



MINUTES

of the

General Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 19th July 2018

Commencing at 9:00am

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OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9:02am

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 Mark Stanton (Acting Director Community & Environmental Services Services) and Mr Ross Drabble (Director Infrastructure Services)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Todd moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting held on 28 June, 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 28 June, 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Marsh declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES8 St George Chinese Memorial Committee Request for Donation, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Marsh is patron of the St George Chinese Memorial Committee who is seeking a donation and their interest in this matter is financial.

Councillor Marsh advised he would voluntarily leave the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor O'Toole declared a Real Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr O'Toole is the Vice President of the St George & District Chamber of Commerce who has made an application for assistance under the Community Drought funding.

Councillor O'Toole advised she would voluntarily leave the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Scriven declared a Real Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CCES1, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Scriven is one of the applicants of the Exclusion Fence Funding "Marouga" Bore and one of the properties involved in this group is owned by Cr Scriven's Uncle and managed by Cr Scriven's brother.

Councillor Scriven advised he would voluntarily leave the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Fuhrmeister declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Fuhrmeister is the President of Care Balonne who is seeking a donation through the Community Drought funding.

Councillor Fuhrmeister advised she would voluntarily leave the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Fuhrmeister declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CCFS2, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Fuhrmeister is the president of Care Balonne Association Inc. who have requested financial support by way of a rating concession.

Councillor Fuhrmeister advised she would voluntarily leave the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Gaske declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Gaske's children attend St Patrick's School who are seeking a donation under the Community Drought Funding. Cr Gaske advised she is not on the P&C.

Cr Gaske, having given due consideration advised she would chose to vote on this matter in the public interest and request Council grant approval to remain in the meeting in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Scriven declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Scriven is a member of the St George High School P&C. Cr Scriven also has children who attend the school and Cr Scriven's wife works at the High School.

Cr Scriven, having given due consideration advised he would chose to vote on this matter in the public interest and request Council grant approval to remain in the meeting in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

NIL

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NIL

DEPUTATIONS

NIL

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

GREAT ARTESIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Cr Todd moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

Recommendation/s

Council noted and congratulated Fiona Gaske's appointment by Minister Lynham on the Great Artesian Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The CEO is to confirm with the LGAQ the terms of the appointment and the cost of travel.

NINDIGULLY BRIDGE

The CEO to follow up with the Nindigully Sporting Club on the planned works to make the bridge safe for the community.

MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

(CEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CEO1

LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 29-31 OCTOBER 2018 CALL FOR ATTENDEES

Annual Conference of the LGAQ to be held in Brisbane 29-31 October 2018.

Cr Todd moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That:

1. the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Cr Fuhrmeister and Chief Executive Officer attend the LGAQ Annual Conference in Brisbane, 29 – 31 October 2018; and
2. 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 29 – 31 October.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CEO2

2019 SHOW HOLIDAY FOR THE SHIRE OF BALONNE

Request for Show Holiday for the Shire of Balonne for 2019.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council apply for Monday 12th August 2019, as the official Show Holiday for the Balonne Shire.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1 ST GEORGE BOWLING CLUB - RENEWAL OF LEASE

St George Bowling Club – Renewal of Lease

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council approve the renewal of the St George Bowls Club lease over part of Lot 1 SP 299592 for an annual rental of \$104.00 plus utility charges for a period of 25 years expiring 30 June 2043 and increase the public liability requirement to \$20,000,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr O'Toole asked whether the St George Bowling Club had been consulted on amending the area of the lease to remove the 2nd bowling green. Director Finance & Corporate Services, Michelle Clarke advised that the St George Bowling Club had requested that the lease area remain the same.

