton Airport

SUMMARY

The monthly operations and annual performance plan report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 28 February 2015 is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Corporate Services Departmental Operations and Annual Performance Plan Report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 28 February 2015 be "received".

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT a report come back to the Committee regarding the Rockhampton sign at the Airport with appropriate options.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 8 April 2015**9.5.3 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL WASTE & RECYCLING MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2015**

File No: 7927

Attachments: 1. Rockhampton Regional Waste & Recycling Monthly Operations Report February 2015

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Craig Dunglison - Manager RRWR

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling (RRWR) for the month of February 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the RRWR Operations Report for the period ended 28 February 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 8 April 2015**9.5.4 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL WASTE AND RECYCLING MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

File No: 7927

Attachments: 1. RRWR Monthly Operations and Annual Performance Report

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Craig Dunglison - Manager RRWR

SUMMARY

This report is a combination of the Monthly Section Report and the Quarterly Report as required under the Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling Annual Performance Plan for the quarter ending the 31 December 2014.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling Monthly operations and Annual Performance Plan report be received.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 8 April 2015

9.5.5 RESOURCE INDUSTRY ADVISORY GROUP

File No: 8444

Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

General discussion regarding the Resource Industry Advisory Group and Arrow Pipeline.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT a meeting of the Resource Industry Advisory Group be convened.

9.6 WATER COMMITTEE MEETING - 8 APRIL 2015

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Minutes of the Water Committee meeting, held on 8 April 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(Note: The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 8 April 2015**9.6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE**

File No:	10097
Attachments:	1. Business Outstanding Table for Water Committee
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Water Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Water Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 8 April 2015**9.6.2 FRW ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014****File No:** 1466**Attachments:**

1. **Customer Service Standards as at 31 December 2014**
2. **Customer Service and Financial Targets as at 31 December 2014**
3. **Non Compliance Comments**

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

SUMMARY

Fitzroy River Water's performance against financial and non-financial targets and key strategies is reported to Council on a quarterly basis in accordance with the adopted 2014/15 Performance Plan. This report as at 31 December 2014 is presented for the Committee's information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Fitzroy River Water Annual Performance Plan quarterly report as at 31 December 2014 be received.

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 8 April 2015**9.6.3 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - JANUARY 2015****File No:** 1466**Attachments:** 1. **FRW Monthly Operations Report - January 2015****Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

SUMMARY

This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 31 January 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report for January 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 8 April 2015**9.6.4 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2015****File No:** 1466**Attachments:** 1. **FRW Monthly Operations Report - February 2015****Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

SUMMARY

This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 28 February 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report for February 2015 be received.

9.7 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING - 8 APRIL 2015**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting, held on 8 April 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE**

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Infrastructure Committee**
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Infrastructure Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Infrastructure Committee be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.2 DIPLOCK STREET LOCAL AREA TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

File No: 5252

Attachments:

1. Diplock Street LATM Options Summary Table
2. Diplock Street LATM Options Layout

Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

SUMMARY

Preliminary design and cost estimates have been prepared in relation to the Local Area Traffic Management (LATM) devices to be trialled on the Diplock Street / Honour Street and Diplock Street / Wooster Street intersections. Treatment options prepared in accordance with previous Council resolutions are presented for Council's consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Option 1 for both the intersection of Diplock and Honour Streets and Diplock and Wooster Streets be proposed to the residents adjacent to these intersections for comment; and
2. Subject to the results of consultation with adjacent residents, Option 1 be implemented under the Traffic and Road Safety Minor Capital Works Program in conjunction with use of "Changed Traffic Conditions" at the intersection of Diplock and Wooster Streets.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.3 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TREATMENTS IN FOSTER STREET, DOUGLAS STREET AND MIDDLE ROAD GRACEMERE**

File No: 9718

Attachments: 1. LATM Layout and Vehicle Turn Path Drawings

Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

SUMMARY

In September 2014, Council resolved to design options for traffic calming entry treatments at the intersections of Stewart Street with Foster Street, Douglas Street and Middle Road in order to constrain but not prevent the movement of non-restricted heavy vehicles. Preliminary designs have indicated that access must be restricted to vehicles larger than 12.5m in length as a 19m semi-trailer and a B-double share the same swept path movement. This report presents the preliminary designs for these entry treatments and seeks a Council decision to approve the vehicle restriction.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the matter be laid on the table pending a further report on issues raised by business and property owners in the area.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.4 DEAN STREET U-TURN FACILITY AT VALLIS STREET**

File No: 5252

Attachments:

1. Summary of Options
2. Layout of Options
3. Option 2 Vehicle Turn Paths

Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

SUMMARY

In response to representations received by Council regarding the traffic safety issues associated with vehicles performing a U-turn at the intersection of Dean and Vallis Streets to enter the IGA Supermarket, Officers have identified four (4) individual options designed to improve the safety and operation of the intersection. Details of each option and the pros and cons associated with each option are outlined below for the Committee's consideration.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Option 2 be endorsed on the basis that it is the most cost effective solution that achieves the desired traffic safety improvements for the intersection of Dean and Vallis Streets;
2. THAT subject to the outcomes of consultation with adjacent businesses and residents, Option 2 be implemented under the Traffic and Road Safety Minor Capital Works Program; and
3. THAT the issue regarding semi-trailers accessing the IGA Supermarket loading dock be raised with representatives of the IGA Supermarket and they be requested to comply with the requirements of their development approvals.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.5 REQUEST FOR GIVE WAY SIGNS IN MENZIES STREET****File No:** 8056**Attachments:**

1. Letter from Cr Schwarten - Request for Installation of Road Safety Signs
2. RRC Officer's Briefing Paper
3. Map of area - Menzies & Gray Streets
4. Map of area - Menzies & Rice St

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

Following approaches by constituents, Councillor Schwarten, by correspondence dated 11 February 2015, has requested that the intersections of Menzies Street and Gray Street and Menzies Street and Rice Street in Park Avenue be assessed with a view to installing Give Way signage to enhance the safety of those intersections.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT at the intersection of Menzies Street and Gray Street Give Way signage be installed on the Gray Street legs; and
2. THAT at the intersection of Menzies Street and Rice Street Give Way signage be installed on the Menzies Street legs.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.6 REQUEST TO HAVE UN-NAMED ROAD INCLUDED ON COUNCIL'S ROAD REGISTER - MORINISH**

File No: 7750
Attachments: 1. Map - Morinish Road 8 parcels
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Mr Matt Frankish to include an un-named road on the road register and that a level of upgrade be carried out to that road as it is used by a number of property owners.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the un-named road that services the properties highlighted in the attachment to the report be included in the Road Register and minor upgrade works be undertaken.
2. THAT the property owners along the unnamed road in recommendation by the above be written to seeking suggestions for a suitable name for the road.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.7 CIVIL OPERATIONS MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - MARCH 2015****File No:** 7028**Attachments:**

1. **Monthly Operations Report - Civil Operations - 31 January 2015**
2. **Works Program - February - March 2015**

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

SUMMARY

This report outlines Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report as at 31 January 2015 and also Works Program of planned projects for the months February – March 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report for March 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.8 CIVIL OPERATIONS MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - APRIL 2015****File No:** 7028**Attachments:**

1. **Monthly Operations Report - Civil Operations - 28 February 2015**
2. **Works Program - March - April 2015**

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** David Bremert - Manager Civil Operations

SUMMARY

This report outlines Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report 28 February 2015 and also Works Program of planned projects for March – April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report for April 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.9 ENGINEERING SERVICES MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - MARCH 2015****File No:** 7028**Attachments:** 1. **Monthly Operations Report - Engineering Services - 31 January 2015****Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

SUMMARY

This report outlines Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for the period ending 31 January 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for January 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 8 April 2015**9.7.10 ENGINEERING SERVICES MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - APRIL 2015****File No:** 7028**Attachments:** 1. **Monthly Operations Report - Engineering Services - 28 February 2015****Authorising Officer:** Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services**Author:** Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

SUMMARY

This report outlines Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for the period to the end of February 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for April 2015 report be received.

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

10.1 COUNCILLOR TONY WILLIAMS - REQUEST TO ATTEND 4TH LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SUMMIT, BRISBANE, 21-23 APRIL 2015

File No: 8291
Attachments: 1. Summit Program
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Shane Turner - Manager Governance Support

SUMMARY

Councillor Tony Williams has requested approval to attend the 4th Local Government Finance Summit to be held in Brisbane from 21-23 April 2015.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillor Tony Williams be authorised to attend the 4th Local Government Finance Summit to be held in Brisbane from 21-23 April 2015.

COMMENTARY

The 4th Local Government Finance Summit is being hosted by the Local Government Association of Queensland from 21-23 April 2015.

The theme of the conference is "Governing for Success", focusing on:

- How can leaders deliver real outcomes in productivity, efficiency and innovation?
- What are the financial strategies that will help in the lead u to the local government elections?
- How is your council performing against its peers?

A copy of the Conference overview and Registration form is attached.

CONCLUSION

The summit covers a broad range of topics presented by LGAQ, QTC, LGIS, ALGA and other specialist presenters which will provide Council with a great deal of useful information as we develop our financial future.

**COUNCILLOR TONY WILLIAMS -
REQUEST TO ATTEND 4TH LOCAL
GOVERNMENT FINANCE SUMMIT,
BRISBANE, 21-23 APRIL 2015**

Summit Program

Meeting Date: 14 April 2015

Attachment No: 1

4th Local Government
FINANCE SUMMIT
**GOVERNING
FOR SUCCESS**

Royal International Convention Centre
Brisbane Showgrounds

21 – 22 April 2015



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

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4th Local Government
FINANCE SUMMIT
**GOVERNING
FOR SUCCESS**



PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

The combination of the newly formed State Government and the rapidly approaching 2016 local government elections means that finance and budgets are currently at the forefront of every Queensland councils' agenda.

With just on a year until the next term of office begins, the 2015 Finance Summit is ideally placed to ensure your council can enter the last budget cycle with confidence, proper consideration and constructive intent.

- *How can leaders deliver real outcomes in productivity, efficiency and innovation?*
- *What are the financial strategies that will help in the lead up to the local government elections?*
- *How is your council performing against its peers?*

The upcoming financial year will be focused on achieving greater productivity, improved efficiency and new innovations – easier said than done amidst a climate of reduced state and federal funding.

The 2015 Finance Summit program will ensure that you will return with several strategies that will help you and your council respond to these themes, as well as providing an important opportunity for councils to be briefed by both the State Government and the Queensland Treasury Corporation.

We have timed the Summit this year to ensure that your council is much better placed to respond with the necessary level of information and confidence to the development of your next budget.

The Summit is once again proudly supported by Queensland Treasury Corporation who play an essential role in helping councils deliver for their community.

I look forward to seeing you at the Summit.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Margaret de Wit'.

