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MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 21st September 2017

Commencing at 9:00am

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OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9am.

COUNCIL PRAYER

The Mayor led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Cr RW Marsh (Mayor), Crs FM Gaske (Deputy Mayor), RG Fuhrmeister, SC O'Toole, RI Paul, SS Scriven and ID Todd.

Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Financial & Corporate Services), Mr Jamie Gorry (Director Community & Environmental Services) and Mr Ross Drabble (Director Infrastructure Services).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – 17 AUGUST 2017

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 17 August, 2017, be confirmed.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - 29 AUGUST 2017

Cr Paul moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 29 August, 2017, be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

DEPUTATIONS

Susan Wishart from the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) spoke to the Council via teleconference regarding FCS5 – Enterprise Bargaining Agreements.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillors provided an overview of their reports.

Cr Gaske attended Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk's Premier's CEDA State of the State Address on 20th September. Cr Gaske spoke with Minister for Science and Innovation Leeanne Enoch regarding Regional 400M. This is an initiative to provide a platform for innovation in the Darling Downs and Maranoa.

She also spoke to Education Minister Kate Jones about early childhood issues.

Cr Scriven and Cr Gaske seconded:

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That Council receive and note the councillor reports.

CARRIED

ICE CASE STUDY

Cr Todd moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That following the ICE forum in St George on 28 August, Balonne Shire Council write to relevant state and federal government departments, seeking support for a case study into ice-related service delivery models and funding effectiveness.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr O'Toole advised that she would be declaring a material personal interest during CES6 RL 91 – Application for Reconfiguration of A Lot – Boundary Realignment (3 Into 2 Lots) – 8-10 Scott Street and 52 St Georges Terrace, St George, Affecting Land Described As Lot 2 on RP86667, Lot 6 on RP107223 and Lot 2 on RP77209 and would refrain from voting. Her family owns the Scott Street property.

Cr O'Toole also advised that she would declare a perceived conflict of interest during FCS6 – Airport Master Plan and Expressions of Interest and would refrain from voting. Cr O'Toole and her husband own an aerial spraying business.

MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

(CEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CEO1

BORDER REGION OF COUNCILS - MURRAY DARLING BASIN

The Border Region of Council's meeting requested member councils collaborate with the University of New England (UNE) Research Centre to develop a science based Murray Darling Basin Plan.

Recommendation/s

That the matter be held over pending further information.

CEO2

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Murray Darling Association 73rd National Conference and Annual General Meeting is to be held 11 – 13 October 2017.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

1. That council nominate the Mayor to attend the Murray Darling Association National Conference and Annual General Meeting being held on 11-13 October at Renmark, South Australia.
2. That in accordance with section 162(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009 leave of absence be granted to the Mayor for the period 11-13 October 2017.

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(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1 LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The LGAQ Annual Conference will be held in Gladstone 16 – 18 October 2017

Recommendation/s

1. That council nominate Mayor Marsh and Deputy Mayor Gaske as voting delegates and Crs O'Toole and Scriven and the Chief Executive Officer Matthew Magin to attend the 2017 LGAQ Annual Conference being held on 16-18 October at Gladstone.
2. That in accordance with section 162(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009 leave of absence be granted to the attending Councillors for the period 16-18 October 2017 for the 2017 LGAQ Annual Conference at Gladstone.

Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) entered the meeting at 10:10am.

FCS2 ST GEORGE LEEVE BANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES 23 AUGUST 2017

Minutes of St George Levee Bank Advisory Committee 23 August 2017.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the Minutes of the St George Levee Bank Advisory Committee dated 23 August 2017 be received, noted and responded to accordingly.

CARRIED

Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) left the meeting at 10:37am.

The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 10:37am and resumed at 11am.

FCS3 HUMAN RESOURCE POLICIES

The enclosed Human Resource policies are presented to Council for adoption:

1. Workplace Bullying, Sexual harassment and Discrimination; and,
2. Support for Employees affected by Domestic and Family Violence.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council adopt the following Human Resource policies:

1. Workplace bullying, Sexual harassment and Discrimination; and,
2. Support for Employees affected by Domestic and Family Violence.

