



# **LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**11 DECEMBER 2023**

*Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 11 December 2023 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.*

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

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
11 December 2023

Next Meeting Date: 23.01.24

**Please note:**

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

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**File No:** 8295

**Attachments:** 1. Central Queensland Hospital Foundation Brochure [↓](#)

**Authorising Officer:** Nicole Semfel - Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor

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**SUMMARY**

*Mayor Tony Williams is seeking approval from Council to donate \$1200.00 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to the Central Queensland Hospital Foundation towards costs to fund the Tele-Health solution at the Rockhampton Hospital.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approve the donation of \$1200.00 from Mayor Tony Williams Councillor Discretionary Fund to the Central Queensland Hospital Foundation.

**BACKGROUND**

Central Queensland Hospital Foundation are seeking monetary assistance to fund the Tele-Health Solution for the Rockhampton Hospital.

Mayor Tony Williams is seeking approval from Council for the donation of \$1200.00 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to assist the Central Queensland Hospital Foundation fund the Tele-Health Solution for the Rockhampton Hospital.

**COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUND  
APPLICATION - CENTRAL  
QUEENSLAND HOSPITAL  
FOUNDATION**

**Central Queensland Hospital  
Foundation Brochure**

**Meeting Date: 11 December 2023**

**Attachment No: 1**

## Our vision & who we are

We are a charity committed to Better Health and Brighter Futures for all Central Queenslanders. Our mission is to support the public hospital and health services network across the Central Queensland region to improve health and wellbeing, which is only possible thanks to the generosity of our donors and supporters.

## How we use funds raised

Your kind donation will provide critical funding for education, training and research in medical and health science which will advance, support and promote public health for our community. Our aim is to fund projects that have tangible benefits to your loved ones in the Central Queensland region today, and improve health outcomes for generations to come.



## The need is evident

- There is a significant need for funding outside of government to enable a range of vital support programs that would otherwise not be available to patients and their families at local public hospitals and community health facilities in Central Queensland.
- Our community is dispersed, with 228,000 of us living across 117,000 square km of land in our diverse and wonderful region. This spread brings its own unique health challenges. Whether you're in Biloela, The Gemfields, Emerald, Gladstone, Blackwater or anywhere in between, CQShines Foundation will be supporting vital health services to benefit you and your loved ones.



## Why we need YOU

We receive no government funding and rely entirely on the generosity of your support to further our joint mission. Whilst nationwide our government prioritises investment into healthcare and medical research, they can only contribute a portion of what's required to deliver the very best healthcare in our communities.

That's where Hospital Foundations like us come in!

We need you, our community, to support the rest of your community. To be there for your own family, friends and loved ones with the very best healthcare when they need it most.



*"Not every pregnancy is simple and straight forward. At 32 weeks pregnant I had complications which meant I needed to relocate to be within 5 minutes of Rockhampton Hospital for the remainder of my pregnancy. This is a common story among women in rural Central Queensland, and it is a stressful time for families. If there was affordable family sized accommodation assistance available in Rockhampton, this would have been one less thing to worry about."*

- Lisa Caffery, Emerald.



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 CQShines acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands where we live,  
 learn and work. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.



# TELEHEALTH SOLUTION ROCKHAMPTON HOSPITAL

Teladoc is an exemplary telehealth solution that CQ Health is considering, and it has the potential to revolutionise the Rockhampton Hospital Operating Theatres. With their cutting-edge technology, highly skilled specialist clinicians can virtually be present in any operating theatre or clinical setting, leading to improved patient outcomes and increased access to care within our community. CQShines Hospital Foundation, in collaboration with CQ Health, is excited to introduce you to the Teladoc solutions offerings, as we firmly believe that this partnership could profoundly enhance equitable access, patient experience, and overall health outcomes for our community. We wholeheartedly invite your support in turning this transformative project into a reality.