Cr Margaret de Wit
PRESIDENT

4th Local Government
FINANCE SUMMIT
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Program Tuesday 21st April 2015

FINANCE SUMMIT PROGRAM	
Time	Sessions
8:30am – 12:30pm	Finance Summit Registration Open Tea and Coffee
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Quick! Where's that Pool? A guide to achieving value for money in infrastructure projects <i>[Facilitated by QTC]</i>
1:30pm	Achieving the Critical Link Finance to asset management and back again <i>[Facilitated by QTC]</i>
1:30pm	The Seven Deadly Sins of Capital Works Avoiding the pitfalls: the journey to Capital Works success <i>[Facilitated by LGIS]</i>
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm	Quick! Where's that Pool? (Repeat) A guide to achieving value for money in infrastructure projects <i>[Facilitated by QTC]</i>
3:30pm	Achieving the Critical Link (Repeat) Finance to asset management and back again <i>[Facilitated by QTC]</i>
3:30pm	Conformance Vs Performance Maximising the value of Internal Audit <i>[Facilitated by LGAQ]</i>
5:00pm	Networking drinks
6:00pm	Conference Dinner State Government Speaker TBA
9:00pm	Close

4th Local Government
FINANCE SUMMIT

GOVERNING FOR SUCCESS



Program Wednesday 22nd April 2015

Time	Sessions
8:30am	Registration Tea and Coffee
9:30am	MC Welcome – Outline of the Day <i>Greg Hallam PSM, Chief Executive Officer, LGAQ</i>
9:40am	Official Welcome and Opening <i>Cr Margaret de Wit, President, LGAQ</i>
9:50am	Local Government Briefing on Emerging Issues <i>Philip Noble, CEO, Queensland Treasury Corporation</i>
10:15am	Governing for Success <i>Nigel Chamier OAM, Chairman, Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation, Executive Chairman of NAC Investments Pty Ltd</i>
10:45am	Morning Tea
11:15am	State Government Speaker TBA
11:45am	Mayors Panel Session Communicating: Value for Money (LGAQ) <i>Cr Tom Tate (Mayor – Council of the City of Gold Coast)</i> <i>Cr Margaret Strelow (Mayor - Rockhampton Regional Council)</i> <i>Cr Belinda Murphy (Mayor – McKinlay Shire Council)</i>
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Out-performance and Under-performance First look at the new Local Government performance benchmarks
2:20pm	Better Councils, Better Communities Project Update <i>Cr Margaret de Wit, President, LGAQ</i>
2:30pm	Afternoon Tea Better Councils, Better Communities internet café (demonstrations over lunch)
3:10pm	Federal Assistance Grants ALGA <i>Cr Greg Belz, Vice President, ALGA</i>
3:25pm	Canberra's Call Federal review into Taxation and Federation and implications for councils <i>Greg Hoffman PSM, General Manager - Advocate, LGAQ</i>
3:40pm	How to go North when things are going South Turnaround Strategies for Local Government <i>Stuart Patch, Senior Consultant, Academy Global</i>
4:10pm	Key Themes <i>Cr Margaret de Wit, President, LGAQ</i>
4:20pm	Close

4th Local Government
FINANCE SUMMIT
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The LGAQ is pleased to provide in support of the 2015 Finance Summit the following professional development opportunities that have been scheduled both before, and after the main summit program.

SATELLITE PROGRAM

Program Tuesday 21st April 2015

Time	Sessions
9:00am	LGAQ Professional Development Effective Community Leadership – Elected Members LGACOM404B – Establish cooperative arrangements with other organisations Duration – 1 FULL Day <i>This course will assist individuals in identifying, developing, implementing and monitoring cooperative arrangements with other organisations in an effort to improve services provided to the community.</i> Cost: Course only \$530 Assessment and Accreditation an additional \$220
9:00am	CEOs of Western Shires (COWS) (Registration by invitation only)
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm – 5:00pm	LGAQ Professional Development continued Effective Community Leadership – Elected Members

Program Thursday 23rd April 2015

Time	Sessions
9:00am – 5.00pm	Professional Development Stream Option 1 Governing Councils LGAGCM701A – Govern Councils 1 FULL Day <i>This course focuses on how councillors can ensure that high levels of governance are applied in a complex environment. It explores the management of processes, public accountability, ethical behaviour, transparency and statutory compliance.</i> Cost: Course only \$530 Assessment and Accreditation an additional \$220 Tea and Coffee Option 2 Manage Conflict BSBATSIL503C Manage Conflict 1 FULL Day <i>This course provides the skills to manage conflict within the council and between the local government and the wider community, it will enable elected members to identify common communication roadblocks, the source of conflicts within the council and develop techniques for resolving conflict situations.</i> Cost: Course only \$530 Assessment and Accreditation an additional \$220

4th Local Government
FINANCE SUMMIT

GOVERNING FOR SUCCESS



VENUE:

**Royal International Convention Centre
Brisbane Showgrounds**

ACCOMMODATION: (GST INCLUSIVE)

Rates and Room types are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Oakes Mews ★★★★★

141 Campbell Street, Bowen Hills
1.4km from the Royal International Convention Centre

One Bedroom Apartment	\$159.00 per night
Two Bedroom Apartment	\$270.00 per night

Breakfast can be linked back to the hotel from the Jam Jar Café next door.

Tryp Fortitude Valley Hotel

14-20 Constance Street, Fortitude Valley
800m from the Royal International Convention Centre

Standard Room	\$205.00 per night
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Breakfast available onsite @ \$15.00 per person

Pavillion on Brookes – Direct Hotels ★★★★★ *Self Rating*

24 Brookes Street, Bowen Hills
450m from the Royal International Convention Centre

One Bedroom Apartment	\$185.00 per night
Two Bedroom Apartment	\$235.00 per night

Breakfast can be linked back to the hotel from the café next door

Best Western Plus Gregory Terrace ★★★★★ *Self Rating*

379 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill
600m from the Royal International Convention Centre

Standard Room	\$185.00 per night
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Rate includes one full breakfast daily

SUMMIT REGISTRATION: (GST INCLUSIVE)

Financial Summit Registration	\$770.00
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Includes: Conference Program and Presentations

Financial Summit Dinner Registration	\$130.00
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Summit Enquiries: Members Hotline – **1300 542 700** or email ask@lgaq.asn.au

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REGISTRATION
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Or register online at
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10.2 MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA - 2015 THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL SUMMIT - MELBOURNE, 28-29 MAY 2015

File No: 8291
Attachments: 1. 2015 Future of Local Government National Summit
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Megan Careless - Executive Support Officer

SUMMARY

Municipal Association of Victoria advising the National Summit, 2015 The Future of Local Government is being held in Melbourne on Thursday 28 May and Friday 29 May 2015.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillor Greg Belz, in his role of Vice President of Australian Local Government Association, be approved to attend the Municipal Association of Victoria 2015 National Summit, The Future of Local Government being held in Melbourne on 28 and 29 May 2015.

BACKGROUND

Municipal Association of Victoria has advised the 11th Future of Local Government National Summit being held at Rydges Melbourne on 28 and 29 May 2015 will be acknowledging that:

- demand for services is increasing and the resources to deliver are decreasing;
- the days of each council doing its own thing are coming to an end – it is not compatible with the digital age and is not sustainable;
- a collaborative and more productive local government delivering priority outcomes to a more engaged community is achievable but will require fundamental changes;
- a new relationship between government and citizens (G2C) is evolving rapidly and councils need to be collaborating and innovating as never before.

The 2015 Summit features an array of local and international speakers discussing these future directions.

Councillor Belz is required to attend the Summit as part of his responsibilities as Vice President for Australian Local Government Association.

Registration for the summit is \$494.00 and additional expenses will include travel and accommodation.

**MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF
VICTORIA - 2015 THE FUTURE OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL
SUMMIT – MELBOURNE
28-29 MAY 2015**

**2015 Future of Local Government
National Summit**

Meeting Date: 14 April 2015

Attachment No: 1

2015 The Future of Local Government National Summit

Thursday May 28 and
Friday May 29, 2015
Rydges Melbourne, 186 Exhibition Street

A tsunami of change is underway and the **LG Smart Train** has left the station: are you on board for the new 'joined up' future or still pursuing **Business as Usual**?

The Virtual Council: is it the biggest wake-up call in the history of LG?

The Eleventh Future of Local Government (FOLG) National Summit is all about the sector acknowledging that:

- LG is facing unprecedented challenges: is it the perfect storm or a great opportunity?
- demand for LG services is increasing and the resources to deliver are decreasing
- the days of each Council 'doing its own thing' are coming to an end: it is not compatible with the Digital Age and is not sustainable
- the vision of a collaborative and more productive local government delivering priority outcomes to a more engaged community is achievable but will require fundamental change to the way services are planned, organised and delivered. This will include assessing if they are best managed at the State, regional or local level.
- a new relationship between citizens and government (G2C) is evolving rapidly and Councils need to be collaborating and innovating as never before if they are to be relevant. Can LG innovate its way out of funding cuts and transition to people-powered public services?
- There are an increasing number of transformative 'lighthouse' projects and Smart Councils leading the way forward. In addition, change is often being driven by Councils 'exploring new ways in the sandpit' rather than pursuing a 'big bang' approach.

The 2015 Summit features an outstanding array of international and Australian speakers discussing these future directions and case studies.