CARRIED

FCS4 CHANGE OF OCTOBER MEETING DATE

Change of Date for Council's meeting for October 2017

Cr Todd moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That council change its Ordinary Meeting date from 19 October to 26 October 2017.

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FCS5

ENTERPRISE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

With the commencement of the new Industrial Relations Act 2016 on 1 March 2017 and the new Qld Local Government Industry Awards on 1 July 2017 Council is now committed to beginning the enterprise bargaining process. The length of time to complete the bargaining process is unknown however likely to be in Quarter 3 or 4 of 2017/18. Council's previous Certified Agreements have expired and in the past 2 years Council has applied the State Wage Case increases on employees' wages across the board.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolve not to pass on the State Wage Case increase to employees (both State and Federal under both current Enterprise Bargaining Arrangements) due to the impending Enterprise Bargaining process.

CARRIED

Cr O'Toole declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in item FCS6, Airport Master Plan and Expressions of Interest, (as defined in Section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*), due to the fact that Cr O'Toole and her husband own an aerial spraying business. She left the meeting at 11:29am.

FCS6

AIRPORT MASTER PLAN AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Consideration of an Airport Master Plan and Expressions of Interest for Hangars at St George and Dirranbandi Aerodromes.

Recommendation/s

1. That Council call for expressions of interest to develop a St George Airport Master Plan based on the attached Terms of Reference for consideration in the 2018/19 budget.
2. That Council investigate grant funding for the development of this master plan and future infrastructure.
3. That the Aerodrome Hangar Policy be adopted by council with an amendment to include a clause stating that the lessee/licensee will pay for all infrastructure costs.
4. That Council thank the applicants for their Expressions of Interest for Hangars at the St George Aerodrome. Council will establish a master plan prior to the development of the industrial/airport blocks at St George.
4. That Council accepts the expressions of interest for Dirranbandi. These expressions of interest will be processed in accordance with the Aerodrome Hangar Policy and referred to by Council for approval.

Cr O'Toole returned to the meeting at 12:01pm.

FCS7

GET READY QUEENSLAND GRANT PROGRAM

Get Ready Queensland Grant Program

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

1. That the Get Ready Queensland Grant Funding in the sum of \$10,660 be utilised for the

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Flooding Solutions flood barrier servicing and community information days in St George and Bollon.

2. That the remainder of the funding be utilised for community information for Dirranbandi, Thallon and Hebel.

CARRIED

FCS8

COUNCILLOR COMPLAINTS REVIEW BY QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

Councillor Complaints Review by the Queensland Government.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the Councillor Complaints Review Report and Queensland Government response be noted.

CARRIED

Mr Jamie Gorry (Director of Community and Environmental Sustainability) and Mrs Mareea Lochel (Community and Business Development Officer) entered the meeting at 12:06pm. They left the meeting at 1pm.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13pm and reconvened at 1pm. Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) and Mr Jamie Gorry (Director of Community and Environmental Sustainability) entered the meeting at 1:03pm.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:03pm and reconvened at 1:17pm.

FCS9

LOCAL GOVERNMENT GRANTS & SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

The Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program has been released for 2017/19.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

1. That council endorse the attached project proposals for submission in the 2017-19 Local Government Grants & Subsidies Program.

These projects include:

- * Disaster Coordination Centre;
- * St George Mitigation Levee Bank Maintenance;
- * Implementation of CCTV Strategy;
- * Dirranbandi Water Treatment Plant Upgrade;
- * St George River Water Infrastructure Upgrade;
- * Beardmore Dam Recreational Precinct;
- * Cultural Centre Precinct.

CARRIED

Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) and Mr Jamie Gorry (Director of Community and Environmental Sustainability) left the meeting at 1:36pm.

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FCS10

ST GEORGE CHINESE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL

St George Chinese Community Memorial

Cr Todd moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That council receive and note the correspondence from Graham Perrett MP outlining the Steering Committee for the St George Chinese Community Memorial Project.

CARRIED

FCS11

FINANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

Finance Management Report for the period ended 31 August 2017.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending 31 August 2017, as tabled, be received and noted.

