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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 December 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), Mr Jamie Gorry (Director Community & Environmental Services) and Mr Ross Drabble (Director Infrastructure Services).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Financial and Corporate Services).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That the Minutes of the General Meeting held on 16th November, 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Sheehan Events will meet with Council in January about a Dirranbandi community fundraiser on 2nd June 2018. The company hope to bring musicians Paul Kelly, Hoodoo Gurus and Sheppard to Dirranbandi for the event.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil.

DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council receive and note the Councillor reports on their activities during the preceding month.

CARRIED

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Todd advised that he would be declaring a perceived conflict of interest in CCFS1 St George Levee Bank and would refrain from voting as one of the affected property owners is an employee and former business partner.

Cr Gaske also declared a perceived conflict of interest in CCFS1 St George Levee Bank as her husband owns a home on the wet side of the levee bank.

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Cr Fuhrmeister advised that she would be declaring a perceived conflict of interest in FCS5 St George Heritage Centre – Trustee Lease and CCFS4 Financial Assistance to the St George Heritage Centre, as she is the committee chair.

MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1 **PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY**

Public Interest Disclosure Policy - revised

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the revised Public Interest Disclosure Policy, as attached be adopted by Council.

CARRIED

Mrs Karen Searle (Manager of Finance and Corporate Services) entered the meeting at 9:38am.

FCS2 **LEASE OF PART OF BOLLON DEPOT**

Lease of Part of Bollon Depot

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council enter into a new lease of part of the Bollon Depot Lot 2 RP 55182 (Lease A) for five year period expiring 30th September 2022 to Mr Roland Roy Rayner and have it registered on the title.

CARRIED

FCS3 **AUDIT COMMITTEE 7TH DECEMBER 2017**

Audit Committee Minutes 7th December 2017

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the minutes of the Audit Committee 7th December 2017 be received and adopted by Council.

CARRIED

FCS4 **ICT STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES 8TH DECEMBER 2017**

Minutes of ICT Steering Committee 8th December 2017

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the minutes of the ICT Steering Committee 8th December 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED

Cr Fuhrmeister declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in accordance with Section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, in item CCFS4 Financial Assistance to the St George Heritage Centre as she is the chair of the St George Heritage Centre and refrained from voting on the matter. She left the meeting at 9:42am. The resolution regarding this matter was voted upon later in the meeting.

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Cr Fuhrmeister returned to the meeting at 9:53am.

FCS6 **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 30TH NOVEMBER 2017**

Financial Management Report for the period ended 30th November 2017.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending 30 November 2017, as tabled, be received and noted.

CARRIED

Mr Jamie Gorry (Director of Community and Environmental Services) entered the meeting at 10:04am.

FCS7 **COMMUNITY GRANTS AND ASSISTANCE POLICY**

Community Grants and Assistance Policy and Application Form

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the Community Grants and Assistance Policy and Application Form be adopted with amendments.

CARRIED

Mrs Karen Searle (Manager of Finance and Corporate Services) left the meeting at 10:08am.

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1 **FUTHER DEALING OF SPECIAL LEASE 20/50838 BEING LOT 105 ON BLM1197**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the renewal *or* conversion to freehold of Special Lease – 20/50838 located on Lot 105 on BLM1197.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Council does not object to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines granting a new lease over the subject area identified as Lot 105 on BLM1197 subject to existing lease conditions being carried over.
2. Council does not object to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines converting the subject area lease identified as Lot 105 BLM1197 for freehold tenure subject to the appropriate application process as considered under the *Land Act 1994*.
3. Council advises that the property is on the Contaminated Land Register. Subsequently, any future activity may be restricted / additional measures required prior to using the site beyond existing conditions.

