



Meeting Notice and Agenda

for the

Special Meeting of the Council

to be held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Tuesday 29th August 2017

Commencing at 9.00am

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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Opening
2. Council Prayer
3. Attendance

Expected attendance of this meeting is as follows:

Councillors		Staff/Consultants	
Cr RW Marsh (Mayor)	-Full Meeting	Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer)	-Whole Meeting
Cr RG Fuhrmeister	-Full Meeting	Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Finance & Corporate Services)	-As required for FCS
Cr FM Gaske	-Full Meeting	Mr Ross Drabble (Director Infrastructure Services)	-As required for IFS
Cr SC O'Toole	-Full Meeting	Mr Jamie Gorry (Director Community & Environmental Services)	-As required for CES
Cr RI Paul	-Full Meeting		
Cr SS Scriven	-Full Meeting		
Cr ID Todd	-Full Meeting		

4. Leave of Absence
5. Reception and consideration of correspondence

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

MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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CES1	<u>SOUTH WEST CULTURAL PRECINCT</u>	This report refers to the outcomes of the Council workshop held on Tuesday 15 August 2017 regarding the South West Cultural Precinct concept.	4

OFFICER REPORT

TO: Council

SUBJECT: South West Cultural Precinct

DATE: 25.08.17

AGENDA REF: CES1

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Executive Summary

This report refers to the outcomes of the Council workshop held on Tuesday 15 August 2017 regarding the South West Cultural Precinct concept.

Background

Since late 2015 Council and a broader Steering Committee has been investigating the feasibility of a Cultural Precinct in St George for the Balonne Community. To date it has been agreed that the ideal location for the Cultural Precinct is in St George's CBD, utilising and redeveloping Council's assets at the Cultural Centre, Old Library and current Library

Since the first quarter of 2017 Positive Solutions (a consultancy which specialises in developing concepts/management plans for cultural precincts) was appointed by Balonne Shire Council to engage with the Steering Committee and subsequently develop a Cultural Centre Feasibility Plan. The Plan incorporates Concept Development including preferred options for operating models, a preliminary Business Plan, and Financial model, whilst also looking to quantify all benefits to the community including:

- *Cultural*
- *Social*
- *Civic*
- *Economic benefits*

A Council workshop was held on Tuesday 15th of August, at which David Fishel (Director - Positive Solutions) presented to Council the findings of his concept development report. The report identified four (4) operating models (listed below) outlining the advantages and disadvantages of each:

- Direct Management by Council;
- Management by a Council-Owned Subsidiary
- Management by a Non-profit Company
- Management by a Commercial Operator (Outsourced)

Link to Corporate Plan

Function	Key Program Area
<u>Wise Planning & Design</u>	Community Planning: To provide a framework to manage growth whilst encouraging a sense of community pride, belonging and well-being.

Consultation (internal/external)

David Fishel, Positive Solutions

Legal Implications

Not applicable

Policy Implications

Not applicable

Financial and Resource Implications

Council has MDBA Regional Economic Diversification Program (REDP) funding for the concept design, consultation and part construction cost to develop a Cultural Precinct in St George. Council will need to source additional funding to add to the REDP funding and an existing building fund. The final concept and design will determine the total cost of the project, currently estimated at \$3M to \$4M.

Attachments

Nil

Recommendation/s

That council agrees to proceed with the Cultural Precinct, subject to securing appropriate funding on the following grounds:

1. With direct management by council and a program framework that will protect the interests of the community as a whole
2. With a governance review in two years' time
3. That the Steering Committee transition to a new reference group with a new Terms of Reference
4. Engage with key stakeholders; and
5. Engage with the broader community, once a concept has been developed

Jamie Gorry

Director Community & Environmental Sustainability