CARRIED

Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) entered the meeting at 1:43pm. Mr Jamie Gorry (Director of Community and Environmental Sustainability) and Ms Fiona Macleod (Planning and Development Officer) entered the meeting at 1:49pm.

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS1

QWRAP BRIEFING

Ownership and management of urban water and sewerage services (WSS) by Queensland councils has been brought into question by a number of national studies. In other Australian jurisdictions, management of WSS is undertaken by large authorities that are usually state-owned. Internationally, regionalisation and corporatisation of WSS has been increasing for three decades.

The Queensland Water Regional Alliances Program (QWRAP) was created in 2012 by the LGAQ and Queensland Water Directorate (*qldwater*) in response to three national reviews calling for reform of the Queensland's council WSS. The program seeks to review costs and benefits of regional approaches and to encourage collaboration among councils. To date, five regions encompassing over 30 councils have agreed to participate in QWRAP including the Downs and Surat Basin (DASB) group which agreed to a Terms of Reference in 2016.

The attached briefing prepared by *qldwater* provides a background to the development of the QWRAP, an update on progress to date in the DASB region and a description of the proposed direction of the group. All councils in the DASB region are being asked to reconfirm ongoing participation in the Program as matching funding is available for QWRAP projects selected by the group.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the Queensland Water Regional Alliances Program (QWRAP) briefing be noted.

CARRIED

The order of business was changed with the confidential items discussed prior to CES – Community and Environmental Services.

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MEETING CLOSURE

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

Council go into its Meeting as a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing confidential items in accordance with Section 275(h) CCFS1, Inquiry into the Integrity of the Water Market in the Murray-Darling Basin; Section 275(d) CCFS2, Community Rates Support Program 2017-2018 and Section 275(e) Local Government Regulations 2012, CIFS1, Tender BSC 17/18 – T03 - Disposal of Surplus Vehicles. The time of the meeting closure was 1:50pm.

.CARRIED

MEETING REOPENING

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council go into its Meeting as an Open Meeting, the time being 1:58pm.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CCFS1

INQUIRY INTO THE INTEGRITY OF THE WATER MARKET IN THE MURRAY-DARLING BASIN

The Rural and Regional Affairs & Transport References Committee is seeking submissions to an inquiry into the integrity of the water market in the Murray-Darling Basin. The Committee states '*you should not release your submission to anyone until the committee advises you that it has been accepted and published.*'

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council make a submission to the Inquiry into the Integrity of the Water Market in the Murray-Darling Basin and keep it confidential until the Rural and Regional Affairs References Committee advises that it may be published.

CARRIED

CCFS2

COMMUNITY RATES SUPPORT PROGRAM 2017/2018

Community Rates Support Program 2017/2018

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

In accordance with Section 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant the rate rebate as per the guidelines of the Community Rates Support Program.

CARRIED

(CIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

CIFS1

TENDER BSC17/18-T03 - DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS VEHICLES

That in accordance with Section 275(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council closes the meeting to the public in order to discuss contracts proposed to be made by the Balonne Shire Council.

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Executive Summary

That Council accepts submissions for tender BSC17/18-T03 – Disposal of Surplus Vehicles.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council accepts the tender submissions for BSC17/18-T03 – Disposal of Surplus Vehicles and approves the following recommendations for sale (GST incl):

Holden Commodore station wagon	176-RQQ	\$5,280	Brent Kratzman
Toyota Hilux 4x2 tipper Ute	583-MXD	\$15,180	David Kings
Ford Transit truck	767-MCN	\$16,200	Pickles Auctions

Tenders for the Holden Commodore Berlina sedan (250-RTP) not be accepted and Council retain this vehicle for operational purposes.

CARRIED

Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) left the meeting at 2pm.

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1

MCU 159 APPLICATION FOR A MATERIAL CHANGE OF USE - TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITY - 'KENDAL' 3750 CASTLEREAGH HIGHWAY, ST GEORGE LOT 2 BLM806197

Council has received a development application from NBN for a Material Change of Use for telecommunications facility located at 'Kendal' 3750 Castlereagh Highway, St George described as Lot 2 on BLM806197.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approves the development application MCU 159 Application for a Material Change of Use - Telecommunications Facility - 'Kendal' 3750 Castlereagh Highway, St George Lot 2 BLM806197

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS

Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation

3. The development must be carried out generally in accordance with the Balonne Shire Council stamped/approved plan(s) and supporting documentation referenced in the table below which forms part of this approval, unless otherwise specified by any condition of this approval.