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CES2 **RL 93 - APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT - BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT (4 INTO 2 LOTS) - 901 WAGOO ROAD AND "WILLOW PARK" WAGOO ROAD, ST GEORGE AFFECTING LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 901 ON SP245664, LOT 902 ON SP245664, LOT 4 ON BEL5380 AND LOT 16 ON BEL5391**

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Council has received a development application from the owner for Reconfiguration of a Lot, specifically boundary realignment (4 into 2 lots) located at 901 Wagoo Road & "Willow Park" Wagoo Road, St George affecting land described as Lot 901 on SP245664, Lot 902 on SP245664, Lot 4 on BEL5380 and Lot 16 on BEL5391.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approves the development application for a RL 93 - Application for Reconfiguration of a Lot - Boundary Realignment (4 into 2 Lots) - 901 Wagoo Road and "Willow Park" Wagoo Road, St George affecting land described as Lot 901 on SP245664, Lot 902 on SP245664, Lot 4 on BEL5380 and Lot 16 on BEL5391 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 (4 into 2) in accordance with the approved plan:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Name	Date
213122-1 Prepared by SMK Consultants Pty Ltd.	PLAN OF PROPOSED BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT OF LOTS 901 & 902 SP245664, LOT 4 BEL5380 & LOT 16 BEL5391 WAGOO RD. ST.GEORGE	N/A

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:

- *Nothing in this permit hereby issued approves the clearing of native vegetation.*
- *This permit does not constitute any authority to carry out any building work,*

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operational work or a different use to what is currently established unless all relevant permits are obtained.

- *Both Lot 901 and Lot 902 are affected by the Flood Hazard Overlay. Any future development on these lots will be subject to the requirements of the Flood Hazard Overlay Code and depending on the use will have mandatory minimum finished floor level requirements that new structures must be constructed to.*
- *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.*

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CES3

PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF STATE LAND AT 102-110 BARWON STREET, MUNGINDI DESCRIBED AS LOT 58 ON M2394

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the potential disposal of state land at 102-110 Barwon Street, Mungindi described as Lot 58 on M2394.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That:

1. Council does not hold any interest in the property located at 102-110 Barwon Street, Mungindi identified as Lot 58 on M2394.

NOTES:

Council advises of the current Gamilaraay People Native Title Claim lodged for registration with the National Native Tribunal which area covers Mungindi. Therefore, as appropriate, Native Title requirements must be met in accordance with the *Native Title Act 1993*.

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CES4

RL 94 - APPLICATION FOR RECONFIGURATION OF A LOT - DIVIDING LAND INTO PARTS BY AGREEMENT (LEASE EXCEEDING 10 YEARS) - 'KINLYN' 565 SALMON ROAD, ST GEORGE AFFECTING LAND DESCRIBED AS LOT 61 ON BEL5321

Council has received a development application from Sun Spot 2 Pty Ltd for Reconfiguration of a Lot specifically dividing land into parts by agreement (lease exceeding 10 years) located at 'Kinlyn' 565 Salmon Road, St George affecting land described as Lot 61 on BEL5321.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Todd seconded:

1. Council receives this report.
2. Council approves the development application for a RL 94 - Application for Reconfiguration of a Lot - Dividing land into parts by agreement (lease exceeding 10 years) - 'Kinlyn' 565 Salmon Road, St George affecting land described as Lot 61 on BEL5321 subject to the permit conditions

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listed below;

DEVELOPMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS

Approved Plans

1. The development shall be carried out generally in accordance with the Approved Plan/s listed below, subject to and modified by the conditions of this approval:

Plan/Document Number	Plan/Document Name	Date
135693-1 – Prepared by RPS Australia East Pty Ltd	PROPOSED LEASE IN LOT 61 ON BEL5321 – 565 SALMON ROAD, ST GEORGE	27 November 2017

2. Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this development approval and the details shown on the Approved Plans, the conditions of this development approval must prevail.

Approved Development

3. The approved development is Reconfiguring a Lot (Dividing Land into Parts by Agreement - Lease for a Period Exceeding 10 years) as shown on the Approved Plans.
4. The term of this approval is 10 years from the date of registration of each lease. The total approval period will be 30 years.
5. A copy of the registered lease is to be provided to Council once the lease is registered.