FCS2 LEASE TO THALLON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION - WILLIAM THE WOMBAT

Lease to Thallon Progress Association for William the Wombat.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

1. That Council resolve to lease to the Thallon Progress Association part of Lot 90 Crown Plan BLM764 for the sculpture and surrounds shown in the Lease plan for William the Wombat;
2. That the purpose of the lease be for a community benefit and consistent with the terms and conditions of the Trustee Lease;
3. That public liability and maintenance of the sculpture be the responsibility of the Thallon Progress Association, as part of the terms and conditions of the lease;
4. That the lease be not more than 30 years at a peppercorn rental of \$2 per annum.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS3 REGIONAL SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE 2018

Regional Settlement Conference

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

1. That Council nominate that Cr Todd (or proxy) & Mareea Lochel to attend the Regional Settlement Conference in Toowoomba 13 – 14 August 2018
2. That in accordance with Section 162(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 2009 leave of absence be granted to the attending Councillor/s for the period 13 – 14 August 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS4 **AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES 27 JUNE 2018**

Audit Committee Minutes 27 June 2018

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That the Audit Committee minutes of 27 June 2018 be received and adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS5 **BUILDING AND OTHER FACILITIES USEFUL LIVES**

Building and Other Facilities Useful Lives – Review

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Todd seconded:

1. That the Building Assets Valuation Component Useful Lives Report, April 2018 and adjustment in depreciation by \$482,932 be adopted; and
2. The recommended useful lives in Table 5 of the Building Assets Valuation Component Useful Lives Report, April 2018 be endorsed by Council as at 30 June 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS6 **WAIVER REQUEST FOR SHOWGROUND HIRE FEES**

Waiver request for Showground Hire Fees

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council refuse the request to waiver the Showground hire fees on the grounds that this is an event that is sponsored and has the ability to recoup funding from the 250-300 attendees.

AMENDMENT

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council approve the request to waiver the Showground hire fees for the St George Cutting Horse Futurity Event from 25 – 29 July 2018.

The amendment was then put and carried.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS1 **MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2018 - INTERIM**

Monthly Finance Report period ending 30 June 2018 – Interim

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Todd seconded:

1. That the monthly Financial Management Report for the period ending June 2018, as tabled, be received and noted.
2. That council adopt the Asset Write Off Audit Trail report dated 27 June 2018 tabled at the Council meeting be adopted:
 - a) To acknowledge the gain/loss on sale of the fixed assets on page 2 in the write off summary which is the Gain/Loss on Sale \$306,388.73: and
 - b) To recognise the capital loss shown in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (note9) of (-\$297,101.00)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ross Drabble, Director Infrastructure Services entered the meeting at 10:30am

Meeting adjourned for Morning Tea at 10:40am and re-opened at 11:02am.

(IFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IFS1

ST GEORGE ROTARY CLUB DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY SIGNAGE

The Rotary Club of St George has requested that Balonne Shire Council erect three "St George Dementia Friendly Community!" signs at three town entrances on the Carnarvon Highway 24A, Carnarvon Highway 24B and Balonne Highway.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Balonne Shire Council supports the Rotary Club of St George Dementia Friendly Community program by erecting the three signs at St George town entrance locations, pending Department of Transport and Main Roads approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IFS2

GRID APPLICATION - CHAINAGE 66.26KM WOOLERINA RD AND 64.67KM FERNLEE RD - SINCLAIR HILL PASTORAL - JAYSON LARRACY

That Council consider the application for a stock grid on Woolerina Road and Fernlee Road, Bollon and it is recommended that Council approves the application.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council approves the retrospective application for the installation of a stock grid on Woolerina Road at chainage 66.26km and Fernlee Road at chainage 64.67km, subject to the following conditions:

- a. The grid width to be a minimum of 8 metres;
- b. 2 x 3.6m wide swinging machinery gates to be located alongside the grid;
- c. The grid shall be installed and maintained as per Council Local Law No 3;