Who should attend? Anyone with an interest in the future of local government

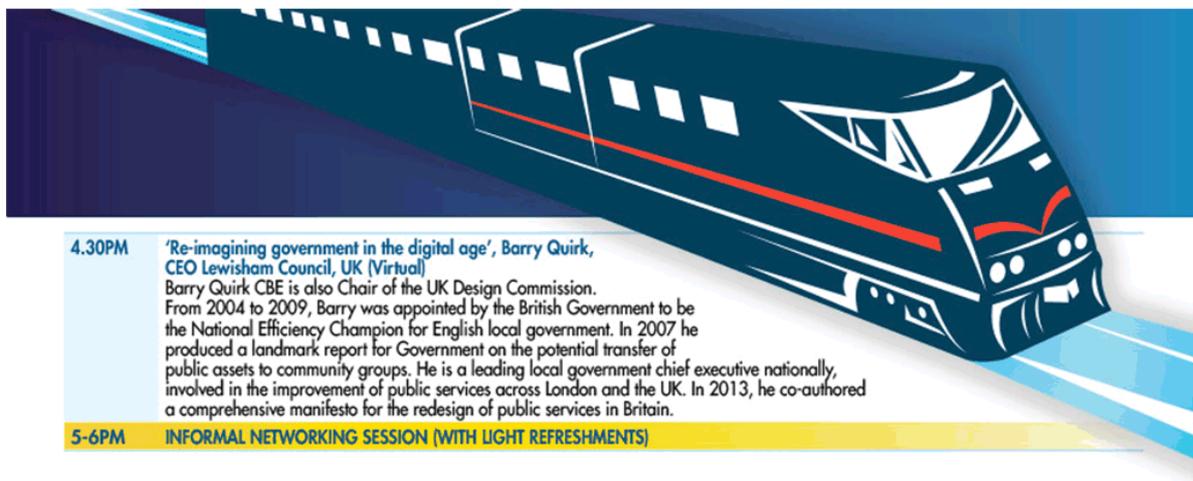
Excitedly convened by the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) on behalf of local government nationally



The Future of Local Government

THURSDAY, MAY 28

8.30AM	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
9AM	WELCOME, MAY PRESIDENT, CR BILL MCARTHUR
9.10AM	The Future of Local Government Journey: The Evolution and the Challenges: update
9.30AM	'Responding to the biggest wake-up call in history', Richard A Slaughter, Director of Foresight International. Richard will discuss the nature of the major changes currently sweeping the world, the profound impact they are likely to have on local government and suggested practical responses. Richard is a futurist of international standing. He is a consulting futurist who has worked with a wide range of organisations in many countries and has published 20 books.
10.15AM	'Virtual Local Government', Professor Percy Allan, Percy Allan and Associates. Imagine your local council didn't exist. In its place, a small group of people performed only the bare functions of government. Generic tasks were outsourced. Rate collection and capital works were outsourced too. Part-time contractors were employed by the council for specialist work. If service delivery was not satisfactory, the council could switch suppliers quickly. In Virtual local government, Percy examines the efficiency and effectiveness of Australian councils and their speed, scope and specificity in delivering services. Percy was Secretary of the NSW Treasury and Chairman of the NSW Treasury Corporation between 1985 and 1994. In 1996, he was awarded an Order of Australia for his contributions to public sector reform. Percy has chaired an Independent Inquiry into the financial sustainability of NSW Local Government and has been a financial adviser to national and state governments in China, India, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Kazakhstan and the Pacific Islands as well as worked for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and IMF. He has helped overhaul their financial management arrangements.
11.05AM	MORNING TEA
11.30AM	'City of Melbourne: the People's Panel', Cr. Stephen Mayne, City of Melbourne. Participatory budgeting processes traditionally focus on a component of discretionary budget – such as a representatives ability to ring-fence a couple of million dollars for community facilities. However, in many ways the larger challenge in budgeting is the dominance of interest groups coupled with the capacity to present any and all decisions as an electoral negative: cutting services or raising rates are both equally tricky paths to navigate. Moreover, the challenge facing all elected officials is the need to take a longer term view beyond the current electoral cycle – a challenge which is counter to any representatives interest in survival. For the first time, the City of Melbourne is producing a 10 Year Financial Plan, and is giving unparalleled access to a descriptively representative random sample of citizens who have produced a set of recommendations to inform the Lord Mayor and Councillors. The City's scope of operations is immense – in the region of \$400m annually – and this will be the largest city with the largest budget to open up their books to a deliberative process giving citizens this level of access and authority. Cr Stephen Mayne is a business journalist and is determined to deliver on the recently adopted goal in Council's four year plan to make the City of Melbourne 'one of Australia's most open and transparent councils'. The project was instrumental in the City of Melbourne winning the IAP2's International Organisation of the Year Award.
12.10PM	'newDemocracy – Why and How to Innovate in Democracy: Sharing Hard Decisions with Your Community', Kathy Jones, Director, New Democracy Foundation. The Foundation believes there is a better way to do democracy. People want to be participants in politics, not just polarised voters in adversarial contests. The research evidence is compelling – trusted outcomes are achieved when a diverse and representative group of citizens group of citizens, randomly selected, deliberate together. We don't need better politicians. We need a better system. The Foundation has now been highly involved in a large number of participative democratic initiatives around Australia with outstanding success.
12.50PM	LUNCH
1.45PM	'Lessons and insights I've learnt in local government and elsewhere', Kelvin Spiller, Leadership Thinking Australia. Local Government has a high turnover of CEOs and senior managers and there is often little opportunity for reviewing or knowledge sharing between CEO's within the sector and those leaving the sector. Kelvin has been CEO of six organisations, including four Councils in two states, as well as an energy utility and a NFP. Kelvin has been on 30 government, community and business boards /regional committees in 3 states over as many years. He has also been involved in executive coaching and mentoring of CEOs and business owners covering both private and public sectors. He will discuss his learnings about the key success factors in Councils and include a range of case study material.
2.30PM	'The future of local public services and implications for local government', Professor Helen Sullivan, University of Melbourne. Helen Sullivan is Professor and Director of the Melbourne School of Government at the University of Melbourne. She worked in local government before becoming Director of Research at the Cities Research Centre, UWE, Bristol. She joined the University of Melbourne in 2011.. In 2010/11 she directed the University of Birmingham's first Policy Commission, an innovative collaboration involving academics, policy makers, profit and non-profit service providers and service users in generating new thinking on 'the future of local public services'. The Policy Commission's report, 'When Tomorrow Comes' was published in 2011.
3PM	AFTERNOON TEA
3.20PM	Transformation to a new smarter way of working', Di Ashton, Project Director, Activity-Based Working, Cardinia Shire Council. Cardinia Shire has taken the opportunity to review its way of working as part of the move to new civic offices. The platform for the change has been to embrace an activity based working model which will improve business processes, organisation culture and result in better and more responsive service delivery. Cardinia is the first Council to adopt activity based working to transform the business where all staff collaborate on projects in shared spaces rather than at pre-assigned desks. This has transformed the Council from being totally dependent on paper into an office with a fully mobile, paper- independent office where staff work independent of time and place. The project has already won several awards and has attracted significant interest from the sector.
3.55PM	'Change, innovation, and frugality: what works?' Kate Delaney, Delaney Foresight. Volumes have and will be written about change, innovation, and local government. We know today's story: rising public expectations, growing public sector debt levels, tighter budgets, and the need to achieve more with less. We understand that necessity is the mother of invention. Governments today want thinkers that do and doers that think to help them decide what to raise, reduce, eliminate and create. So what? Kate will explore ideas about "How to move beyond inherited to fresh approaches in government?"



4.30PM 'Re-imagining government in the digital age', **Barry Quirk**, CEO Lewisham Council, UK (Virtual)
Barry Quirk CBE is also Chair of the UK Design Commission. From 2004 to 2009, Barry was appointed by the British Government to be the National Efficiency Champion for English local government. In 2007 he produced a landmark report for Government on the potential transfer of public assets to community groups. He is a leading local government chief executive nationally, involved in the improvement of public services across London and the UK. In 2013, he co-authored a comprehensive manifesto for the redesign of public services in Britain.

5-6PM **INFORMAL NETWORKING SESSION (WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS)**

FRIDAY, MAY 29

9AM 'Local Government and Federal Government – the importance of the direct relationship, now and into the future', **Mayor Troy Pickard**, President, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA).
Troy Pickard's election to the Presidency of ALGA comes at a critical time for the sector as the Federal Government prepares White Papers on the Reform of the Federation and Taxation, documents it hopes will provide blueprints for reform which resolve the confusion about roles and responsibilities between levels of government and set out a simpler, more efficient and equitable way of raising the taxes Australia needs.

9.40AM 'Thames-Coromandel's Community Boards and how they drive Council planning', **David Hammond**, Chief Executive, Thames-Coromandel District Council (NZ).
David Hammond will describe how broad-based devolution to communities can result in a win-win-win for elected members, staff and communities. The Council has established Community Boards to support Community Governance/Empowerment policies with objectives of:

- Moving governance decision-making closer to those being governed.
- Co-governance – sharing governance powers.
- Recognising diverse communities and their needs.

The outcomes achieved are very inspiring.

10.25AM **MORNING TEA**

10.50AM 'Engaging your Community in City Council decision-making: Lessons learned from 40 years of Community Governance in Portland, Oregon', **Dr Paul Leistner**.
Dr. Paul Leistner is the Neighbourhood Program Coordinator for the City of Portland, Oregon and supports Portland's internationally recognized citywide community and neighborhood involvement system. Paul has a background in public administration and policy analysis and has worked in the non-profit sector supporting community-based research on a wide range of policy issues. Paul also brings to his work 20 years of experience as a volunteer neighborhood activist and leader in Portland. Paul received a doctorate in Urban Studies from Portland State University. Paul's dissertation reviewed the 40-year evolution of Portland's community and neighborhood involvement system and identified structures, program elements, policies, and practices needed to encourage and support greater local democracy, dynamics that help or hinder the evolution of citywide community involvement systems, and strategies to embed and sustain system advances. Paul is the leading spokesperson for Portland's community and neighborhood involvement system and has shared Portland's model with government officials and staff, community activists, and researchers from across the nation and around the world.

11.35AM 'The need for Councils to transform their business model', **Professor Peter Grant**, IBRS.
Peter Grant has an extensive background in business and the public service, including being Vice President of Gartner Consulting and Chief Information Officer for the Queensland Government.

12.05PM 'The Challenge of Change: implications for local government', **John Walker**, CEO, Richmond Valley Council (NSW).
John Walker has an amazing and highly successful CV including:

- CEO West Australian Football League and West Coast Eagles Football Club
- CEO Liverpool City Council (NSW)
- General Manager, Retail Banking, Westpac
- Chairman, Newsat Ltd
- Managing Director (Aust and NZ), Thrifty car rental
- Chairman Centennial Parklands

John has 'seen it all' and will provide significant insights into the challenges faced by local Councils and suggest preferred future directions in a rapidly changing world.

12.45PM	LUNCH
1.30PM	<p>'City of Greater Geraldton's (WA) Participatory Budgeting Journey', Ken Diehm, CEO. Ken has more than 29 years of local government experience and has held a wide range of financial and engineering management positions in both local government and the private sector including, CEO of Willows Sports Complex Joint Board, Managing Director of Business National, CEO of NQ Water, Director of Water and Asset Planning, and Director of Townsville Water and Waste. More recently, Ken has discovered a passion for engaging the community in Council decision making and was the co-designer of #changesCGG, a deliberative democracy initiative undertaken by the City of Greater Geraldton that won three awards from the International Association for Public Participation Australasia.</p>
2.15PM	<p>'Places for people, by people: how to do it', Lucinda Hartley, CEO and co-founder, CoDesign Studio How can we enable everyday citizens to become city-makers? Too often our approach to placemaking strips communities of their capacity to make great places, and relies on experts instead. This in turn negatively impacts on the streets and public spaces themselves as they do not reflect the diversity, flexibility, local variation and long-term sustainability that comes from connected and engaged communities. But we can transform our future by looking to entrepreneurial placemaking models such as Tactical Urbanism. As its name suggests, this movement looks at alternative 'tactics' for neighbourhood building that combat apathy, NIMBYism and sticky urban problems by focusing on short-term, low-cost improvements to places, to drive long-term change. This talk will be presented by Lucinda Hartley, co-author the Tactical Urbanism Guide to Australia and New Zealand. Lucinda has been nominated as one of 15 Future Chasers: young Australians leading global change, and advises worldwide on faster and cheaper solutions to urban problems.</p>
2.55PM	<p>'The Perth Councils amalgamation process: what happened?' Peter Kenyon, Founder of the Bank of IDEAS and local activist. Peter Kenyon is a social entrepreneur and community enthusiast. Over the last decade he has worked with over 1000 communities throughout Australia and in 45 other countries seeking to facilitate fresh and creative ways that stimulate community and economic renewal. He is motivated by the desire to create healthy, caring, inclusive, sustainable and enterprising communities. Peter has also authored 16 publications. In the past two years he has been highly involved in opposing the proposed Perth Councils amalgamation planned by the State Government. The plan has now been abandoned and the outcome is power to the people.</p>
3.25PM	WRAP UPNEXT STEPS
3.30PM	CLOSE

CONFERENCE COST

\$594 (including GST) per person. No single day registrations are available.