Note: If the applicant does not provide a copy of the lease once it is registered, the commencement date of the term of the lease will be taken from the date the development approval was issued.

Compliance, Timing and Costs

6. All conditions of the approval shall be complied with before Council's endorsement of the Plan of Survey and whilst the use continues, unless otherwise noted within these conditions.
7. All costs associated with compliance with these conditions shall be the responsibility of the developer unless otherwise noted.
8. The Plan of Survey shall not be executed until a letter of compliance is received demonstrating the development's compliance with all conditions of this approval.

Fees and Charges

9. All fees, rates, interest and other charges levied on the property, shall be paid in full, in accordance with the rate at the time of payment.

Vehicle Access

10. No direct access is permitted off Carnarvon Highway to the site at any time. Access to the

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development must occur from Salmon Road.

11. Vehicle access, manoeuvring and parking shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with Schedule 2: "Standards for Roads, Car Parking, Access and Manoeuvring Areas" of the Balonne Shire Planning Scheme.

NOTES:

- *Nothing in this permit hereby issued approves the clearing of native vegetation.*
- *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.*
- *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.*

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CES5

PROPOSED ST GEORGE 339 CHAMPIONSHIPS RALLY EVENT - TOWN EXTENSION RESERVE - LOT 12 CROWN PLAN 898986

Council has received correspondence from South East Queensland off Road Rally Association (SEQORRA) local representative seeking in principal support and permission for the Town Extension Reserve described as Lot 12 on Crown Plan 898986 to host an off Road Race Rally Event.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That:

1. Council accepts this report.
2. Council provide in principal support to the off road race rally event for 4-6 May (tentative dates) 2018 on 'Town Extension' Reserve Lot 12 on Crown Plan 898986 subject to conditions (see below).
3. Council identify within the permit issued to the event organiser that the site is located within an area that may have cultural heritage significance. Accordingly, the event organiser is to ensure duty of care requirements have been met in accordance with *Native Title Act 1993* and *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*.
4. Council inform the event organiser that should the event be proposed to occur on 'Town Extension' Reserve Lot 12 on Crown Plan 898986 for any dates beyond 4-6 May (tentative dates) 2018, the event organiser will be required to write into Council again formally seeking permission to use the reserve.
5. Council supply the wheelie bins for the event with the event organiser collecting and returning the bins and the fees be waived. If the bins are returned damaged the organisation will be charged the full replacement cost of the bin/s;

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6. Council supply the 'Road Closure' signs for the event, with payment of a refundable bond of \$180.00 and a private works form signed and the event organiser to collect and return the signs. Collection of the signs will be from the Council Depot on Thursday prior and returning of signs on Tuesday after the event;
7. The Event Organiser has requested that Council supplies 1000m of orange bunting and 100-200 steel pickets for the event; Council does not have these resources readily available and it is recommended that the Event Organiser seeks an external service provider (such as, Coates Hire, Master Hire, etc.) to supply these materials.

Conditions to form part of the Trustee Permit

8. *Prior to the event*, written consent from the trustee lessee to the event organiser permitting the use over the land must be provided to Council.
9. *Prior to the event*, a copy of the event organiser's public liability insurance (minimum \$20,000,000) must be provided to Council.
10. *Prior to the event*, a signed indemnity agreeing to keep indemnified the Minister administering the Land Act 1994 (Qld), the State of Queensland, all Crown Instrumentalities, and Local Government (the "Indemnified parties") against, all actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, losses, damages and expenses ("Claim") arising out of or resulting from the use and occupation of Township Reserve (Lot 12 on crown plan 898986) for the event must be provided to Council.
11. *Prior to the event* an Event Management Plan must be supplied to Council; and
12. Eight (8) portable toilets to be erected on site prior to the event commencing; and
13. Designated spectator areas inclusive of barriers are to be erected prior to the event commencing; and
14. Designated spectator crossing should be erected prior to the event commencing; and
15. Where food and refreshments are served a temporary food stall permit will need to be approved by Council prior to the event commencing; and
16. To supply a site plan inclusive of proposed locations, temporary structures (e.g. tents, portable toilets, waste bins), to Council prior to the event commencing
17. The organisers must take all reasonable and practical measure to minimise noise nuisance;
18. The organisers must take all reasonable and practical measure to minimise any environmental nuisance.
19. No vegetation is permitted to be cleared at any time to facilitate the event.