- d. The grid wings be installed and maintained as per TMR specifications;
- e. The landowner shall maintain the grid in good condition and to the relevant standards;
- f. All future works on the grid shall be carried out and the roadway reinstated subject to the requirements of Council;
- g. The landowner shall comply with the requirements of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices – Part 3 *Works on Roads* during any works on the grid;
- h. The landowner shall take out Public Liability Insurance (minimum cover \$10,000,000) indemnifying persons who may suffer person injury or loss or damage as a result of the existence of or work on the grid;
- i. The installation, maintenance and all future work on the grid shall be at the expense of the applicant/landowner; and
- j. Details of the proposed grid specifications to be supplied to the Director of Infrastructure Services for assessment and approval.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

IFS3

ASSET MANGEMENT POLICY

The report contains a draft Asset Management Policy for consideration, and adoption by Council.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the Asset Management Policy, attached to this report, be adopted by Council.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr Mark Stanton (Acting Director Community & Environmental Services), Mrs Di Francisco, (Environmental Health Officer) & Ms Fiona McLeod, (Planning & Development Officer) entered the meeting at 11:09am.

Mr Ross Drabble, (Director Infrastructure Services) left the meeting at 11:11am.

(CES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CES1

PROPOSED NBN FACILITY LOCATED ON 'DIRRANBANDI COMMON' LOT 55 ON D30622 - SEEKING IN-PRINCIPAL SUPPORT FOR LOCATION

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider providing in-principal support for the proposed location of a NBN facility on 'Dirranbandi Common' Lot 55 on D30622.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Balonne Shire Council provide in-principal support to the proposed location for the NBN Facility subject to the following;
 - a) A trustee lease agreement is registered between NBN and Balonne Shire Council for the subject area;
 - b) Compliance with relevant legislative requirements specifically, development and building works approvals are obtained.
2. Balonne Shire Council advises the following;
 - a) Given the location of the proposed facility on state owned land, discussion occur with

Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME) on any tenure matters that need to be addressed prior to a trustee lease being entered into with Balonne Shire Council and development and building works approvals being applied for.

- b) The property is located within a registered current Native Title Claim – Yuwaalaraay/Euahlayi People and State of Queensland. Accordingly, additional requirements may be applicable prior to the lodgement of a development application for a Material Change of Use.
- c) The property is located outside the Dirranbandi Town Flood Levee. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Flood Hazard Overlay Code contained within the current *Balonne Shire Council Planning Scheme* is reviewed to ensure compliance and incorporate into the proposed design of the structure.
- d) Given the location of the proposed facility to Dirranbandi Aerodrome, it is recommended that consultation with Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) occurs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mrs Mareea Lochel (Acting Community and Libraries Coordinator) entered the meeting at 11:18am

CES2

BALONNE SHIRE'S RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) STRATEGY ADOPTION

From the Tourism Development Officer reporting on the Balonne Shire's Recreational Vehicle (RV) Strategy and the current and proposed site's costings.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That:

1. Council receives the Balonne Shire Recreational Vehicle (RV) Report with the following conditions:
 - a) The Final Report (61 page document) is for internal use only not for public use and a Strategy (of 4-6 pages) be developed for the Balonne Shire Council's website for community and Council use;
 - b) Council develop and implement an Environmental Management and Site Management Plan for all the sites;
 - c) Council develop a Register of Camping Locations for the Balonne Shire, below listed permanent and trial proposed sites:
 - i. Balonne Minor (Bollon-Dirranbandi Road) – 2km from Dirranbandi (Permanent Site)
 - ii. Recreational Grounds – Thallon (Permanent Site)
 - iii. Moonie River – Nindigully (Permanent Site)
 - iv. Wallam Creek – Bollon (Permanent Site)
 - v. Barwon River Parkland – Mungindi (Permanent Site)
 - vi. Whyenbah Road – 4km West of St George (Proposed Two Year Trial Site Location)
 - vii. Lindores Memorial Reserve – 6km South from St George (Proposed Two Year Trial Site Location)
 - d) Council develop a Recreational Vehicle (RV) and Freedom Camping Policy in line with the RV Strategy and the relevant Local Laws inclusive of "Leave No Trace" Policy, once the adoption of the Local Laws is completed;
 - e) Council develop an Overflow Policy for St George to provide overflow facilities within the town that will accommodate additional numbers of camping visitors when permanent caravan parks are operating at capacity;
 - f) Council consider and implement (where practical) the recommendations set out in the