Plan/Document number	Plan/Document name	Date
4STG-54-05-DIRN-C2	Overall Site Plan	18/07/2017
4STG-54-05-DIRN-C3	Site Set-out Plan	18/07/2017
4STG-54-05-DIRN-C4	Site Elevation	18/07/2017

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4STG-54-05-DIRN-C5	Allotment Plan	18/07/2017
4STG-54-05-DIRN-A1	NBN Antenna Configuration & Set-out Plan	18/07/2017

Approved Development

4. The approved development is for a Material Change of Use MCU 159 Application for a Material Change of Use - Telecommunications Facility - 'Kendal' 3750 Castlereagh Highway, St George Lot 2 BLM806197 as shown on the approved plans.
5. All conditions of the approval shall be complied with before the change occurs (prior to the commencement of the use) and while the use continues, unless otherwise noted within the conditions.
6. All costs associated with compliance with these conditions shall be the responsibility of the developer unless otherwise noted.

Hours of Operation

7. Construction hours for the development are restricted to 6.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive. Construction activities are not permitted on Sunday's and Public Holidays.

Safety

8. Install, operate and maintain remote monitored obstacle lighting generally in accordance with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority's (CASA) Manual of Standards (MOS).

Avoiding Nuisance

9. Any lighting shall be directed or shielded so as to ensure that no glare directly affects nearby properties.
10. The site shall be maintained in a clean and orderly state, at all times to Council's satisfaction.
11. Noise emissions from the development shall not cause environmental harm of nuisance to adjoining properties or "Sensitive Land Uses" in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008*.
12. Air emissions from the development shall not cause environmental harm of nuisance to adjoining properties or "Sensitive Land Uses" in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2008*.

Waste Management

13. All waste generated from construction of the premises must be effectively controlled onsite before disposal. All waste must be disposed of in accordance with the *Environmental Protection (Waste Management) Regulation 2000*.

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Environmental - Stormwater – Drainage

14. There must be no increase in any silt loads or contaminants in any overland flow from the property during the development process and after development has been completed.
15. During construction, soil erosion and sediment shall be managed in accordance with *Schedule 7: “Standards for Construction Activity” of the Balonne Shire Planning Scheme 2006*.

Access, Parking & Manoeuvring

16. Horizontal and Vertical Sight distance at access point to Castlereagh Highway must not be less than 110 metres.
17. Width of tower access road must be adequate at the Castlereagh Highway access turnout for intended maximum size vehicle during tower construction and maintenance and a minimum width of 25 metres at the Castlereagh Highway edge of shoulder.
18. Vehicle crossover surface must not be higher than Castlereagh Highway existing table drain at the table drain invert.
19. Minimum pavement depth of 300 mm is required on the access road for a distance of not less than 25 metres from Castlereagh Highway edge of shoulder or to the shire road boundary.
20. Vehicle access and manoeuvring shall be maintained in accordance with relevant criteria of Schedule 2: *“Standards for Roads, Car Parking, Access and Manoeuvring Areas” of the Balonne Shire Planning Scheme*.
21. The developer shall be responsible for construction and maintenance of vehicle crossovers from the road carriageway to the property boundary and for obtaining any approvals that may be required, and for complying with the applicable designs and standards.
22. Ensure loading and unloading operations are conducted wholly within the site and vehicles enter and exit the site in a forward direction.

NOTES:

- *This permit does not constitute any authority to carry out any building work, operational work or a different use to what is currently established and permitted under this approval unless all relevant permits are obtained.*
- *Nothing in this permit hereby issued approves the clearing of native vegetation.*
- *The Balonne Shire Council Planning Scheme 2006 identifies the site as being affected by the Flood Hazard Overlay. Specifically, Map R8 – B3 Page 6 of 10 identifies the minimum habitable finished floor level (MHFFL) for the site to be 1.0 metre above natural ground. Accordingly it is advised by Council that the proposed elevated steel*

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platform be constructed at minimum to this height to minimise the potential of inundation to the telecommunications facility in a flood event.