NOTE:

This approval by Council is based on the truthfulness and accuracy of the documents

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supplied by the event organiser (see attachments and website). The information contained in the documents and attachments (refer to website) must be adhered to at all times during the event.

CARRIED

Mrs Di Francisco (Environmental Health Officer) entered the meeting at 10:27am.

CES10 **UPDATE FROM KING & CO ON LOCAL LAWS**

A legal opinion was obtained from King & Co in regard to working dogs located within the designated town areas of the Balonne Shire.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That this report be received and the information contained in this report be workshopped at the earliest Councillor Information Workshop to be held in January 2018.

CARRIED

CES6 **A RESOLUTION TO START THE LOCAL LAW MAKING PROCESS INCLUSIVE OF ANTI-COMPETITIVE PROVISIONS**

Council is currently drafting new Model Local Laws and their Subordinate Local Laws for adoption and implementation in 2018.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That the matter be held over pending further information workshops.

CARRIED

CES7 **REVIEW OF WATER FLUORIDATION - ST GEORGE WATER SUPPLY**

To review Water Fluoridation – St George Water Supply

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council receives this report and supports the previous decision made by Council not to add fluoride to the St George water supply.

CARRIED

Mrs Mareea Lochel (Community and Business Development Officer) entered the meeting at 11:06am. Mrs Di Francisco (Environmental Health Officer) left the meeting at 11:06am.

CES8 **COMMUNITY DONATION, SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS PROGRAM**

The Balonne Shire Council is committed to assisting community organisations whose activities provide benefit to Balonne Shire's communities. The application process for the Community Donation, Sponsorship and Grants program is designed to ensure that all assistance is provided in an equitable and accountable manner for projects and events that meet the cultural, community, education and recreational needs of the Balonne Shire.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

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

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follows:

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT APPROVED
Dirranbandi P&A	Gold Sponsorship – 2018 Dirranbandi Show	\$1,000

CARRIED

CES9

MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR JACK DWYER

Council has received a request from Jack Dwyer's family to erect a memorial plaque in memory of Mr Dwyer in the said name park in Dirranbandi.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Council approve the request for a memorial plaque for Jack Dwyer at the said name park in Dirranbandi.
2. Location of the monument will be in consultation with the Dirranbandi Community.
3. Through the Community Donation and Sponsorship program Council will donate a maximum of \$250 towards the purchase the brush stone to mount the plaque.

CARRIED

Mrs Mareea Lochel (Community and Business Development Officer) and Mr Jamie Gorry (Director of Community and Environmental Services) left the meeting at 11:10am. The meeting adjourned for morning tea at 11:10am. The meeting reconvened at 11:32am.

MEETING CLOSURE

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council go into its meeting as a Closed Meeting for the purpose of discussing confidential items in accordance with Section 275(e), (g), (h) CCEO1 Disposal of Surplus Council Land at St George Airport; Section 275(f) CCFS2 St George Levee Bank; Section 275(e) Trades and Gravel Supply Preferred Supplier Arrangements; Section 275(f) CCFS3 Administrative Complaint – Procurement; Section 275(e), (h) CIFS1 H & L North Request to Connect to St George Bore Water and Section 275(e) CIFS2 Building Our Regions – Andrew Street St George (Kerb and Channel). The time of the meeting closure was 11:32am.

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MEETING REOPENING

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council go into its meeting as an Open Meeting, the time being 12:58pm.

CARRIED

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(CCEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CCEO1

DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS COUNCIL LAND AT ST GEORGE AIRPORT

Council has received an expression of interest from a local business to acquire a portion of land located at the St George Airport.