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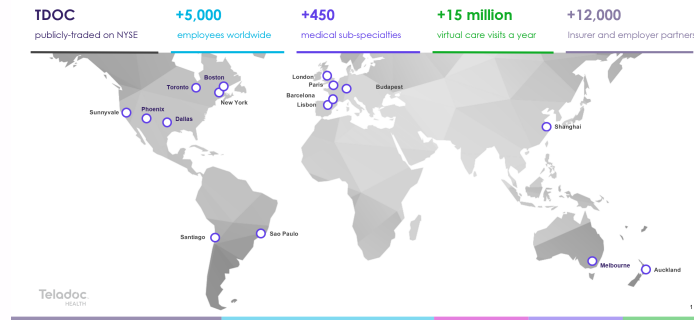
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## About Teladoc Health

Teladoc Health is an innovative solution that significantly enhances the level of care provided to patients in regional Queensland hospitals. By connecting these hospitals with specialised doctors, it brings world-class expertise directly to the patient's bedside. This cutting-edge technology allows doctors to see and assess patients in real-time, ensuring accurate diagnoses and timely treatment. With its life-saving capabilities and access to specialised doctors anywhere, Teladoc Health adds an invaluable layer of professional service to ensure the best possible healthcare outcomes for patients in regional areas.

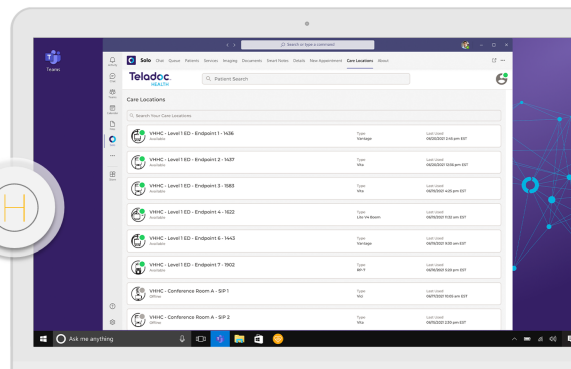
### Teladoc Health – The global leader in Virtual Care



### Operating theatre - based virtual care for Central Queensland

#### Review available devices in locations and facilities

Clinicians can open Care Locations to view available devices and join another surgeon in the OT at anytime.



#### Authorised clinicians can collaborate using two-way audio and visuals

- Live stream from multiple devices
- Remote Pan Tilt Zoom camera control
- Image capture
- Telestration





## What this means for Rockhampton



The introduction of a telehealth solution in the operating theatre at Rockhampton Hospital has the potential to greatly benefit the local community. This innovative technology allows for specialist clinician collaboration, breaking down geographical barriers and ensuring that medical professionals can provide their expertise regardless of location. By utilising telehealth, patients in rural or underserved areas may no longer have to travel long distances or endure lengthy wait times for specialised surgery. This not only saves time and money for both patients and healthcare providers but also has the potential to save lives by providing timely access to critical medical services. Ultimately, this groundbreaking initiative will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare delivery in Rockhampton, improving patient outcomes and making a profound impact on the entire Central Queensland community's overall well-being.



## How you can help

The collaboration between CQShines and CQ Health to introduce telehealth solutions at Rockhampton Hospital is an exciting opportunity for the Central Queensland community. However, realising this vision requires the generous support of individuals like you. The success of the CQShines Foundation relies heavily on donations, fundraising efforts, and philanthropy to bring these innovative healthcare solutions to our hospital. This level of support will be attractive to rural generalists, nurses, visiting specialists and could increase staff attraction and retention both at the Hospital and within local industry. This solution would improve theatre utilisation and may also be used in ED to improve communication with distant specialities in rare situations to improve patient access to care. Your generosity has the power to transform healthcare accessibility in our community and make a significant impact on the lives of individuals in need.



**10.3 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUND APPLICATION - ANGLICARE**

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

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**SUMMARY**

*Mayor Tony Williams is seeking approval from Council to donate \$1984.32 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to Anglicare towards costs for the Blue Tree Project.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approve the donation of \$1984.32 from Mayor Tony Williams Councillor Discretionary Fund to Anglicare.

