



# **LATE ITEMS ORDINARY MEETING**

## **AGENDA**

**22 AUGUST 2017**

*Your attendance is required at an Ordinary meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 22 August 2017 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.*

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
21 August 2017

Next Meeting Date: 12.09.17

**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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## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 11.8 PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO CHINA

**File No:** 8308  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Damon Morrison - Executive Coordinator to the Mayor

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#### SUMMARY

*At the Council meeting held 8 August 2017, Council resolved to approve a delegation to visit the People's Republic of China from 23 September to 30 September 2017. This report details a further proposal for consideration in relation to the visit.*

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cherie Rutherford to join Council's delegation to visit the People's Republic of China from 23 September to 30 September 2017.

#### COMMENTARY

Following the Council meeting on 8 August 2017, further discussions with the Mayor, the Zhenjiang Municipal Government and the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China have taken place in relation to the proposed itinerary and other matters.

As a result of those discussions and in accordance with established protocol guidelines governing international delegations, the addition of the Deputy Mayor to join the delegation is proposed in order to maximize the objectives and outcomes of the proposed visit.

#### PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On 8 August 2017, Council resolved that a delegation consisting of Councillor Neil Fisher, the General Manager Regional Development and Aviation, and the Senior Executive for Trade and Investment, visit the People's Republic of China from 23 September to 30 September 2017.

#### BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure associated with the investment/trade mission will be funded within the Department of Regional Development and Aviation's 2017/2018 operational budget.

#### CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council endorse the recommendation that the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Cherie Rutherford joins Council's delegation to the People's Republic of China from 23 September to 30 September 2017.

**11.9 STRONGER COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME**

**File No:** 12534  
**Attachments:** Nil  
**Authorising Officer:** Chris Ireland - Acting General Manager Regional Development and Aviation  
**Author:** Penelope-Jane Fry - Regional Development Advisor

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**SUMMARY**

*The Federal Government has released Round 3 of the Stronger Communities Programme. This report seeks direction in regards to which projects are to be submitted to this fund. Applications close on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017.*

**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council give direction on which two projects are to be submitted to the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme for the Flynn and Capricornia electorates.

**COMMENTARY**

The Stronger Communities Programme ("the Fund") provides grants of between \$2,500 and \$20,000 to community organisations and local governments for capital projects. Advice from representatives of the fund indicates that projects seeking no more than \$7,500 in funding are encouraged and that no cash co-contribution is required.

Expressions of interest must be received by 5pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2017.

Projects are selected by Members of Parliament (MPs) and their community consultation committees, and are then submitted to the Government for assessment.

Prior to this meeting, Councillors will have received a memo that includes a number of options as examples of projects that may be eligible and which notes that the list is not exhaustive or intended to exclude other suggestions.

**BACKGROUND**

In the last round of the Fund, the following Rockhampton Regional Council projects were successful:

- Mafeking Bell Revitalisation Project (\$10,000): MP O'Dowd
- Heritage Village Boardwalk and Viewing Platform Project (\$5,942): MP Landry

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

No cash co-contribution is required.

**CONCLUSION**

Rockhampton Regional Council has the opportunity to apply for funding from the Federal Government's Stronger Communities Programme for the Flynn and Capricornia electorates.