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Cr Paul moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That in accordance with Section 236 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council invite Expressions of Interest (EOI) from prospective purchasers to acquire a portion of 130-152 Grey Street, St George (Lot 10 RP882935).

CARRIED

Crs Gaske and Todd declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in accordance with Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, in the following item on the agenda and refrained from voting on the matter. They left the meeting during discussion about this matter at 11:54am and returned at 12:20pm. They also left the meeting when the resolution was voted upon at 1.02pm and returned at 1:05pm when voting concluded.

(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CCFS1

ST GEORGE LEVEE BANK

Meetings with Landholders St George Levee Bank – Status Report

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the matter be held over to the councillor information workshop at 9am on 10th January 2018.

CARRIED

Crs Gaske and Todd returned to the meeting at 1:05pm.

CCFS2

TRADES AND GRAVEL SUPPLY PREFERRED SUPPLIER ARRANGEMENTS

Preferred Supplier Arrangement – Trades and Gravel Supply

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

1. That the following suppliers be appointed to the Trades preferred supplier arrangement in the following categories:

Builders

1. Wildman Building Trust
2. Cameron Rogan Construction

Carpenters

1. Cameron Rogan Construction
2. BJ McCulloch

Electricians

1. Beeson's Electrical and Refrigeration Pty Ltd
2. Vaughan's Electrical Services Pty Ltd
3. Cameron Barker Electrical

Plumbers

1. Scott's Plumbing Pty Ltd

Fixed Fencing Contractors

1. Balonne Fencing Services Pty Ltd
2. Schurmann Fencing

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Painters and Decorators

1. TA & WD Salmon

Pest Controllers

1. Amalgamated Pest Control
2. GT's Pest Control

Air Conditioning Maintenance and Repairs

1. Beeson's Electrical and Refrigeration Pty Ltd
2. MFE Pty Ltd

General Handyman Services

1. Clayton G Jones

Miscellaneous

1. Andersen's Carpet - Carpet Laying
2. LA Dowe - Cleaning
3. Roma Fire Fighting Equipment - Fire Fighting Equipment and Maintenance
4. Tunnel Boring Australia Pty Ltd - Tunnel Boring

And

2. That Council adopt the following suppliers for gravel and other road building materials preferred supplier arrangement:
 1. CD & AL Stewart
 2. Tierney Crushing & Transport Pty Ltd
 3. St George Excavators Pty Ltd
 4. K & D Hadenfeldt Pty Ltd
 5. Johnstone Quarries Pty Ltd
 6. South West Water Trucks Pty Ltd
 7. Corbet Timber Haulage
 8. Sidedump Industries Australia Pty Ltd

CARRIED

CCFS3

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT - PROCUREMENT

Administrative Complaint - Procurement

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

1. That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer under Section 257(1)(b) authority to enter into a Deed of Discharge with the complainant.
2. That this matter remain confidential under Section 275(f) of the Local Government Regulations 2012.

CARRIED

Mr Ross Drabble (Director of Infrastructure Services) entered the meeting at 12:27pm.

Mrs Karen Searle (Manager of Financial Sustainability) entered the meeting at 12:33pm.

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Cr Fuhrmeister left declared a perceived Conflict of Interest in accordance with Section 173 of the Local Government Act 2009, in the following two items on the agenda and refrained from voting on these matter. She left the meeting during discussion about these matter at 12:29pm and returned at 12:45pm. She also left the meeting when the resolutions were voted upon at 1.07pm and returned at 1:22pm when voting concluded.

FCS5

ST GEORGE HERITAGE CENTRE - TRUSTEE LEASE

St George Heritage Centre – Trustee Lease

Cr Scriven moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the matter be held over until later in the meeting to be discussed at the same time as CCFS4 Financial Assistance to the St George Heritage Centre.