TO REGISTER

For online registration and conference details go to www.mav.asn.au/events (click on 'upcoming events' and scroll down to May 28)

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ACCOMMODATION

Suggest:

Rydges Melbourne,
186 Exhibition Street
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or

Mercure Hotel,
13 Spring Street, Melbourne 1800 813 442.

NOTE

Program subject to change. Updates on the MAV web site.

'If you change before you have to, you'll never have to change'

**10.3 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CANBERRA –
14 TO 17 JUNE 2015**

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Attachments: 1. Program and Registration Form
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Australian Local Government Association inviting Council to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 to 17 June 2015.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillor _____ be authorised to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 to 17 June 2015.

BACKGROUND

Council has received an invitation from Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) inviting representatives from Council to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 14 to 17 June 2015.

The theme for 2015 is "Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation".

A copy of the Registration Brochure, which contains full details of the Program, is attached for information.

Early Bird registration (1 May 2015) is \$899.

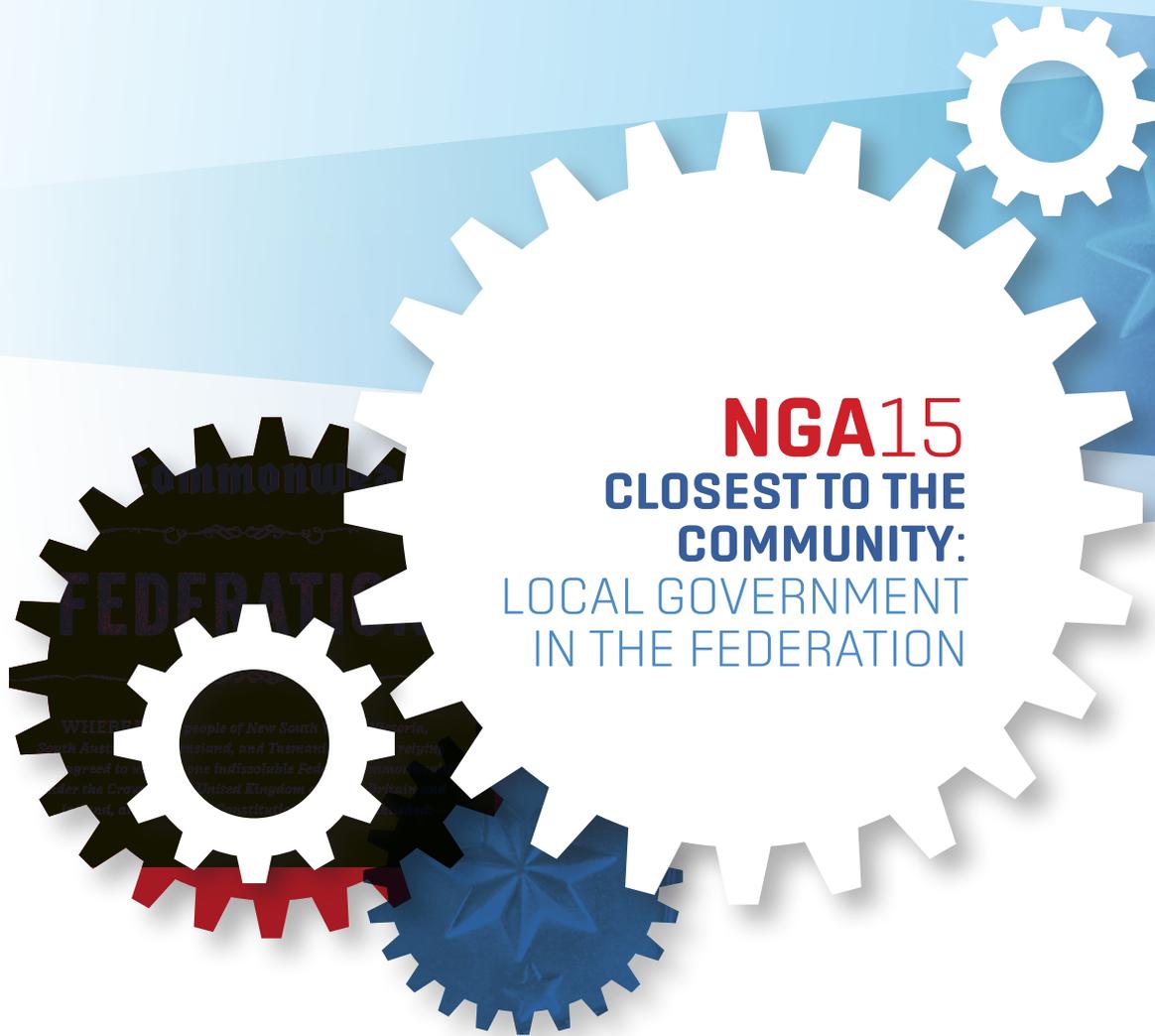
It should be noted that Councillor Greg Belz will be attending the National General Assembly in his capacity as ALGA Vice President.

**NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT - CANBERRA -
14 TO 17 JUNE 2015**

Program and Registration Form

Meeting Date: 14 April 2015

Attachment No: 1



14-17 JUNE 2015
NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE
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PRESIDENT'S: WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 14-17 June 2015.

Invitations have been extended to the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to address the sector. We will also be joined by other ministers, shadow ministers and leading public figures presenting keynote addresses, which will help to focus discussions at the NGA.

The theme for this year's NGA is **'Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation'**.

The Australian Government is currently working with all state and territory governments and ALGA to develop White Papers on reform of the Federation and Taxation. The NGA presents local government as a whole with an opportunity to consider the range

of issues being raised and to ensure local government's aspirations are addressed in the White Papers. I have been clear that I want to see local government strengthened as a result of any reform and we need your input to advance that objective.

The NGA program will cover a wide range of issues, reflecting the diversity of local government and our interests. There will be opportunities for delegates to interact with not only invited political and keynote speakers, but with panels of subject-matter experts and local government representatives.

The ALGA Board recently called for Notices of Motions for the NGA and these will set out the framework for debate. I would encourage you and your council to think through ideas or initiatives you would like to see debated at the NGA and to submit these as motions.

Your council's involvement in the NGA is important in assisting ALGA to maintain the Government's engagement with local government and to drive improved outcomes for the local government sector at the national level. A number of crucial policy motions will be debated at the NGA and it is essential that every council is represented in these debates to actively contribute to the dialogue as we strategically position the sector within our Federation.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.



Mayor Troy Pickard
ALGA PRESIDENT

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CLOSEST TO THE COMMUNITY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE FEDERATION

The 2015 NGA is being held at an important time, not only for local government, but the Commonwealth, states and territories and the Australian people. It is a time when the Commonwealth Government has invited all interested parties to consider potential reform of the Federation and of taxation.

While the Government recognises that the current Federation has given rise to *'... a vibrant democracy, a strong economy and a cohesive society that millions of migrants have chosen to join'*, it also suggests that over time, it has *'... increased the overlap of roles and responsibilities between spheres of government and reduced accountability to voters, created duplication and blame-shifting'*. The Prime Minister has frequently alluded to this problem, and has established a White Paper process on the Reform of the Federation, and a White Paper on Taxation to address these issues.

The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation will *'... seek to clarify roles and responsibilities to ensure that, as far as possible, the States and Territories are sovereign in their own sphere, so that voters know who is responsible for what'*.

The Prime Minister, in his Sir Henry Parkes Commemorative Dinner address at Tenterfield, on 25 October 2014 said that *'... the Government is determined to make the case for change'*. But he also acknowledged that consensus is required for rethinking the conventions about which level of government is responsible for the delivery of a particular service, or the revenue measures to which particular levels of government should have access. He said, *'... Without a measure of consensus, any change requiring legislation is unlikely to secure parliamentary passage and the whole exercise could turn out to be futile'*. He went on to say, *'... Without an element of consensus, any change that's actually achieved could be reversed at the earliest opportunity and therefore hardly worth doing'*.

Local government is an essential part of the Australian system of government. Local governments are democratically elected and provide for the 'good governance' of local communities throughout Australia. As part of that role, councils provide crucial local planning, services, programs and infrastructure including local roads, community halls, sports, cultural and recreation

facilities that underpin the life of every local community throughout Australia. In this way local government is indeed the level of government that is 'closest to the community'.

It is therefore an important partner and stakeholder in the development of a national consensus on any reform proposal and should help shape this debate and make its contribution to the White Paper process. The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) has had input to these papers, and in consultation with state and territory local government associations has made submissions on relevant matters. ALGA also intends to make substantial submissions to the Green Papers expected to be released on the Federation and Taxation during this process and encourages all councils to become actively involved in this process.

The NGA debate on motions and associated discussions will help to inform the ALGA Board in formulating these submissions.



2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Sunday 14 June 2015

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception
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Monday 15 June 2015

9:00 am	Opening Ceremony: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National anthem Welcome to Country Board introduction Prime Minister, The Hon Tony Abbott MP [invited]
9:45 am	President's Welcome
10:00 am	Keynote Speaker
10:30 am	MORNING TEA
11:00 am	FACILITATED DISCUSSION: <i>Is local government a real partner?</i>
12:30 pm	LUNCH
1:15 pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS: <i>Your Council, Your Challenges</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance and Ethics Financial and Asset Management Innovation and Community Engagement
2:45 pm	President of Local Government NZ, Mayor Lawrence Yule
3:15 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:45 pm	Keynote Speaker
4:15 pm	DEBATE ON MOTIONS: <i>Declaration</i>
5:00 pm	Close Day 1
7:00 pm	BUFFET DINNER National Convention Centre

Tuesday 16 June 2015

9:00 am	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
10:00 am	Leader of the Opposition, The Hon Bill Shorten MP [invited]
10:30 am	MORNING TEA
11:00 am	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
12:00 pm	Leader of the Australian Greens, Senator Christine Milne [invited]
12.30 pm	LUNCH
1:30 pm	PANEL SESSION: <i>Getting the job done - Council solutions</i>
3:00 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:30 pm	Keynote Speaker
4:00 pm	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
5:00 pm	Close Day 2
7:00 pm	OFFICIAL DINNER Parliament House

Wednesday 17 June 2015

9:00 am	<i>Adapting to climate risk</i> Prof Jean Palutikoff , National Climate Change and Research Facilities
9:30 am	DEBATE ON MOTIONS
10:30 am	Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, The Hon Warren Truss MP
11:00 am	MORNING TEA
11:30 am	SPEAKER: <i>Community services</i>
12:00 pm	Keynote Speaker
12:20 pm	President's Closing remarks
12:30 pm	Close



ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Australian Local Government Women's Association Breakfast

Monday 15 June 2015
7:30 am-8:30 am

The ALGWA National President is pleased to invite members, friends and colleagues to our 5th Annual Networking Breakfast as part of the National General Assembly. The breakfast will be held on Monday 15 June from 7:30 am-8:30 am.