- RV Strategy for the drafting of the Balonne Shire Council Planning Scheme.
- g) Council and Thallon Pub to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding Agreement (MOU) for the collection of camping fees and holding of keys for the Thallon Recreational Camping Area;
 - h) Council set the fees for the Low-Cost Camping sites such as, Thallon Recreational Camping Grounds – Powered Sites Only, and the two proposed sites for St George to be \$5.00 per night and this be added to the fees and charges;
 - i) The St George Sites be trialled for a two (2) year period and assessed further after this time;
 - j) Once the St George Sites are developed and operational, letters are required to be sent to TripAdvisor, Camps Australia and other Camping Sites advising that these two locations near St George are only a Two (2) Year Trial and Council to make a formal/permanent decision after the two years;
 - k) Council to update all signage at all camping locations in accordance with the Recreational Vehicle (RV) Strategy, Policy and Local Laws; and
 - l) Council to obtain the following RV Friendly status per town:
 - i. St George – Seek RV Friendly Town Status
 - ii. Dirranbandi – Seek RV Friendly Destination Status
 - iii. Thallon – Promote the existing status (RV Friendly Destination)
 - iv. Nindigully – Promote the existing status (RV Friendly Town)
 - v. Bollon – Seek RV Friendly Town Status
 - vi. Mungindi – Seek RV Friendly Destination Status
 - vii. Hebel – Seek RV Friendly Destination Status
 - m) The RV Strategy implementation is subject to budget considerations and/or possible grant funding
2. That a Sub-Committee be created consisting of Cr Gaske, Cr O’Toole, Cr Fuhrmeister and the Acting Director of Community & Environmental Services to finalise the report and proposed strategy.

CARRIED

VOTED FOR – 6

VOTED AGAINST - 1

Council resolved to change the order of business to consider CES6.

CES6 UPDATE ON PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW PROPOSED LOCAL LAWS

Update on clinics and actions associated with the implementation of the new proposed local laws

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O’Toole seconded:

That the information within this report be noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Di Francisco and Fiona McLeod left the room at 12:06pm.

The order of business resumed.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Fuhrmeister declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Fuhrmeister is the President of Care Balonne and Care Balonne has applied for funding under the Community Drought Funding program.

Councillor Fuhrmeister voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 12:06pm.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor O'Toole declared a Real Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr O'Toole is the Vice President of the St George & District Chamber of Commerce who has made application for assistance under the Community Drought funding program.

Councillor O'Toole voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 12:07pm.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Scriven declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Scriven is a member of the St George High School P&C. Cr Scriven also has children who attend the school & Cr Scriven's wife works at the school and the High School has applied for funding under the Community Drought funding program.

Cr Scriven, having given due consideration chose to vote on this matter in the public interest and requested Council grant approval to remain in the meeting in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Todd seconded.

That Council resolves that Cr Scriven has a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in report CES3 and that he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter and vote on the matter.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Gaske declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES3, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Gaske's children attend St Patrick's School. Cr Gaske is not on the P&C. The St Patrick's School have applied for funding under the Community Drought Funding program.

Cr Gaske, having given due consideration chose to vote on this matter in the public interest and requested Council grant approval to remain in the meeting in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded.

That Council resolves that Cr Scriven has a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in report CES3 and that he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter and vote on the matter.

