



# **Meeting Notice and Agenda**

**for the**

**General Meeting of the Council**

**to be held in the**

**Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George**

**on**

**Friday 18th December 2015**

**Commencing at 9:00am**

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# ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. (ATT) Attendance

Expected attendance of this meeting is as follows:

Councillors		Staff/Consultants	
Cr DS Stewart (Mayor)	-Full Meeting	Mr Andrew McKenzie (Acting Chief Executive Officer)	-Whole Meeting
Cr RD Avery	-Full Meeting	Mr Kevin Searle (Director Infrastructure Services)	-As required for IFS
Cr FM Gaske	-Full Meeting		
Cr J Kellock	-Full Meeting		
Cr RW Marsh (Deputy Mayor)	-Full Meeting		
Cr RI Paul	-Full Meeting		
Cr RIS Winks	-Full Meeting		

2. (CLP) Council Prayer

3. (LOA) Leave of Absence

4. (COM) Confirmation of Minutes of the **General Meeting held on 20 November, 2015.**

5. (BAM) Business arising out of the minutes of previous meetings;

6. (PPS) Public Participation Session (15 minutes)

7. (DEP) Deputations

Organisation	Name/s	Subject	Time
Nat & Karen Gray	Mrs Karen Gray	Flood Mitigatiion	10:30am

8. Councillor Reports

9. Reception and consideration of correspondence in the following functional categories, including Tenders, Monthly Officer's Reports, Petitions, Notified Motions, Notices of Motion for next meeting and Questions on Notice of Motion:-

- (SBUS) Special Business
- (CFS) Corporate & Financial Services
- (IFS) Infrastructure Services
- (GEN) General
- (RLP) Rural Services
- (CEVS) Community & Environmental Services

10. (GEB) General Business.

**N.B. COUNCILLORS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR MINUTES AND PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED COPIES OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE MEETING PLEASE, AS FURTHER COPIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE.**

# MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

## (CFS) CORPORATE FINANCIAL SERVICES

ITEM	TITLE	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CFS1	<b><u>FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2015</u></b>	(04.12.15) Financial Management Report for the period ended 30 November 2015.
CFS2	<b><u>2015-2016 BUDGET REVIEW</u></b>	(09.12.15) An amended Budget has been prepared in accordance with Section 170 (3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012.
CFS3	<b><u>COMMUNITY REQUEST TO WAIVE ST GEORGE CULTURAL CENTRE FEES - NIA HADENFELDT - COMMUNITY MUSIC MASTER CLASS/WORKSHOP</u></b>	(12.11.15) CWA Dirranbandi is holding a community music master class/workshop on the 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> of February 2016. The purpose of this event is to build community engagement. With grants, funding and waiver of fees the project will be free of charge for persons who wish to participate.
CFS4	<b><u>LIFELINE, DARLING DOWNS AND SOUTH WEST QUEENSLAND "ICE RESPONSE"</u></b>	(02.12.15) Lifeline Darling Downs and South West Queensland are seeking a financial contribution toward the appointment of "Project Manager" for the "Ice Response" project.
CFS5	<b><u>DIRRANBANDI PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - AUSTRALIA DAY DONATION</u></b>	(09.12.15) Dirranbandi Progress Association has written to Council requesting a donation to run the annual Australia Day event.
CFS6	<b><u>QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE - DONATION REQUEST</u></b>	(09.12.15) Detective Senior Constable Donna Andersen from the Cunnamulla Child protection and Investigation Unit has submitted a request for a donation to help assist with the delivery of the Braveheart's program.
CFS7	<b><u>SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK PROGRAM</u></b>	(02.12.15) Investigation into utilising the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program to combat unemployment and lack of training opportunities in rural areas.
CFS8	<b><u>SCENIC LOOKOUT RESTORATION FUND</u></b>	(02.12.15) The Palaszczuk Government are inviting applications for funding under the \$3M Scenic Lookout Restoration Fund.
CFS9	<b><u>PURCHASING POLICY</u></b>	(08.12.15) A request has been received from Mr Stan Stewart to review local supplier preference arrangements under Council's Purchasing Policy
CFS10	<b><u>FORMER QBUILD DEPOT</u></b>	(08.12.15) Department of Housing and Public Works have received approval to offer the former St George QBuild Depot to Council.
CFS11	<b><u>MINUTES OF THE BALONNE SHIRE COUNCIL SOUTH WEST INDIGENOUS CULTURAL PRECINCT PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING</u></b>	(08.12.15) The BSCSWICPP Advisory Committee Minutes of the meeting held 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2015 are attached for Council's consideration.
CFS98	<b><u>MONTHLY REPORT</u></b>	(08.12.15) The Director of Corporate and Financial Services Report for the Month of September is presented for Council's consideration.