**BACKGROUND**

Anglicare are seeking monetary assistance for their collaboration with the Blue Tree Project, to paint a tree blue in the Rockhampton Region. This global initiative involves painting trees to combat the stigma surrounding mental health.

Mayor Tony Williams is seeking approval from Council for the donation of \$1984.32 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to assist Anglicare for the Blue Tree Project.

**10.4 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUND APPLICATION - PEACE CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COUNCILLOR NEIL FISHER**

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

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**SUMMARY**

*Councillor Neil Fisher is seeking approval from Council to donate \$1200.00 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to support the Mount Archer Primary School Breakfast Club.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approve a donation of \$1200.00 from Councillor Neil Fisher's Councillors Discretionary Fund to Peace Christian Church for the Mount Archer Primary School Breakfast Club.

**BACKGROUND**

For the past decade, Peace Christian Church has been actively supporting Mount Archer Primary School through the Kids Hope Program. Currently, their aim is to extend their assistance by contributing to the Mount Archer Primary School Breakfast Club, ensuring that breakfast is provided for the children.

Councillor Neil Fisher has advised of a conflict as he is a member of Peace Christian Church. The Pastor of Peace Christian Church has approached Councillor Neil Fisher for financial assistance with the Mount Archer Primary School Breakfast Club.

Councillor Neil Fisher is seeking approval from Council for the donation of \$1200.00 from his Councillor Discretionary Fund.

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## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 11.27 CENTRAL QUEENSLAND QWRAP

<b>File No:</b>	<b>11044</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Justin Kann - Manager Office of the Mayor</b>

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#### SUMMARY

*This report seeks a position from Council on the Central Queensland QWRAP initiative being undertaken by CQROC.*

*As part of the QWRAP initiative, CQROC has intended to pursue a region-wide joint water authority which Rockhampton Council has not supported.*

*The CQROC Board is expected to meet in the coming weeks to decide on the future of the Central Queensland QWRAP initiative and Council's position is sought through this report to help inform Council's delegates' position.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

1. Adopt Option ..... as Council's position in relation to the QWRAP initiative; and
2. Direct the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as Council's delegates to CQROC to communicate this position to the group.

#### COMMENTARY

CQROC is undertaking a number of projects as part of the Queensland Water Regional Alliance Program (QWRAP).

Under the program, the group will seek to advance CQROC Councils from a QWRAP Maturity Level 2 to Level 5.

This will be achieved through a number of projects within Central Queensland QWRAP workplan including Project 16 which explores at least three alternative regional institutional models.

The three identified models are:

- A strategic partnership
- Commercial Business Unit (CBU)
- Multi-council controlled entity

In exploring a *multi-council controlled entity*, CQROC intended to pursue a region-wide joint authority. This would mean a single authority providing water services to the whole CQROC region.

Over recent months, Rockhampton Regional Council has provided feedback to the group regarding this direction and sought to have a region-wide joint authority excluded from consideration.

At a recent steering group meeting, the group agreed to consider an amended Terms of Reference and workplan in response to Rockhampton Council's feedback.

There was however a clear position from the remaining councils that they wished to continue to explore a joint authority through the QWRAP process without Rockhampton's participation.

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This follows other examples of CQROC member councils seeking to pursue water merger reforms such as Central Highland Regional Council's recent LGAQ Conference motion which sought to explore water and wastewater utility provider(s) separate to local government in regional Queensland.

It was agreed that a special board meeting will be called to consider the future of the QWRAP initiative with any changes to the workplan and Terms of Reference agreed at that meeting and subject to a majority vote of the CQROC Board.

It is anticipated that this meeting will be called in the coming weeks.

#### Region-wide Joint Water Authority

Rockhampton Regional Council is unique among CQROC councils in having a commercial business unit (Fitzroy River Water) delivering its water services. Council also benefits by having a water allocation available for urban water use and ownership and control over the Rockhampton Barrage.