Seating is strictly limited, so book early. Details will be available on: www.algwa.net.au



Regional Capitals Australia Networking Breakfast

Wednesday 17 June 2015
7:30 am-8:45 am

Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) is an alliance of local government associations and councils from around Australia. The alliance is working to create a strong network of regional capitals that are at the forefront of federal policy and the national identity.

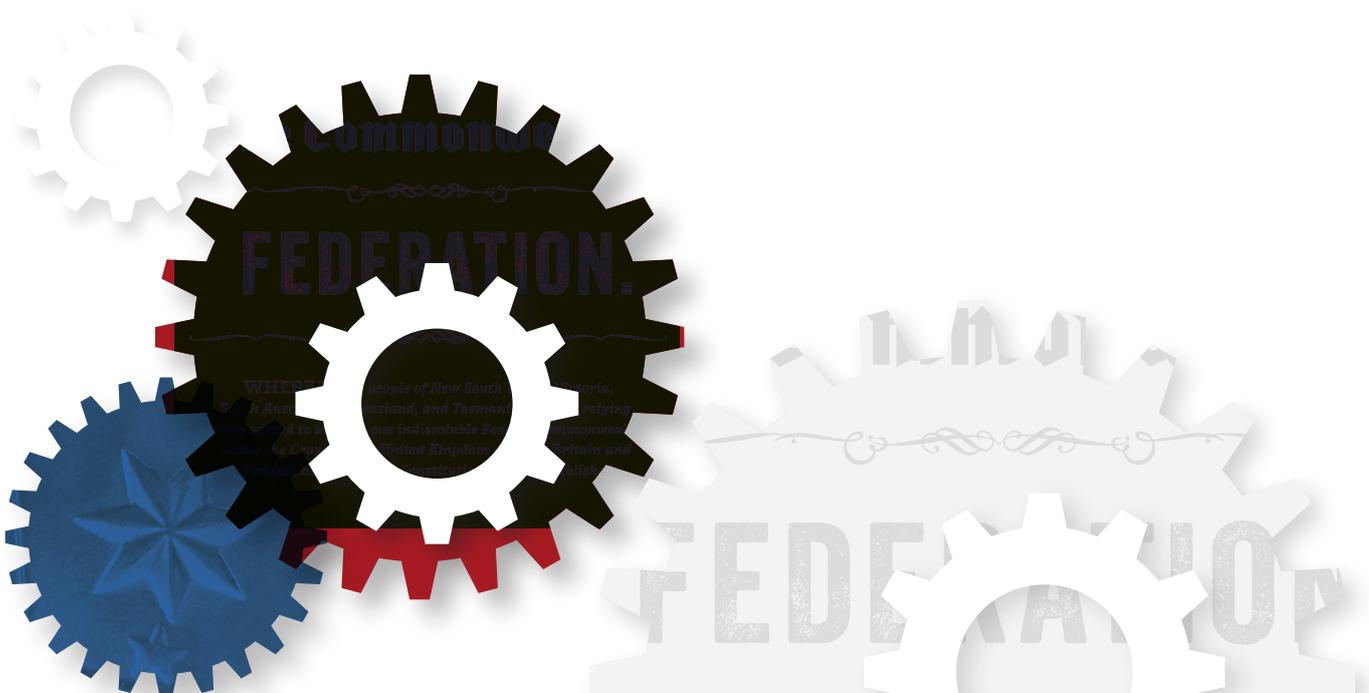
RCA will be holding a networking breakfast on Wednesday 18 June at the National Convention Centre during the ALGA conference.

To register for the event and for enquiries about RCA, please contact:

Email secretariat@regionalcapitalsaustralia.org

Phone 0422 067 858

Visit our website at www.regionalcapitalsaustralia.org



SPEAKER PROFILES

Prime Minister The Hon Tony Abbott MP



Tony Abbott was sworn in as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia on 18 September 2013.

Mr Abbott was first elected as Member for Warringah in March 1994. Prior to the election of the Coalition Government on 7 September 2013, Mr Abbott had been Leader of the Opposition since 1 December 2009.

During the Howard Government, Mr Abbott served as a Parliamentary Secretary, Minister, Cabinet Minister, and Leader of the House of Representatives. As Minister for Employment Services (1998-2001) Mr Abbott oversaw the development of the Job Network and a major expansion of Work for the Dole.

As Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations (2001-2003) Mr Abbott boosted construction industry productivity through the establishment of the Cole Royal Commission.

As Minister for Health and Ageing (2003-2007) Mr Abbott oversaw the expansion of Medicare rebates to allied health professionals such as dentists and psychologists and introduced the reforms which delivered record levels of bulk billing for patients. Mr Abbott also introduced the Medicare safety net for people with big out-of-pocket expenses.

Prior to entering parliament, Mr Abbott was a journalist with *The Australian* and *The Bulletin*. He was press secretary and political adviser to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr John Hewson, before becoming Executive Director of *Australians for Constitutional Monarchy*.

Mr Abbott holds Economics and Law degrees from Sydney University. He is a Rhodes Scholar and holds a Master of Arts (Politics and Philosophy) from Oxford University. Mr Abbott is the author of four books.

NGA15
CLOSEST TO THE
COMMUNITY:
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IN THE FEDERATION

The Hon Bill Shorten MP



Bill Shorten is the Federal Member for Maribyrnong and was elected leader of the Australian Labor Party

and Leader of the Opposition on 13 October 2013.

Mr Shorten completed a Bachelors degree in Arts and Law from Monash University, as well as an MBA from the Melbourne Business School.

Bill has since worked as a union organiser, union secretary, as a member of the ACTU executive, as a Member of Parliament and as a Minister in a Labor Government.

As a senior member of the Rudd/ Gillard Labor Governments, Bill played a key role in securing a number of historic reforms including establishing DisabilityCare and increasing universal superannuation to 12 per cent.

As Minister for Workplace Relations, Bill continued the Labor Government's ongoing commitment to a fair and productive workplace relations system and during his time as Minister for Education helped secure the Better Schools reforms.

Prior to entering Parliament, Bill worked at the Australian Workers Union, holding key leadership positions including State Secretary of the AWU Victoria Branch from 1998 to 2006 and the National Secretary from 2001 to 2007.

Bill has an enduring interest in social justice issues such as domestic violence, equal opportunity at work, and as a father of three and a stepdad, the increasing diversity of families in Australia.

The Hon Warren Truss MP



The Hon Warren Truss MP is Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

He became Leader of the Nationals in 2007 and is the longest serving federal leader of any political party in Australia today.

A third generation farmer from the Kumbia district near Kingaroy in Queensland, Mr Truss first won the federal seat of Wide Bay in 1990.

He was a Minister in the Howard Government for 10 years, serving as Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs in October 1997, and a year later, Minister for Community Services. In July 1999 Mr Truss became the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, where he served for six years. He became Minister for Transport and Regional Services in July 2005 and, in September 2006, was appointed Minister for Trade.

Before entering Parliament, Mr Truss was a Kingaroy Shire Councillor (1976 to 1990), including seven years as Mayor. He was Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Grain Handling Authority and a member of the State Council of the Queensland Graingrowers Association for more than 10 years.

Mr Truss is also former State and National President of the Rural Youth Organisation and President of the Lutheran Youth of Queensland.

Senator Christine Milne



Christine Milne, Senator for Tasmania and Leader of the Australian Greens, is one of Australia's most experienced and

respected environmental and community activists, with a career spanning 30 years. After leading the successful campaign to protect farming land and fisheries from the Wesley Vale Pulp Mill, Christine was elected to the Tasmanian parliament in 1989, and became the first woman to lead a political party in Tasmania in 1993. She was elected to the Senate in 2004 and to the Leadership in 2012 following the retirement of Senator Bob Brown.

Christine's vision to address climate change and her unparalleled experience with power-sharing minority governments led to the establishment of the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee and its successful negotiations to design the Clean Energy Future package. The package placed innovation, opportunity and clean energy at the forefront of the transformation of the Australian economy for the 21st century.

As spokesperson on food security, Christine put the issue on the national agenda by calling for the development of a national food security plan during the 2010 election. She continues to advocate for reform of Australia's food and agricultural systems to ensure sustainability and prosperity now and into the future.

2015 REGIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

BENEFITS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2015

National Convention Centre Canberra



→ Includes the launch of the 2015-16
State of the Regions Report

The 2015 Regional Forum is the opening event of the National General Assembly of Local Government. It is a great opportunity for mayors, councillors, RDA members and other key decision and policy makers to gather together, share contemporary knowledge and experience to strengthen the ability of Australia's diverse regions to compete in the global economy.

This year's Forum and report examines the critical role played by our regional infrastructure assets and models the productivity benefits arising from strategic investment in a range of asset classes.

The Forum will allow the sharing of ideas and opportunities through both a mix of practitioner and academic insights, as well as hearing the latest positions from politicians, senior officials and other key regional stakeholders including representatives from Economic Development Australia, the Regional Australia Institute and the Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association International.

The official launch of the 2015-16 *State of The Regions Report* also takes place at the Forum. The Report is commissioned by ALGA and prepared by National Economics and published with the support of Jardine Lloyd Thompson. All delegates receive a hardcopy Executive Summary of the Report.