CARRIED – UNANIMOUSLY

CES
3 **COMMUNITY DROUGHT SUPPORT FUNDING 2018**

Distribution of 2018 Community Drought Support funding.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Todd seconded:

1) That Council approves the Community Drought support requests as follows:

	ORGANISATION	EVENT NAME	APPROVED FUNDING
1	Dirranbandi P & A	Christmas in the Showgrounds	\$ 4,750.00
2	QCWA Branch Thallon Daymar	Community Engagement Through Exploration of Balonne Shire Tourism	\$1,200.00
3	St George Healthy Ageing	Balonne Senior Games	\$1,941.55
4	Thallon Progress	Thallon Christmas Tree	\$2,000.00
5	St George Lions Club	St George Lions World Service Day	\$2,500.00
6	Balonne Community Suicide Prevention Network (auspice by Care Balonne)	RU OK? Day	\$2,344.14
7	Anglican Parish of St George with Dirranbandi	Ladies Lunch	\$800.00
8	St George & District Chambers of Commerce	St George Christmas Carnival and Markets	\$2,000.00
9	St George & District Fishing & Restocking Club	Annual Fishing Competition	\$1,500.00
10	Dirranbandi Pony Club	Annual Pony Club Camp	\$5,000.00
11	St George Bowls Club Inc	Spring Bowls Fun Afternoon	\$1,000.00
12	St George Pony & Racing Club	St George Pony Club Camp	\$4,950.00
13	Nindigully Sports Community	Trivia Night	\$2,000.00
14	Bollon QCWA	Bollon Community Christmas Tree	\$2,000.00
15	Hebel Rodeo Association	Hebel Camp draft 2018	\$1,500.00
16	St George Clay Target Club	Clay Target Come and Try Day	\$3,380.00
	TOTAL		\$38,865.69

2) That St Patricks Primary school (\$2000), Dirranbandi Arts (\$600) and the St George High School P&C (\$4440) applications be approved subject to them providing additional information to demonstrate how they will support the community drought program.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr O'Toole and Cr Fuhrmeister returned to the meeting at 12:30pm.

CES4 **REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND - CONTRACTOR REVIEW**

The Balonne Shire Council RADF program is an annual program co-funded by Arts Queensland. Since 2014 the funding for the program has been divided into three components, Community

grants/Programs; Council Initiative – Place Making (Public art in Balonne) and Contract Liaison Officer (CLO). A review of the roles and responsibility of the CLO versus Council ability to provide these services “in-house” was undertaken in May/June 2018, this report tables the outcomes and recommendation from the review.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. Council resolve to coordinate the Regional Arts Development Fund – Community Grants program ‘in-house’.
2. Council advise the current Regional Arts Development Fund contractor that their contract will expire on 14 September 2018 and Council will not be renewing the contract due to its capacity to deliver the program internally.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RADF CONTRACT

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That the RADF contractor receive a letter of gratitude in appreciation for their service to the RADF committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CES5

REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND (RADF) - OUT OF ROUND APPLICATIONS

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 has received two out of round applications. The 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 Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That Council ratify and approve the RADF application from St George Art Group as follows:

APPLICANT	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
St George Art Group Inc	Moving forward in Watercolour	\$1,750.00
TOTAL		\$1,750.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Council noted that the Dirranbandi Arts Group had already received \$600 funding under the Community Drought funding program so the application under RADF was not approved.

CES7

COMMUNITY DONATION, SPONSORSHIP AND GRANTS PROGRAM

The Balonne Shire Council is committed to assisting community organisations whose activities provide benefit to Balonne Shire’s population. 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 Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

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

APPLICANT	PROJECT	AMOUNT
St George Men's Shed	Tools and equipment upgrade	\$2,500
St George Golf Club	Fairway improvement	\$4999.90

AMENDMENT

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

1. That Council refuse the application for tools and equipment upgrade and advise the St George Men's Shed to re-submit their application under the Community Drought Support Funding – Round 2; and
2. That Council refuse the application for fairway improvement and advise the St George Golf Club that Council can assist to find appropriate funding under Sport and Recreation Grant Funding programs that the Club would be eligible to apply for.