The establishment of a region-wide joint water authority may have a significant number of impacts on Council and the Rockhampton community, including:

- Loss of ownership and control of Rockhampton's water allocation
- Loss of ownership and control over strategic assets such as the Rockhampton Barrage and water treatment plants
- Increased costs to Rockhampton ratepayers
- Loss of autonomy in setting water charges
- Impact on Council workforce

#### Options

A number of options have been presented to Council to inform its position at the upcoming CQROC meeting and its continued participation in the QWRAP initiative.

<b>Option 1</b>	Remain in the QWRAP initiative, including Project 16 and others associated with establishing a region-wide joint authority.
<b>Option 2</b>	Remain in the QWRAP initiative but withdraw from Project 16 and any associated project which supports a region-wide joint authority.
<b>Option 3</b>	Withdraw from the QWRAP initiative.

## **BACKGROUND**

QWRAP is an industry-led initiative that investigates regional collaboration in the water and wastewater sector. The program is a partnership of local government, qldwater and the Queensland Government.

The Central Queensland QWRAP initiative is delivered through CQROC and is collaborating or investigating 22 projects, including 12 current and 10 future projects. These projects cover areas including asset maintenance and management, skills, training and workforce, regional collaboration and community education.

As part of CQROC, Rockhampton Regional Council agreed to participate in the program to support stronger partnerships between neighbouring councils.

Should it wish to, Rockhampton Regional Council can withdraw from the QWRAP program through CQROC or solely from Project 16 and other associated projects which seek to pursue a region-wide joint water authority.

QWRAP Maturity Levels

Qldwater determines the QWRAP maturity levels by assessing the collaboration based on the type of joint initiatives successfully undertaken compared with a QWRAP schema called the Collaboration Maturity Model.

The model as outlined by qldwater includes eight levels:

<b>Level 1</b>	Little collaboration
<b>Level 2</b>	Undertaking Joint Activities
<b>Level 3</b>	Basic Collaboration
<b>Level 4</b>	Advanced Formal Collaboration
<b>Level 5</b>	QWRAP Pilot Region
<b>Level 6</b>	Water Alliance (Formal Alliance)
<b>Level 7</b>	Considering New Models
<b>Level 8</b>	Alternative Regional Arrangement

**PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

In November 2021, the CQROC Board resolved to join the QWRAP initiative.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

The QWRAP initiative is being delivered through CQROC having received funding from the State Government.

There is however considerable costs associated with officer time and resources which will be needed to support the implementation of QWRAP projects.

Additional funding requirements may also be required to support this initiative in future budgets.

**LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT**

There are no specific legislative requirements relating to this report, however, specific statutory requirements are needed to create a joint water authority like that being pursued through QWRAP.

Part of the work being undertaken will provide recommendations on these requirements.

Council is a member of CQROC which is formed under Section 40 of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, being a beneficial enterprise.

CQROC is a company limited by guarantee, established under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cwth)*.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

CQROC is governed by the terms of its constitution and relevant corporations legislation.

**STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

Considerable staff time and resources will be required to participate in the QWRAP initiative including participation in the technical working group and project steering group.

In addition, a region-wide joint water authority as proposed under Project 16 will likely have significant implications to Council's workforce and organisational structure.

**CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN**

Action 3.2.3.1 of the Operational Plan require Council to "collaborate with key stakeholders to identify relevant non-Council projects and issues for advocacy to other levels of government.

Council's participation in CQROC and the QWRAP initiative supports this action.

**CONCLUSION**

Rockhampton Regional Council will need to express its position on QWRAP and its projects associated with establishing a region-wide joint water authority at the upcoming CQROC Board Meeting.

Options presented in this report provide Council with the opportunity to remain in QWRAP as is, withdraw from projects which pursue a joint authority or withdraw from QWRAP entirely.