Provisional Program

- 9:30 am Welcome and Introduction: ALGA President, **Mayor Troy Pickard**
- 9:40 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *Debunking regional development myths and re-imaging the Region*, **Dr Paul Collits**, Adjunct Professor, University of the Sunshine Coast and Economic Development Adviser, Gosford City Council, NSW
- 10:10 am 2015 National Local Government Award Winners *Boosting Productivity through Infrastructure and Contributing to Regional Growth*
- 10:45 am **MORNING TEA**
- 11:15 pm *State of the Regions* Launch: **Infrastructure**
Dr Brain and **Dr Manning** of National Economics
Economic Development Australia
- 12:00 pm **Mr Steve Chapple**, National Chair of EDA and Director Sustainable Environment, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Vic [invited]
- 12:30 pm **LUNCH**
- 1:30 pm Opposition spokesperson for Regional Development
the Hon Julie Collins MP [invited]
- 1:50 pm PANEL DISCUSSION: The Role of Regional Collaboration and Governance in the Federation:
TECHNICAL WORKSHOP: Exploring this year's *State of the Regions Report*, National Economics (**Dr Peter Brain** and **Dr Ian Manning**)
- 2:45 pm **AFTERNOON TEA**
- 3:15 pm Deputy Prime Minister, **the Hon Warren Truss MP** [invited]
- 3:55 pm Official Closing, ALGA President
- 4:00 pm Close

Regional Forum Registration is \$395 (inc GST) or \$195 when you also register to attend the National General Assembly.

For more information or to register for the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum, go to www.alga.asn.au



Submission for Motions for Debate	Friday 17 April 2015
Early Bird Registration on or before	Friday 1 May 2015
Standard Registration on or before	Friday 29 May 2015
Late Registration on or after	Friday 29 May 2015

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

The NGA is your opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy.

The ALGA Board is calling for motions for the 2015 NGA under the theme *Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation*. To assist Councils in preparing motions a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is available via www.alga.asn.au

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers motions must follow the principles:

- 1 Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
- 2 Be consistent with the themes of the Assembly;
- 3 Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
- 4 Propose a clear action and outcome; and
- 5 Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of local government.

Motions should be submitted electronically via the online form at www.alga.asn.au and should be received by ALGA no later than 11:59 pm AEST, Friday 17 April 2015.

Motions submitted will be reviewed by a committee of the ALGA Board as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association, and will not be included in the Business Papers.

Motions that are agreed to at the National General Assembly become Resolutions. These Resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and when the Board is making representations to the Federal Government at Ministerial Councils, during meetings and in ALGA publications. The ALGA Board is not bound by any resolutions passed at the NGA.

VOTING PROCEDURES

Each council is entitled to one voting delegate in the debating session. Councils will need to determine who their voting delegate will be. Voting cards can be collected at the Assembly. Councils do not need to advise ALGA of the name of the voting delegate prior to collecting voting cards.



REGISTRATION DETAILS

General Assembly Registration Fees

Early bird registration **\$899**

Payment received by
Friday 1 May 2015

Standard registration **\$999**

Payment received on or before
Friday 29 May 2015

Late registration **\$1,200**

Payment received on or after
Friday 29 May 2015

General Assembly Registration Includes

- Attendance at all General Assembly sessions
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program
- One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Sunday
- General Assembly satchel and materials.

Day Registration Fees

Monday 15 June 2015 **\$470**

Tuesday 16 June 2015 **\$470**

Wednesday 17 June 2015 **\$260**

Day Registration Includes

- Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program on that day
- General Assembly satchel and materials.

Sunday Regional Development Forum [Sunday 14 June 2015]

Forum Only **\$395**

NGA Delegate **\$195**

Accompanying Partners Registration Fees

**Accompanying Partners
Registration Fee** **\$240**

Accompanying Partners Registration Includes

- 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 14 June
- Day tour Monday 15 June
- Day tour Tuesday 16 June
- Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 17 June.

Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

- Credit card - MasterCard, Visa and American Express
- Cheque made payable to ALGA
- Electronic Funds Transfer:
Bank: Commonwealth
Branch: Curtin *BSB No:* 062905
Account No: 10097760
NOTE: If paying via EFT you must quote your transaction reference number on the registration form.

Cancellation Policy

All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing and will be acknowledged by post, facsimile or email. Notification should be sent to:

Conference Co-ordinators
PO Box 4994, Chisholm ACT 2905
Fax (02) 6292 9002
Email conference@confco.com.au

An administration charge of \$110 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 1 May 2015. Cancellations received after Friday 1 May 2015 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

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Importantly, your name may also be included in the General Assembly List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Photographs

During the National General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer, the photographer will take images during the sessions and social functions. If you have your picture taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image.

Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

Sunday 14 June 2015
National Convention Centre

5:00-7:00 pm

\$44 per person for day delegates and guests.

No charge for full registered delegates.

No charge for registered accompanying partners.

DRESS CODE: smart casual.

Buffet Dinner

Monday 15 June 2015
**The Ballroom, National
Convention Centre**

7:00-11:00 pm

\$100 per person.

DRESS CODE: smart casual.

Coaches will depart Assembly hotels [except Crowne Plaza] at approximately 6:45 pm with return shuttles commencing from 10:15 pm.

General Assembly Dinner

Tuesday 16 June 2015

The Great Hall, Parliament House

7:00-11:00 pm

\$130 per person.

DRESS CODE: lounge suit/collar and tie for men and cocktail style for women.

Tickets to the prestigious General Assembly Annual Dinner at Parliament House are always highly sought after. Due to the size of the Great Hall, places are limited and therefore booking early is highly recommended to ensure your place.

Coaches will depart all Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45 pm with return shuttles commencing from 10:15 pm.

Note: Bookings are accepted in order of receipt.

Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15°C and temperatures do drop to 1c on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket. Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.

Venue and Dress Code

Exhibition Opening and Welcome Reception

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

General Assembly Business Sessions

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

All plenary sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre at the National Convention Centre.

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

Exhibition

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

The exhibition is being held in the Exhibition Hall of the National Convention Centre.

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

Buffet Dinner

VENUE: The dinner is being held in the Ballroom at the National Convention Centre.

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

General Assembly Dinner

VENUE Parliament House.

The General Assembly Dinner is being held in the Great Hall.

DRESS CODE Lounge suit/collar and tie for men and cocktail style for women.

PARTNER TOURS

Monday 15 June

REGIONAL CANBERRA: WINERY AND CHOCOLATE

Today's partner tour will experience two regional areas located just outside Canberra. Our first stop is Gundaroo which is home to several boutique wineries including the venue for the day—Capital Wines. The group will enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door followed by lunch.

The group will then transfer to Murrumbateman to visit Robin Rowe Chocolates, here the group will be given a short demonstration with time to enjoy some samples and view the merchandise.

Tuesday 16 June

CANBERRA EXHIBITIONS

This morning the group will visit the Australian War Memorial and view First World War Galleries, which have been redeveloped to commemorate the centenary of the First World War (opened December 2014).

After lunch the group will be able to experience a new local exhibition, further details will be provided as they are confirmed.

ACCOMMODATION

To book your accommodation at the rates listed below complete the appropriate section of the registration form. Bookings are subject to availability and should be made prior to Friday 15 May 2015.

All cancellations or amendments must be made in writing to Conference Co-ordinators and will be acknowledged by facsimile.

Please note your credit card details are required to guarantee your room. Neither Conference Co-ordinators nor the hotel will make any charges against your credit card unless you fail to give 21 days notice in writing of your cancellation. Full payment of your account will be required at the time of your departure.

NOTE All Canberra hotels have a complete non-smoking policy.

CROWNE PLAZA

1 Binara Street, Canberra

The Crowne Plaza is adjacent to the Convention Centre and only a short walk from restaurants, bars and the main shopping district. Featuring a contemporary design, the Crowne Plaza provides guests with an outdoor pool, sauna, health/fitness centre, 24-hour reception, concierge, undercover parking and onsite dining at the RedSalt Restaurant. All rooms are non-smoking and include iron/ironing board, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and room service is available.

SUPERIOR ROOM: **\$295** per night
single/twin/double

DELUXE ROOM: **\$345** per night
single/twin/double

AVENUE HOTEL

80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

A brand new property which recently opened in November 2014, the Avenue Hotel is Canberra's newest and only 5-star hotel in the CBD. The hotel has an onsite restaurant and bar, 24-hour reception and room service, gymnasium, undercover parking (charges apply per night) and guest lounge with free wifi. Offering hotel rooms, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, all rooms have king size beds, rainfall showers, balconies and mini bar. The apartments also have full kitchen facilities, the Avenue is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

HOTEL ROOMS: \$225 per night
single/twin/double

1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS: \$275 per night
single/double

HOTEL REALM

18 National Circuit, Barton

The Hotel Realm is one of Canberra's 5-star hotels and is located walking distance from the popular shopping and restaurant villages of Kingston and Manuka. The Hotel Realm has two restaurants, a bar, day-spa, hairdresser and health club located on-site. The rooms are modern and have king sized beds, high speed internet (for a fee) LCD TV, pay movie channel, Foxtel and 24-hour room service.

STANDARD ROOM: \$230 per night
single/twin/double

MANTRA

84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Mantra on Northbourne is centrally located and approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel features a heated indoor pool, sauna, fully-equipped gymnasium and the Zipp restaurant bar onsite. All rooms offer voice mail, individually controlled air-conditioning, pay per view movies, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. One and two bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge and dining area, fully-equipped kitchen and a laundry with washing machine, dryer, iron and ironing board.

HOTEL ROOM: \$209 per night
single/twin/double

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$249 per night
single/twin/double

**MEDINA APARTMENT HOTEL
JAMES COURT**

74 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Medina Apartments Hotel James Court is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre and is close to cafes, restaurants, gyms and shopping. The hotel offers reception, undercover parking, outdoor heated swimming pool, sauna, gymnasium and a restaurant delivery service. All rooms feature private balconies, climate controlled air conditioning, separate lounge/dining areas, broadband access (for a fee), spa bath, mini bar, fully equipped kitchen facilities and an in-room safe.

Note: Reception operates between the hours of 6.30am and 11.30pm.

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$210 per night
single/twin/double

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$260 per night
single/twin/double

NOVOTEL

65 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Located on Northbourne Avenue, one of Canberra's main thoroughfares, the Novotel is a 15 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel offers 24-hour reception and room service, an onsite restaurant and bar, gymnasium and undercover parking (charges apply per night). In-room facilities include mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, broadband (for a fee), Fox Sports and News, pay per view movies, climate control air-conditioning, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. Executive rooms have a king size bed.

STANDARD ROOM: \$250 per night
single/twin/double

EXECUTIVE ROOM: \$280 per night
single/twin/double

**PEPPERS GALLERY HOTEL
(FORMALLY DIAMANT HOTEL)**

15 Edinbrough Place, Canberra

Peppers Gallery Hotel (formally Diamant Hotel, re-branded in 2014) is a boutique 80 room hotel located at the intersection of Marcus Clarke St and Edinbrough Ave, 15 minutes walk from the Convention Centre. Peppers Gallery Hotel features 24-hour reception, a restaurant and a bar. The rooms have a mini-bar, tea/coffee making facilities, plasma TVs, CD and DVD players, broadband (for a fee), and in-room safe.