Note: Late Reports indicated in *"Italics"*

**CORPORATE FINANCIAL  
SERVICES - GENERAL**

## (IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

ITEM	TITLE	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
IFS1	<b><u>BSC 15/16 - T05 - MARIE &amp; ALFRED STREET STORMWATER AND ASSOCIATED WORKS - ST GEORGE</u></b>	(07.12.15) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting on tenders received for BSC 15/16 – T05 – Marie and Alfred Street Stormwater and Associated Works, St George.
IFS2	<b><u>TENDER BSC15/16-T06 - CONSTRUCTION OF ST GEORGE SWIMMING POOL BUILDING STAGE 2</u></b>	(03.12.15) That Council accept a tender submission for the construction of the St George swimming pool stage 2.
IFS3	<b><u>JOHN &amp; JACQUE BRETT - 12166 CARNARVON HIGHWAY ST GEORGE - REQUEST FOR WATER CONNECTION TO BE RECONSIDERED</u></b>	<p>(07.12.15)</p> <p>This report has been prepared following a request for a water connection from John and Jacque Brett, the owners of 12166 Carnarvon Highway, St George (Lot 22 on RP847067).</p> <p>The property is currently outside the existing St George river water supply area. A 100mm diameter river water main was constructed along the Carnarvon Highway from the Pelican Rest Caravan Park to the Rhea Road subdivision in 2011. This main is located in the road reserve in front of the property in question.</p> <p>At the time of construction of this main it was understood (although no resolution was made) that no connection would be permitted to this main from properties passed by it that were outside the existing river water service area. The main was constructed for the purpose of eliminating a river pump and was solely for the supply of water to properties within the Rhea subdivision. As a condition of this development application for the subdivision, the developers provided Council a three (3) Megalitre allocation for each lot as they were sold.</p>
IFS4	<b><u>DEMINERALISATION THALLON WATER SUPPLY</u></b>	<p>(08.12.15)</p> <p>Residents within the township of Thallon have requested that Council investigate options for the demineralisation of the Thallon water supply. Water at Thallon is currently sourced from a Great Artesian Basin (GAB) bore. Water quality from the bore has historically been good for internal uses and the water quality parameters recorded meet the health limits of the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines (ADWG). The water does however contain levels of pH, Total Dissolved Solids and Sodium exceeding the aesthetic limits of the ADWG. Elevated levels of sodium and total dissolved solids are also an indication of the salinity of the water. Salinity can be problematic for gardening as the type of plants which can be successfully grown is limited and damage to the soil structure can develop from excessive watering and/or poor drainage.</p> <p>It is understood that two water treatment products have been suggested to Council as possible options for reducing the salinity of the Thallon</p>

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bore water. They are the Hydrosmart and Delta Water Solutions systems. Both systems are advertised locally on television. The Hydrosmart system claims to reduce salinity by transmitting a sound wave at a specific frequency to break down the chemical compounds including salt within the water. The Delta Water system claims to achieve the same result but relies on a magnetic field created by magnets attached to the outside of a pipe.

This officer has researched each product by viewing their respective websites and telephoning their offices. Both companies claim their products are able to treat saline water, however no data was available which showed a marked improvement between raw and treated water quality. Both companies rely heavily on customer testimonials as evidence of the improvement in treated water quality.

MJM Environmental, an engineering consultancy currently conducting an investigation on the Dirranbandi water supply was contacted to discuss the merit of these systems. They were previously unaware of such systems existing and indicated that the processes commonly available for the removal of salts and other minerals from water was reverse osmosis (RO), distillation and evaporation. Reverse Osmosis is the most common treatment technology used by water service providers for the removal of salts. Towns such as Dalby rely heavily on reverse osmosis to remove salts from bore water. This technology is however complex, expensive, energy intensive and produces a waste water which needs to be disposed of in accordance with the relevant environmental legislation.

The use of a Hydrosmart or Delta Water system by the Balonne Shire Council could not currently be recommended to treat the Thallon water supply due to lack of scientific evidence regarding its effectiveness. It is possible that the Balonne Shire Council could trial either or both systems using a small household unit on a property in Thallon. Notwithstanding, Council could inform the residents of Thallon that they may install these (or any other water treatment systems) on their internal plumbing.

IFS98 **AERODROME ANNUAL REPORT**

(09.12.15) From the Aerodrome Manager reporting on the Annual Progress of the Balonne Shire's Aerodromes.

IFS98 **SAFETY ADVISORS MONTHLY REPORT**

(09.12.15) From the Safety Advisor reporting on Balonne Shire Council's Safety matters.

IFS98 **MONTHLY REPORT - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT**

(09.12.15) From the Director of Infrastructure Services reporting for the month of November.

IFS99 **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - GENERAL**

## (GEN) GENERAL

ITEM	TITLE	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
GEN1	<u>MONTHLY REPORT</u>	(08.12.15) November report of the Communications Officer
	<u>MONTHLY REPORT</u> <u>INVESTMENT</u>	
GEN2	<u>ATTRACTIONS OFFICER</u> <u>NOVEMBER 2015</u>	(08.12.15) Monthly Report Investment Attraction Officer November 2015.

## (RLP) RURAL SERVICES

ITEM	TITLE	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
RLP1	<u>REQUEST TO REMOVE GOATS FROM THE STOCK ROUTE NETWORK</u>	(08.12.15) Request to remove goats from the Stock Route Network
RLP98	<u>MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015</u>	(08.12.15) Rural Services November 2015 Monthly Report.
RLP99	<u>RURAL SERVICES - GENERAL</u>	



# **(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>
CES98	<b><u>MONTHLY REPORT</u></b>	(08.12.15) The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the Month of November is presented for Council's consideration.
CES99	<b><u>COMMUNITY &amp; ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES - GENERAL</u></b>	