Carried

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Todd seconded:

1. That Council delegate to the Chief Executive Officer under Section 257(1)(b) the Local Government Act 2009 to enter into a Trustee Lease for a period of 30 years with a peppercorn rental of \$1 per annum with the St George Heritage Centre for Lot 182 BLM 1186 Lindores Street, St George.
2. That the St George Heritage Centre be responsible for the payment of applicable annual rates and charges over Lot 182 BLM 1886. The St George Heritage Centre is encouraged to apply for assistance under the community rates support program.
3. That Council bear the cost of the application to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and legal fees incurred in the establishment of the trustee lease.
4. That the previous conditions apply to the St George Heritage Centre to cover the cost of the relocation and leave the current site in a clean and tidy condition.
5. The Director of Finance and Corporate Services is to pursue an amendment to the lease on the existing site in Victoria Street to include cultural or heritage purposes.

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CCFS4

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE ST GEORGE HERITAGE CENTRE

Council has received a request from the St George Heritage Centre for financial assistance in the form of an annual donation to cover fees and charges from the Balonne Shire Council for their rate account.

Cr Paul moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That:

1. Encourage the Association to apply for support under the Community Rates Support Program in accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and Council grant the rate rebate as per the guidelines of the Community Rates Support Program.
2. Council investigate the feasibility of establishing a Community Museum program that supports local museums to provide the community with access to local history and artefacts for the 2018/19 financial year.

CARRIED

Mrs Karen Searle (Manager of Finance and Corporate Services) left the meeting at 12:45pm.
Cr Robyn Fuhrmeister entered the meeting at 1:22pm.

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(CIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

CIFS1

H & L NORTH REQUEST TO CONNECT TO ST GEORGE BORE WATER

Harry and Laura North of 53-71 Whytes Road, St George had requested connection to the towns reticulated bore water supply. Advice from Council's Project Engineer – Water, Sewerage and Infrastructure was that they were not entitled to a connection as they were outside the current water service area, and that any variation to this advice would require Council approval. Harry and Laura North subsequently submitted a written request seeking Council approval for the connection.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

1. That Council receives this report;
2. Council acknowledges receipt of the North's letter dated 25/09/2017; and
3. Council denies the request for connection because they are outside the current defined water service area.

CARRIED

CIFS2

BUILDING OUR REGIONS - ANDREW STREET ST GEORGE (KERB AND CHANNEL)

Council is constructing the Building Our Regions (BOR) project Andrew Street, St George (Kerb and Channel). The scope of works included preparatory earthworks and placement of concrete kerb each side of the entire length of Andrew Street. This Council Report addresses contract award of this scope of work.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That Council approve contract award for earthworks and placement of kerb and channel as part of the Building Our Regions (BOR) Andrew Street, St George (kerb and channel) project to **D and D Concrete Services** (Quote No. 115). The value of the contract being \$360,742.50.

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INFORMATION REPORTS

(ICEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ICEO1

MONTHLY REPORT

Information report from the Communications Officer regarding activities from 1 October 2017 through to 30 November 2017.

(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

ICFS1

DIRECTOR FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

Monthly report for November – December 2017 – Director Finance & Corporate Services.

ICFS2

MONTHLY FINANCE INFORMATION REPORT FOR PERIOD ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2017

Monthly Finance Information Report for period ended 30 November 2017.

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ICFS3 **SAFETY ADVISOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Monthly Safety Advisor Information Report for the period ended 30 November 2017.

(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IIFS1 **MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE DECEMBER 2017 COUNCIL MEETING**

From the Director of Infrastructure Services - reporting for the month of November.

(ICES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ICES1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

ICES2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE FOR MARCH 2018 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the March 2018 General Meeting of Council be held on Thursday, 22nd March 2018.

CARRIED

MURRAY DARLING ASSOCIATION STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Mayor Richard Marsh and Council Communications Officer Mrs Julie Davies attend the Murray Darling Association Strategic Planning Workshop in Albury on 30th and 31st January 2018. Cr Marsh is the association's Region 12 chair and Mrs Davies, the secretary.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 1:40pm.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 18th January 2018.

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MAYOR