STANDARD ROOM: \$250 per night
single/twin/double

QT HOTEL (FORMALLY RYDGES LAKESIDE)

1 London Circuit, Canberra

Qt Hotel Canberra (formally Rydges Lakeside) has recently been renovated throughout the foyer and restaurants. The rooms have been updated and offer balconies and high speed internet (for a fee), pay per view movies, mini bar, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. The hotel is a 15 minute walk to the National Convention Centre and has 24-hour reception, room service, onsite restaurant and bar.

STANDARD ROOM: **\$249** per night
single/twin/double

WALDORF

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Waldorf is only a couple minutes walk from the National Convention Centre. This hotel has 24-hour reception and provides guests with a gymnasium, indoor heated lap pool and onsite dining at the Waldorf London Restaurant. All rooms have kitchen and laundry facilities, in room safe, dining table and chairs, complimentary cable TV, pay per view movies, high speed internet service (for a fee) and room service is available. One bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge/dining area.

STUDIO ROOM: **\$210** per night single
\$225 per night twin/double

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT:

\$230 per night single
\$245 per night twin/double

COACH TRANSFERS

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening Sunday 14 June 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45 pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00 pm.

Daily Shuttles to and from the National Convention Centre

A shuttle service between all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the National Convention Centre will operate between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. Return shuttles will depart the National Convention Centre at 5:00 pm.

Buffet Dinner National Convention Centre Monday 15 June 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 6:45 pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15 pm.

General Assembly Annual Dinner Parliament House Tuesday 16 June 2015

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (including Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 6:45 pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:15 pm and 11:15 pm.

CAR PARKING

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately \$18.00 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 200m from the entrance at a cost of approximately \$13.50 per day. The voucher machines are coin operated.

REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTER ONLINE

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Australian Local Government Association ABN 31 008 613 876

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Register online, download PDF or return this form to:

Conference Co-ordinators
PO Box 4994 Chisholm ACT 2905
Phone (02) 6292 9000 Fax (02) 6292 9002
Email conference@confco.com.au

By submitting your registration you agree to the terms and conditions of the cancellation policy

PERSONAL DETAILS

TITLE <small>(Cr/Ald/Mayor/Other)</small>	NAME	SURNAME
POSITION		
COUNCIL/ORGANISATION		
ADDRESS		
SUBURB	STATE	POSTCODE
PHONE	MOBILE	FAX
EMAIL		
NAME FOR BADGE		

How did you find out about the General Assembly? ALGA State/Territory Association Council Other: _____

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE I DO consent to my name appearing in the 2015 General Assembly List of Participants booklet (name, organisation and state only disclosed) as outlined in the privacy disclosure on page 10.
 I DO consent to ALGA disclosing my personal contact information as outlined in the privacy disclosure on page 10.

REGISTRATION FEES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES

Please note registration does NOT include attendance at the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES (payment received on or before 1 May 2015) \$899.00
STANDARD REGISTRATION FEES (payment received on or before 29 May 2015) \$999.00
LATE REGISTRATION FEES (payment received after 29 May 2015) \$1,200.00
DAY REGISTRATION FEES Monday 15 June \$470.00 Tuesday 16 June \$470.00 Wednesday 17 June \$260.00

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM REGISTRATION FEES

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM ONLY Registration Fee \$395.00
GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE Registration Fee \$195.00
STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT 2015-16 (Single licence) \$240.00
STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT 2015-16 (Organisational licence) \$700.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PARTNER Name for lapel badge: _____ \$240.00

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDED IN FEES

One ticket to each of the following functions is included in the full General Assembly registration and/or accompanying partners registration fee. Please confirm if you will be attending by placing a tick in the appropriate boxes. To purchase additional tickets to any of the following functions please indicate the number required and complete the total amount payable.

REGISTERED DELEGATES AND PARTNERS

WELCOME RECEPTION AND EXHIBITION OPENING [SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2015]

I/we will attend: Delegate Partner Number of additional tickets @ \$44.00 each . . . Total \$

REGISTERED PARTNERS

Day 1 • Regional Canberra - winery and chocolate [Monday 15 June 2015]

I will attend: Partner Number of additional tickets @ \$100.00 each . . Total \$

Day 2 • Canberra exhibitions [Tuesday 16 June 2015]

I will attend: Partner Number of additional tickets @ \$100.00 each . . Total \$

10.4 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR - 21 AND 22 APRIL 2015

File No: 10072
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

As Mayor and Deputy Mayor will both be absent from 21 to 22 April 2015 the appointment of an Acting Mayor for this period is required.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Councillor _____ be appointed as Acting Mayor for the period 21 to 22 April 2015.

BACKGROUND

Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be absent from the office on 21 and 22 April 2015 to attend the LGAQ Finance Summit in Brisbane.

These absences necessitate the appointment of an Acting Mayor for the period 21 and 22 April 2015.

Councillor Belz will also be attending the LGAQ Finance Summit.

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 DEFENCE ADVOCACY

File No: 31515

Attachments: 1. **Consultant's progress report dated 6 March 2015**

Authorising Officer: **Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**

Author: **Rick Palmer - Manager Economic Development**

SUMMARY

This report contains a progress report from Council's Defence Consultant together with recommendations for the next steps.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorses the actions suggested by the Defence Consultant.

COMMENTARY

Council appointed Graeme Mickelberg as its Defence Consultant to advise it on various proposals to increase the amount of business which Defence and its associated parties do in the Rockhampton Region.

A copy of the Consultant's progress report dated 6 March 2015 is attached to this report.

Defence Industry Study Course

The Consultant has spoken with the Coordinator of the Defence Industry Study Course which outlines to Defence personnel and others from aligned industries, the ways in which goods and services are supplied to Defence.

As a result of his representations, it likely DISC will visit Rockhampton during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2015 and receive briefings on the ways business in the Rockhampton Region supports Defence.

A decision on this invitation is expected at the end of March 2015.

Queensland Government Defence Envoy

Council and its Consultant have put considerable efforts into building good relations with the Queensland Government Defence Envoy Lindsay Pears and his office. This has resulted in a much closer relationship being developed with the Defence Envoy and the Department of State Development.

Defence Meetings

The Consultant met with the Assistant Minister for Defence Stuart Robert to strengthen Council's already strong links with the Federal Government. He has also met with Senator Matt Canavan and informed him of Council's submission to the Defence White Paper.

The Consultant also met with Rick Houlton, Managing Director of Security & Technology Services (SQ) Pty Ltd, which supplies some of the services required by the proposed military precinct at the Rockhampton Airport. He will introduce him the Airport Manager Trevor Heard.

CQU Study

In 2004 Professor Daniela Stehlik and Associate Professor Gayle Jennings from CQUniversity Australia published a report into "A Socio-Economic Impact Study of Defence Force Activity in Central Queensland, Australia".

The Consultant is looking into whether it's possible to undertake a similar investigation in 2015.

Recommendations

In his report the Consultant recommends four actions which he can usefully carry out on Council's behalf. These are:

- a) Meet with a representative of the Directorate of Military Strategy and Defence Infrastructure to arrange subsequent with representatives from Army and Air Force;
- b) Meet with the Singapore Armed Forces Defence Attache;
- c) Arrange for the Airport Manager to meet with Rick Houlton; and
- d) Follow up about the CQU study to see if the work can be usefully repeated.

DEFENCE ADVOCACY

Consultant's progress report dated 6 March 2015

Meeting Date: 14 April 2015

Attachment No: 1

DEFENCE ADVOCACY FOR ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL (RCC)**PROGRESS REPORT****Background**

Since being engaged the following activities have been undertaken:

- Approach to the Coordinator of the Defence Industry Study Course (DISC) to arrange for the DISC to visit Rockhampton to receive briefings on the way in which RCC and Rockhampton businesses contribute to defence capability by supporting training conducted in Shoalwater Bay Training Area (SWBTA).
- Meeting with Queensland Government Defence Envoy and RRC staff to discuss strategies to facilitate defence advocacy objectives.
- Follow-up meeting with Defence Envoy and other members of Defence Industries Queensland in Brisbane to better understand the broader engagement of defence industry and context of the objectives being scoped for the Rockhampton region.
- Meeting with Minister Stuart Robert with Defence Envoy to discuss the objectives for the RCC advocacy and to seek Minister Robert's advice and opinions and avenues of engagement that may be useful.
- Meeting with Rick Houlton the Managing Director of Security & Technology Services (SQ) Pty Ltd., an expert in design and delivery of CCTV, alarms and fire-fighting and other technologies of relevance to the proposed military precinct.
- Meeting with Senator Matt Canavan to discuss securing funding to update a study undertaken by CQU in 2004, which examined the benefits of Defence training in Central Queensland.

Comments:

The following comments and observations are provided:

- **DISC Visit.** The Coordinator of the DISC has confirmed that Defence is very interested in visiting Rockhampton and of receiving briefings from RCC. A visit by the DISC is likely to occur during Exercise Talisman Sabre, which will occur in July 2015. The Coordinator has advised that a final decision may be expected by the end of March 2015.
- **Engagement Strategies.** As a result of discussions with the Defence Envoy and Minister Robert the following engagements will be undertaken or should be considered by RCC:
 1. Meet with representatives of Defence Infrastructure, Army and Air Force to discuss and confirm their needs in relation to the following projects:
 - The military precinct.
 - A Defence storage facility for equipment used in training exercises in SWBTA.
 - Options to facilitate the basing and/or storage of tanks for use in training in SWBTA.
- Discussions with Minister Robert indicate that co-funding would not be unwelcome.

- It is apparent the objectives and initiatives that are the focus of the RCC Defence advocacy conform to strategies being pursued by the Defence Envoy. The Defence Envoy has recommended a meeting between the Mayor of the RCC, the Premier and the Minister for State Development.
- The Defence Envoy has recommended that RCC consider providing a briefing on the outcomes of the RCC Defence advocacy project to senior Defence officers and officials visiting Exercise Talisman Sabre 2015 in July.
- **CQU Study.** The CQU study provided empirical data to support the conduct of Defence training in Central Queensland. The findings of the 2004 CQU study although now dated are valuable in that they are based on empirical data, which may be used by many stakeholders to support decision-making. I have asked Senator Canavan to read the report and to consider options to fund an update of the study.

Next Steps:

- The consultant will undertake the following activities:
 1. Meet with a representative of Directorate of Military Strategy and Defence Infrastructure to discuss the projects that make-up the RCC advocacy project with the objective of arranging a meeting with representatives of Army and Air Force to confirm their specific needs in respect of the military precinct and the storage of tanks.
 2. Meet with the SAF Defence Attaché.
 3. Arrange for Rick Houlton to meet with Trevor Heard to discuss integrating relevant technologies that can be included and costed in the design and specifications for the military precinct.
 4. Contact the authors of the 2004 CQU Study to determine how their study was funded and the potential for the study to be updated.
- Meet with the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) Defence Attaché to discuss SAF needs when they deploy each year to Rockhampton to train at SWBTA and the potential for Singapore to co-fund the development of the proposed military precinct.