The amendment was then put and carried.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 12.58pm for lunch and reconvened at 1.36pm.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Marsh declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CES8 St George Chinese Memorial Committee Request for Donation, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Marsh is patron of the St George Chinese Memorial Committee who is requesting a donation and their interest in this matter is financial.

Councillor Marsh voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 1.36pm.

Cr Gaske chaired the meeting in Cr Marsh's absence.

CES8

ST GEORGE CHINESE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL COMMITTEE - REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

This report present to Council for consideration St George Chinese Community Memorial Committee request for support for the Chinese Memorial in St George.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That Council resolves to provide the St George Chinese Community Memorial Committee with \$2,000 sponsorship for the Chinese Memorial Monument at St George Cemetery.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Marsh returned to the meeting at 1.39pm and resumed as Chair.

CES9 **THALLON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION "GRAZING AT THE WATERING HOLE" EVENT**

Council has received a request for sponsorship and permission for use of Council land from Thallon Progress Association (TPA) for a new event called "Grazing at the Watering Hole". It is a long table food event proposed to be held adjacent to Thallon Recreation Grounds and Grain Corp Silos.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That:

1. Council encourage Thallon Progress Association to apply for funding sponsorship for the "Grazing at the Watering Hole" event through the Community Drought Support Program – Round 2.
2. Council advise the applicant that consent to hold the event at 2-18 Hill Street, Lot 41 BLM577 known locally as 'Thallon Showgrounds' is subject to:
 - a. Food licensing; and
 - b. Event Management Plan to be submitted to Council

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Gaske left the meeting at 1:57pm.

Cr Gaske returned to the meeting at 1:59pm.

CES10 **QUOTATION BSC 17/18 - Q16 - SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ONE NEW ALL-WHEEL-DRIVE STATION WAGON**

That Council accept a quotation for BSC 17/18 – Q16 – Supply and Delivery of One New All-Wheel-Drive Station Wagon for the Community Collective and Wellbeing Services Coordinator.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

1. That Council accepts the quotation from O'Brien Toyota for the supply and delivery of one new Toyota RAV 4 AWD 2.2L Diesel Auto 5D Wagon for \$43,232 incl GST (with registration and third party insurance to be invoiced at cost).
2. That the purchase be subject to a 2018 year model.

CARRIED

VOTED FOR - 6

VOTED AGAINST – 1

Cr O'Toole requested that her vote be recorded against the motion as this matter should have followed due process through the Plant Committee.

Mareea Lochel left the meeting at 2:07pm.

CLOSED MEETING

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That the meeting be closed in accordance with Section 275 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

During the closed session the following Councillors did not participate in discussions and left the meeting:

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Fuhrmeister declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CCFS2, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Fuhrmeister is the president of Care Balonne Association Inc. who have requested financial support.

Councillor Fuhrmeister voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 2:14pm and returned at 2:17pm.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Scriven declared a Real Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CCES1, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Scriven is one of the applicants of the Exclusion Fence Funding "Marouga" Bore. Also one of the properties involved in this group is owned by Cr Scriven's Uncle and managed by Cr Scriven's brother.

Councillor Scriven voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 2:18pm and returned at 2:22pm.

OPEN MEETING

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That the meeting be re-opened to the public.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting was re-opened to the public at 2:22pm.

Mark Stanton, Acting Director Community & Environmental Services left the meeting at 2:22pm

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

(CFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

CCFS1 **SALE OF LAND FOR ARREARS OF RATES**

Sale of Land for Arrears of Rates

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Paul seconded:

1. That in accordance with s140 (2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council resolve to sell the properties listed below for overdue rates and charges.

Assessment	Township
00309-00000-000	Dirranbandi
00520-60000-000	Mungindi
00522-00000-000	Mungindi
01576-80000-000	Thallon
00466-00000-000	Hebel
00325-80000-000	Dirranbandi

2. That Council delegate to the CEO under section 257(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 2009 the authority to negotiate with the highest bidder in the event that the sales fail to meet the reserve.

.CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Fuhrmeister declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CCFS2, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Fuhrmeister is the president of Care Balonne Association Inc. who have requested financial support under the community rates support program.

Councillor Fuhrmeister voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 2:25pm.

CCFS2 **COMMUNITY RATES SUPPORT PROGRAM 2018/2019**

Community Rates Support Program 2018/2019

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That:

1. 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 for applications received by the closing date 15 June 2018.
2. Council do not approve the application received after the closing date of 15 June 2018 from QCWA St George.
3. Council do not approve the application received from Care Balonne on the grounds of
 - It was received by Council after the closing date and
 - It is not within the spirit of guidelines for the Community Rate Support Program

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Fuhrmeister returned to the meeting at 2:26pm.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Scriven declared a Real Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in CCES1, on the grounds that:

the nature of the interest is Cr Scriven is one of the applicants of the Exclusion Fence Funding "Marouga" Bore. Also one of the properties involved in this group is owned by Cr Scriven's Uncle and managed by Cr Scriven's brother.

Councillor Scriven voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 2:26pm.

(CCES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

CCES1

PROGRESS OF REDP STRATEGIC FENCING PROJECT

In May 2018 Council received confirmation (Deed of Agreement) of funding for the construction of up to 250 kilometres of (Cluster –style) Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing (WDEF) for the control of wild dogs and other pests, through the Regional Economic Diversification Programme (REDP). This programme must be completed contractually by May 2019.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That:

1. Council delegate to the CEO to subcontract Maranoa Regional Council the sum of \$124,605 (Exclusive GST) to enter into a jointly funded CAMs Contract with the Woolerina-Yendon Cluster Group for the construction of 46.5km of WDEF.
2. Council direct officers to engage specifically with landholders from existing EOI groups – East Thomby, Marouga Bore, and The Homestead –Wingi Jimmi regarding development of final project submissions.
3. Council endorse the establishment of Project Assessment Committee made up of the following delegates:
 - a) Chair Wild Dog Advisory Committee
 - b) Council Portfolio Holder (or The Mayor)
 - c) Rural Lands Manager – Balonne Shire
 - d) An independent panel member (either Maranoa Rural Lands staff or Biosecurity QLD Officer)for the purpose of final project review.
4. Council conduct a Shire-wide call for project only if existing EOI groups decline to progress, or are deemed ineligible by Project Assessment Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Scriven returned to the meeting at 2:27pm.

INFORMATION REPORTS

(ICEO) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ICEO1

MONTHLY REPORT

This report presents to Council grants data from 16 June to 4 July 2018

ICEO1

BI-MONTHLY REPORT

Information report from the Communications Officer regarding activities from 1 May-30 June 2018.

(IFCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

ICFS1 **MONTHLY REPORT - DIRECTOR FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES**

Monthly Information Report – Director Finance & Corporate Services

ICFS2 **MONTHLY FINANCE INFORMATION REPORT - INTERIM YEAR END 30 JUNE 2018**

Monthly Finance Information Report for the period ended 30 June 2018.

ICFS3 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Monthly WHS Report – Safety Advisor

(IIFS) INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IIFS1 **MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE JULY 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

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

(ICES) COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

ICES1 **MONTHLY REPORT**

The Community & Environmental Sustainability Report for the month of June 2018 is presented for Council's consideration.

ICES2 **MONTHLY REPORT**

Manager of Rural Services report for June 2018 is presented to Council for information.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The Mayor informed Council of a new tourism funding round of \$10,000,000 for rural and remote Councils and \$26,000,000 open to all Councils with a 25% contribution required by a Council. The minimum funding that can be applied is \$500,000. Council requested that key stakeholders be invited to provide Council with an overview of the funding round.

Cr Gaske left the meeting at 2:45pm

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 2:49pm.
Confirmed at a General Meeting of the Council held on 16 August 2018.

MAYOR