- Connection to the electricity supply network will require separate consent from Ergon Energy. Council has no jurisdiction over this infrastructure.
- This development approval does not authorise any activity that may harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. Under the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 you have a duty of care in relation to such heritage. Section 23(1) provides that 'A person who carries out an activity must take all reasonable and practicable measures to ensure the activity does not harm Aboriginal cultural heritage. It may therefore be prudent for you to carry out searches, consultation, or a cultural heritage assessment to ascertain in the presence or otherwise of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Further information on cultural heritage responsibilities of developers can be obtained from the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

CARRIED

CES2

COMMUNITY DONATION, SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS PROGRAM

Council has received two requests for assistance under the Community Donation, Sponsorship and Grants program.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council resolves to approve the Community Donations Sponsorship and Grants application as follows:

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT APPROVED
St George & District Fishing & Restocking Club	Annual Fishing Competition	\$250
St George Art Group	Brush Strokes Art Exhibition	\$250

CARRIED

Mrs Di Francisco (Environmental Health Officer) entered the meeting at 2:11pm.

CES3

REQUEST FOR SITING VARIATION, 136-138 ST GEORGES TERRACE ST GEORGE BEING LOT 31 ON RP847066

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a siting variation for a proposed garden shed to be located at 136-138 St Georges Terrace, St George being Lot 31 RP847066.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approve the proposed siting variation, allowing construction of the proposed garden shed to a minimum distance of 0.1 metres from the southern side boundary of the property at 136-138 St Georges Terrace, St George.

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3. A boundary identification survey is recommended prior to construction.

CARRIED

The order of proceedings changed with CES6 discussed prior to CES4.

Cr O'Toole declared a material personal interest in accordance with Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, CES6, RL 91 – Application for Reconfiguration of A Lot – Boundary Realignment (3 Into 2 Lots) – 8-10 Scott Street and 52 St Georges Terrace, St George, Affecting Land Described As Lot 2 on RP86667, Lot 6 on RP107223 and Lot 2 on RP77209. She left the meeting at 2:17pm.

CES6

RL 91 - APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT - BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT (3 INTO 2 LOTS) - 8-10 SCOTT STREET & 52 ST GEORGES TERRACE, ST GEORGE AFFECTING LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 2 ON RP86667, LOT 6 ON RP107223 AND LOT 2 ON RP77209

Council has received a development application from the owner for Reconfiguration of a Lot specifically boundary realignment (3 into 2 lots) located at 8-10 Scott Street & 52 St Georges Terrace, St George affecting land described as Lot 2 on RP86667, Lot 6 on RP107223 and Lot 2 on RP77209.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approves the development application for a RL 91 - Application for Reconfiguration of a Lot - Boundary Realignment (3 into 2 Lots) - 8-10 Scott Street & 52 St Georges Terrace, St George affecting land described as Lot 2 on RP86667, Lot 6 on RP107223 and Lot 2 on RP77209 subject to the permit conditions listed below;

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. Compliance with the facts and circumstances set out in the application and all Council By-laws being adhered to and generally in accordance with the approved plan (except where varied by conditions of approval).
2. All outstanding rates and charges shall be paid prior to the submission to Council of the Plan of Survey.
3. Comply with all conditions of this approval prior to submitting the Plan of Subdivision to Council for endorsement unless otherwise agreed in writing by Council.
4. Maintain the approved development being Reconfiguring a Lot – Boundary Realignment (3 into 2) in accordance with the approved plan:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Name	Date
217078 Prepared by SMK Consultants Pty Ltd.	PLAN OF PROPOSED BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT BETWEEN LOT 2 ON RP86667, LOT 6 ON RP107223 & LOT 2 ON RP77209	11/08/2017

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Engineering

5. Submit to Council a certificate signed by a licensed surveyor, stating that after the completion of all works associated with the subdivision, survey marks, including permanent survey marks, were reinstated where necessary and all survey marks are in their correct position, in accordance with the Plan of Survey.
6. Where deemed necessary by Council, the relocation of services within the subject land shall be undertaken by the developer at no cost to Council.

NOTES:

- *This permit does not constitute any authority to carry out any building work, operational work or a different use to what is currently established unless all relevant permits are obtained.*

CARRIED

Cr O'Toole returned to the meeting at 2:22pm. Ms Fiona Macleod (Planning and Development Officer) left the meeting at 2:22pm.

CES4 **LOCAL LAW - REPEAL OF LOCAL LAWS**

To understand and commit to the Local Law adopting process contained in attachment 1 and the associated proposed workshop with King & Co.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

Council attend the information Briefing/Workshop Session to be held on the 6 October by King & Co.

CARRIED

Mrs Di Francisco (Environmental Health Officer) left the meeting at 2:34pm. Mrs Mareea Lochel (Community and Business Development Officer) entered the meeting at 2:35pm.

CES5 **QMDC ABORIGINAL RANGERS SPRAYING TEAM - PREFERRED SUPPLIER FOR ELEMENT 5 TMR ROAD RESERVE SPRAYING 2017/18**

Due to the lack of qualified and suitably equipped spraying contractors within the Balonne Shire Council, the Manager of Rural Services is seeking support to continue the use of the Queensland Murray Darling Committee (QMDC) Aboriginal Ranger Spray Team for spraying operations on Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) controlled roads under Element 5 funding – this team has been working with Balonne Shire Council as a contractor for two years.

Not only are these sprayers very efficient and effective, but this also provides employment opportunities for indigenous workers living in the St George community. Currently the Balonne Shire Council has policies and protocols in place to tender for contracts under the vendor panel (Preferred Suppliers), however in some cases agencies such as QMDC (a Not-for-Profit) are utilised to complete funded projects like weed eradication for natural resource management outcomes.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Balonne Shire Council resolve to utilise the QMDC Aboriginal Rangers in addition to RMPC crews to ensure full eradication of declared weeds on TMR controlled roads within the Balonne Shire Councils borders through the Element 5 program during the 2017/18 financial year.

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REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND OUT OF ROUND FUNDING

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a state and local government partnership that supports local artist and arts and cultural activities in Queensland Communities. Council received three applications out-of-round funding requests. These applications have been assessed by the RADF Reference Panel and have been determined to comply with the appropriate assessment criteria as detailed through the Balonne Shire RADF Program.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That:

1. That Council ratify and approve the RADF applications from Aussie Quick Quilts and St George Arts Council as follows:

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT APPROVED
Aussie Quick Quilts	Quick Quilt Workshop Dirranbandi	\$2,500
St George Arts Council	Tiffany & Maddison's Botox Party	\$900
TOTAL		\$3,400

The Thallon Progress Association submission for the Back from the Brink project be denied as it does conform to the RADF funding criteria and the Association will be informed of the decision.

CARRIED

Mrs Mareea Lochel (Community and Business Development Officer) left the meeting at 2:51pm. Mr Jamie Gorry (Director of Community and Environmental Sustainability) left the meeting at 2:59pm.

INFORMATION REPORTS

(ICEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ICEO1 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Communications Officer Monthly Report for the month of August 2017.

(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

ICFS1 MONTHLY REPORT - FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES

Monthly Report for Finance & Corporate Services for the month of August 2017.

ICFS2 WHS MONTHLY REPORT

WHS Monthly Information Report for the month of August 2017.

ICFS3 FINANCE INFORMATION REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

Finance Information Report for the period ended 31 August 2017.

(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

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MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

From the Director of Infrastructure Services - reporting for the month of August 2017.

(ICES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ICES1

MONTHLY REPORT

The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the month of August 2017 is presented for Council's consideration.

ICES2

MONTHLY REPORT

Manager of Rural Services report for August 2017 is presented to Council for information.

ICES3

SUBMITTED MINUTES FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS IN BALONNE

Community Groups and organisations throughout the Balonne Shire have submitted their minutes to Council for Councillors' information.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 3pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 26 October 2017.

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