11.2 RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL TO MAKE SPECIFIED CONTRACTS UNDER THE LG REGULATION (2012) EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

File No: 5883
Attachments: 1. New Supplier List - Post TC Marcia Clean-up
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author: Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology

SUMMARY

This report is seeking retrospective approval from Council to make a range of procurement contracts under the emergency provisions set-out by the Local Government Regulations for the purposes of supporting the urgent regional clean-up post TC Marcia.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council provide retrospective approval to establish procurement contracts with the suppliers as listed in this report under the LG Regulation (2012) s235(c) emergency provisions.

COMMENTARY

Following Tropical Cyclone Marcia on 20 February 2015, Council procured a range of services outside of existing purchasing / contractual arrangements to work alongside Council's workforce and existing pre-qualified contractors. The engagement of the contractors as detailed in the attachment to this report was done under the emergency provisions of the Local Government Regulation (2012) Division 3 s235, *Exceptions for medium-sized and large-sized contractual arrangements*.

This exception, s235(c), permits the making of a contract without first inviting tenders or quotes if a genuine emergency exists.

Whilst the services of the contractors as detailed were acquired and set to work on an immediate basis, a parallel follow-up process was undertaken to obtain the contractor's business and equipment details, qualifications, certifications and pricing schedules ordinarily required for contractor pre-qualification.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT***Division 3 Exceptions for medium-sized and large-sized contractual arrangements******s229 What div 3 is about***

This division explains when a local government may enter into -

- (a) a medium-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes; or*
- (b) a large-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written tenders.*

s235 Other exceptions

A local government may enter into a medium-sized contractual arrangement or large-sized contractual arrangement without first inviting written quotes or tenders if -

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- (c) a genuine emergency exists; or*

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CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council provide retrospective approval to establish procurement contracts with the suppliers, as listed in the attached report, who assisted with the regional clean-up post Tropical Cyclone Marcia. The contracts were initially made under the emergency provisions of the Local Government Regulation (2012) Division 3 s235, *Exceptions for medium-sized and large-sized contractual arrangements*.

**RETROSPECTIVE APPROVAL TO
MAKE SPECIFIED CONTRACTS
UNDER THE LG REGULATION (2012)
EMERGENCY PROVISIONS**

**New Supplier List -
Post TC Marcia Clean-up**

Meeting Date: 14 April 2015

Attachment No: 1

New RRC Suppliers Post TC Marcia

No.	Supplier	ABN	Contract	Est Cost \$ Incl GST
1	SITA Australia Pty Ltd	70 002 902 650	New Contract 11516 – Household Collection	\$1,527,528
2	ARG Trees	36 841 312 788	New Contract 11537 - Green waste mulching & haulage - services required for TC Marcia clean up were too large to do a variation to the current contract	\$1,100,465
3	Land Clearing Australia	57 152 334 275	New Contract 11537 - Green waste mulching & haulage	\$500,000
4	Powerclear	11 107 354 790	New –Trade Services – Tree Lopping	\$381,877
5	The Landscaper Dominic Doblo	21 382 448 547	New –Trade Services – Tree Lopping	\$240,000
6	Bundy Mulch & Chip	38 005 630 160	New –Trade Services – Tree Lopping	\$40,000
7	Access Tree Solutions	11 496 040 408	New –Trade Services – Tree Lopping	\$60,000
8	TNS Haulage	29 161 212 559	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$130,000
9	Achilles Tipper Hire	21 767 467 905	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
10	Apollo CMS Pty Ltd	32 105 299 536	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$30,000
11	ASAP Haulage	14 169 715 548	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$100,000
12	Brad's TPT Pty Ltd	28 436 577 531	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
13	Busby Contracting	36 600 022 795	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$20,000
14	Chewie's Truck Hire	37 979 051 274	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
15	Denkay Transport	15 092 792 277	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$25,000
16	Fletchers Earthmoving	15 149 795 228	New - Hire Plant Equipment	-
17	G & J Parish	72 973 343 750	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$15,000
18	Gerry's Tipper Higher	40 221 295 368	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
19	Gracemere Turf & Landscaping	33 499 415 782	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
20	Jason's Excavations	53 539 923 677	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
21	Mystar Haulage	23 155 808 245	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$30,000
22	Patterson Plant Higher	28 689 524 402	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$150,000
23	PY Transport	88 118 503 576	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
24	Sun City Tippers	43 564 732 521	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
25	Talbot's Earthmoving	29 084 295 429	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$150,000

No.	Supplier	ABN	Contract	Est Cost \$ Incl GST
26	Thomas Keepkie Tipper Hire	18 481 363 234	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$30,000
27	Shaw Haulage	29 861 631 299	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
28	Trent Arendtsz	59 372 083 774	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
29	Gain Industries	18 600 535 402	New - Hire Plant Equipment	-
30	Jason Ross Earthmoving	36 097 850 827	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$60,000
31	Millettia Solutions Pty Ltd	54 166 103 457	New - Hire Plant Equipment	\$50,000
32	Kurt's Tipping	45 993 469 466	New - Hire Plant Equipment	-
33	Brosnan Earthmoving & Road Contractors	60 137 870 583	Existing Contractor - additional equipment	Schedule of Rates
34	Hopkins Brothers	35 180 396 579	Existing Contractor - additional equipment	
35	JRT Civil	74 159 700 071	Existing Contractor - additional equipment	

11.3 2016 WORLD BRAHMAN CONGRESS

File No:	647
Attachments:	1. Letter from Australian Brahman Breeders Association estimating economic impact of 2016 World Brahman Congress
Authorising Officer:	Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Rick Palmer - Manager Economic Development

SUMMARY

This report outlines the economic benefits which the 2016 World Brahman Congress are expected to bring to the Rockhampton Region.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council contribute \$45,000 as sponsorship for the 2016 World Brahman Congress.

COMMENTARY

I'm attaching a reply I have received from John Croaker, General Manager Australian Brahman Breeders association outlining the economic benefits which will accrue to the Rockhampton Region from the staging of the 2016 World Brahman Congress.

He expects total visitation to the event to exceed 9,000 visitors and for them to have a direct spend in the Rockhampton Region of more than \$2 million and an overall benefit to the Rockhampton Region of \$6 million.

The World Brahman Congress is an important cattle industry event and plays an critical part in Rockhampton being recognised as Australia's Beef Capital.

The 1983 World Brahman Congress, the first ever held, laid the foundation for Rockhampton hosting the initial Beef Expo in 1988. It showed what Rockhampton was capable of and the group which staged Beef 88 contained a number of people who had staged the World Brahman Congress five years earlier.

The situation in 2015 is similar and Brahman cattle are the predominant cattle breed in Northern Australia and the Australian Brahman Breeders Association the largest and most active tropical breed society. Virtually all cattle herds from the Fitzroy Basin north are at least half Brahman.

The success of the Brahman breed and of ABBA are important contributors to the recognition of the Rockhampton Region as the lynch pin between the southern and northern herds and the main service point for the Australian cattle industry.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On 10 February 2015 Council resolved:

THAT Council support the 2016 World Brahman Congress being held in Rockhampton and is willing to consider a contribution of sponsorship of at least \$40,000 to Australian Brahman Breeders Association subject to further information being provided in respect of benefits to sponsor the 2016 World Brahman Congress in exchange for Council being recognised as the "Host Region" and receiving the sponsorship benefits outlined in the Australian Brahman Breeders Association's letter.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The sponsorship can be funded out of Council's 2015-16 budget.

2016 WORLD BRAHMAN CONGRESS

Letter from Australian Brahman Breeders Association estimating economic impact of 2016 World Brahman Congress

Meeting Date: 14 April 2015

Attachment No: 1



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25 February 2015

Rick Palmer
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Dear Rick

Thank you for your letter of February 10 advising of the Rockhampton Regional Councils support for our World Brahman Congress. We are most appreciative of the Councils support for our Congress and we are very happy to recognize the Council as the "Host Region".

We are also inviting the Mayor to give a welcome address at our first social function on Monday May 16, 2016.

The Congress activities throughout the week will involve a numbers of areas of activity which will generate economic activity for the region including;

- Registered delegates, including 200-300 internationals and 300-400 Australian
- Trade Show exhibitors
- Prime Cattle Show and Sale exhibitors
- Stud Show exhibitors
- Prime Cattle Show and Sale spectators not registered as delegates
- Stud Cattle Show spectators not registered as delegates

Total visitation at all events we predict to exceed 9000 and a direct spend of over \$2M and a community benefit of over \$6M.

We are encouraged by the level of confidence returning to our industry and the improvement in cattle prices which augers well for our event.

Yours faithfully

John Croaker
General Manager

11.4 RIVER FESTIVAL & REGIONAL PROMOTIONS ACTIVITY

File No: 6097
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Sarah Reeves - Manager Regional Promotions

SUMMARY

The Manager Regional Promotions will present an overview of the Rockhampton River Festival event plan, promotional projects underway for current financial year and proposed projects for the coming financial year.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receive the report and provide feedback at the end of the presentation.

COMMENTARY

Much has happened since the last presentation to Council on the River Festival. Ideally a planning session would have allowed additional Councillor input into both the River Festival and marketing plans. However, Cyclone Marcia meant the cancellation of this session and projects have needed to progress to achieve outcomes in the required timeframes.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Budget has already been allocated for the current year, and projects for the 2015-16 financial year will be discussed as part of budget deliberations.

12 STRATEGIC REPORTS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

15 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting.

16 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

17.1 Entertainment Activity for Rockhampton River Festival

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

17.2 Rockhampton River Festival Update and Tender/Quote Consideration Plan

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

17.3 Electoral Arrangements 2016 Quadrennial Local Government Election

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17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17.1 ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITY FOR ROCKHAMPTON RIVER FESTIVAL

File No: 6097
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Sarah Reeves - Manager Regional Promotions

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SUMMARY

The Rockhampton River Festival program plans to include a number of free family friendly entertainment performances. One particular performance requires the purchase of a plane ticket from Los Angeles if sponsorship cannot be secured.

17.2 ROCKHAMPTON RIVER FESTIVAL UPDATE AND TENDER/QUOTE CONSIDERATION PLAN**File No:** 6097**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Sarah Reeves - Manager Regional Promotions

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SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Rockhampton River Festival including the tender/quote consideration plan.

17.3 ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS 2016 QUADRENNIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION**File No: 5827****Attachments:**

1. Table showing elector numbers per proposed Divisional Electoral options
2. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 1
3. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 2
4. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 3
5. Proposed Electoral Divisions - Option 4
6. Indicative Cost to run 2016 Local Government Election for Rockhampton Regional Council
7. Response from Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government & Planning

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author: Shane Turner - Manager Governance Support**

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SUMMARY

This report provides further information to be submitted to both the Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and the Electoral Commission Queensland regarding Electoral Arrangements for the 2016 Local Government Elections.

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING