



Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the **Ordinary Meeting** of the **Whitsunday Regional Council** will be held at the **Proserpine Council Chambers, 83-85 Main Street, Proserpine** on **10 February 2016** commencing at **9:00 a.m.** and the Agenda is attached.

Councillors: Jennifer Whitney, Jan Clifford, John Atkinson, John Collins, Peter Ramage, David Clark and Andrew Willcox

Local Government Regulation 2012

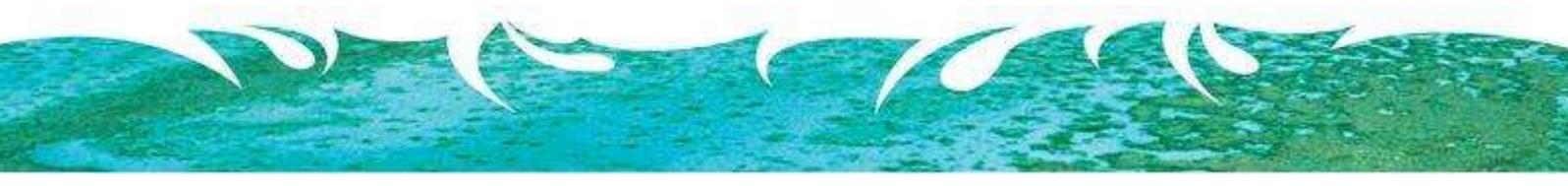
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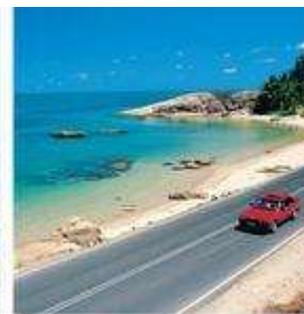
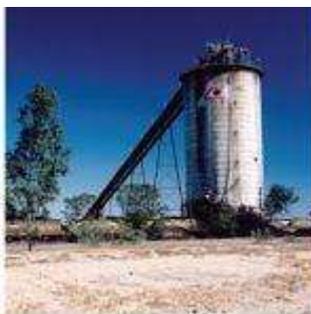
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- (a) the day and time of the meeting; and
- (b) for a special meeting – the business to be conducted at the meeting

(3) A **special meeting** is a meeting at which the only business that may be conducted is the business stated in the notice of meeting.

Barry Omundson
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER





Agenda of the Ordinary Meeting to be held at
Proserpine Council Chambers, 83-85 Main Street, Proserpine
on **10 February 2016** commencing at **9:00am**

Council acknowledges and shows respect to the Traditional Custodian/owners whose country we hold this meeting.

9:00 am

- Formal Meeting Commences

10:15am – 10.30am

- Council Staff, Apprentices Presentation

10:30 am – 11:00 am

- Morning Tea

11.00 am

- Whitsunday Marketing and Development Service Level Agreement Update

Whitsunday Regional Council
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1. Apologies

No Agenda items for this section

2. Condolences
2.1 CONDOLENCES

RECOMMENDATION

That Council observe one (1) minutes silence for the recently deceased.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Office of the Mayor & CEO Department.

BACKGROUND

Advice has been received by Council of members of the communities passing.

REPORT

The Mayor and Chief Executive Officer forwarded bereavement cards to the families of recently deceased members of the Whitsunday Regional Council.

STATUTORY MATTERS

N/A

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

N/A

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

N/A

BUDGET REFERENCE

N/A

CONSULTATION

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

3.1 **Mayoral Minute**

No Agenda items for this section

3.2 Mayoral Update

No Agenda items for this section

4. Confirmation of Minutes
4.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the:

- a) Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 January 2016;
- b) Special Meeting held on Wednesday 03 February 2016 at 9am; and
- c) Special Meeting held on Wednesday 03 February 2016 at 3pm;

be confirmed.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Office of the Mayor & CEO Department.

BACKGROUND

Minutes were kept from the previous Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday, 27 January 2016. These minutes once drafted were submitted to the Chief Executive Officer for review before the unconfirmed version of the minutes was placed on Council's internet site for public viewing.

These minutes are therefore submitted for adoption of their accuracy by the Councillors at this meeting of Council.

REPORT

The Minutes of the Council's Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday, 27 January 2016 are attached to this agenda report for review by Councillors.

STATUTORY MATTERS

Local Government Regulation 2012 section 272

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

N/A

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

N/A

BUDGET REFERENCE

N/A

CONSULTATION

Billie Davis – Administration Support Officer
Barry Omundson – Acting Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS

Copy of the minutes from:

- a) Ordinary Meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2016
- b) Special Meeting held on Wednesday 03 February 2016 at 9am
- c) Special Meeting held on Wednesday 03 February 2016 at 3pm

(all attached separately)

5. Delegations

No agenda items for this section.

6. Petitions

No agenda items for this section.

7. Notice of Motion
7.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - DRAFT TOWN PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That as part of the forthcoming public consultation with regard to the building heights in the Airlie Beach Precinct; that the VERSION 3 of the Draft Town Plan be released for public comment and consultation.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Office of the Mayor and CEO Department.

BACKGROUND

Cr Jan Clifford has submitted a notice of motion to the Whitsunday Regional Council's Acting Chief Executive Officer, in relation to the Draft Town Plan.

Cr Clifford provided the following information in support for the motion:

As a result of the 693 submissions received by Council in regard to the Draft Planning Scheme; Council officers prepared VERSION 3 of the Draft Town Plan. This version took into account all the differing opinions and is the averaging of the submissions. Version 3 has not been made public and is still a confidential document. In the interests of openness and fairness to all interested parties and submitters I believe that this Draft Plan should be in the public arena for the purposes of constructive and informed discussion.

REPORT

Cr Clifford advised of her intention to move the motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting of the 10 February 2016.

STATUTORY MATTERS

N/A

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

N/A

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

N/A

BUDGET REFERENCE

N/A

CONSULTATION

Barry Omundson – Acting Chief Executive Officer (Author)

ATTACHMENTS

Notice of Motion Dated 03 February 2016

03 February 2016

Notice of Motion

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8. Questions on Notice

No agenda items for this section.

9. Questions from Public Gallery

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

At this time in the meeting the opportunity is provided to members of the gallery to ask questions of the Council or to make statements about the Council and its operations. Under Council's Standing Orders the following applies in relation to this public question time:

1. In every Council Meeting time shall be set aside to permit members of the public to address the Council on matters of public interest related to local government. Questions from the Public Gallery will be taken on notice and may or may not be responded to at the Meeting and must be submitted in writing to Council prior to the Council Meeting in accordance with Council's Policy for Standing Orders – Meetings. The time allocated shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes and no more than three (3) speakers shall be permitted to speak at any one (1) meeting. The right of any individual to address the Council during this period shall be at absolute discretion of the Council.
2. If any address or comment is irrelevant, offensive, or unduly long, the Chairperson may require the person to cease making the submission or comment.
3. Any person addressing the Council shall stand, state their name and address, act and speak with decorum and frame any remarks in respectful and courteous language

10. Office of the Mayor & CEO

10.1 CREDIT REVIEW 2015

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Notes the improved rating from Very Weak to Moderate;
 - b) Notes the improved outlook from Negative to Neutral; and
 - c) Receives the Credit Review report from the Queensland Treasury Corporation.
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The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Office of the Mayor and CEO Department.

BACKGROUND

In 2013 Council undertook a modified Credit Review in order that Council could receive the Emergency Loan of \$10million. The rating from this report was Very Weak with a Negative Outlook. In late 2014 another credit review was undertaken as a "health check" and progress report for Council and the community. In late 2015 another credit review was undertaken and this review was prompted because the \$10 million Emergency Loan had been repaid and Council position must have improved to repay that Loan. The credit review would provide some advice about the rate and amount of improvement.

REPORT

Council Staff prepared a 10 year financial plan for the 2015/16 Budget which was adopted by Council on the 14th July 2015. This financial plan was updated with asset renewal information from the Asset Management System after all categories of assets were revalued as at 30th June 2015 and condition assessment information was updated. This data was not available for the 2015 the Budget preparation. When preparing the 10 year Financial Plan for review by QTC the forecasts of Asset Renewal were updated with the latest information and it is intended to update and have the 10 year financial plan adopted at the 6 month Budget review.

In reading through the report from QTC many of the measures required to be met of a Council are being met. The last requirement that needed to be included was an increase to the capital expenditure on renewals for future Budgets. In each year going forward the 10 year financial plan seeks to fund greater than 90% of all capital expenditure on renewals.

The QTC credit review identifies that Council's rating has progressed in the last three years from Very Weak to Weak and now to **Moderate**. The outlook has progressed from Negative to developing to **Neutral**. The summary within the report then sets out the positive actions taken by Council and the significant positive factors that have led to the improved credit rating.

STATUTORY MATTERS

Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 171,177

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Objective: Our organisation is innovative, efficient and financially sustainable.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Strategies

- 1. Ensure Council's financial position is effectively managed and sustainable.***

BUDGET REFERENCE

Council's Ten Year Financial Plan

CONSULTATION

Matthew McGoldrick – Chief Financial Officer (Author)

Barry Omundson – Acting Chief Executive Officer

Julie Moller – Senior Management Accountant

Graham Jarvis – Director of Corporate Services

Dan Staley – Director Planning and Community

Jason Raitieri – Director of Engineering

Neil McMahon – Credit Manager QTC

Jan Xanthoplou – Director Local Government and Statutory Bodies QTC

ATTACHMENTS

Whitsunday Regional Council Credit Review 2015

10. Office of the Mayor & CEO
10.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015/2016 - SECOND QUARTER

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Operational Plan 2015/2016 second quarter report.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Office of the Mayor and CEO Department.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council is to adopt an Operational Plan and present quarterly reports to Council on the organisation's achievements towards their progress on the Corporate Plan.

REPORT

Directors and Executive Managers have revised their activities and reported on Key Performance Indicators for the September to November period.

STATUTORY MATTERS

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Objective: Our organisation is innovative, efficient and financially sustainable.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Strategies

- 1. Ensure Council's financial position is effectively managed and sustainable.***
- 3. Develop and implement business improvement systems and long term asset management plans that support innovation and sustainability of service delivery.***
- 4. Improve methods of service delivery to the community.***
- 5. Implement procurement initiatives to support and promote the local business sector.***
- 6. Maximise commercial benefits to Council's business units and assets.***

BUDGET REFERENCE

N/A

CONSULTATION

Billie Davis – Administration Support Officer OMCEO (Author)
Barry Omundson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Matthew McGoldrick – Chief Financial Officer
Shanna Southern – Human Resources Manager
Graham Jarvis – Director of Corporate Services
Dan Staley – Director of Planning and Community Services
Jason Raiteri – Director Engineering Services

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix Item 1 - Operational Plan 2015/2016 Second Quarter Report

10. Office of the Mayor & CEO
10.3 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL FRAMEWORK

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) repeals the Fraud and Corruption Control Framework adopted on 10 December 2014; and**
 - b) adopts the amended Fraud and Corruption Control Framework.**
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The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Office of the Mayor and CEO Department.

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy and Framework ("Fraud Framework") on 10 December 2014 with a review date of 18 November 2016.

REPORT

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* was recently amended and changes were made to the provisions in relation to reporting the loss, or suspected loss, of local government assets.

The new requirements are such that where Council's CEO becomes aware of the loss of an asset that the CEO is satisfied it is a reportable loss, reasonably suspects there has been a reportable loss of an asset, or is aware of a material loss of an asset, the CEO must:

- create a written record of the loss or suspected loss; and
- make appropriate notifications to either the Minister, Auditor-General, Queensland Police or Crime and Corruption Commission.

The amendments made to the Fraud Framework are contained in clauses 1.4 in relation to the definitions of material loss and reportable loss and clause 5.1 in relation to the new reporting requirements.

It is possible that further changes to Council's Fraud Policy and Framework will be recommended following a Fraud and Corruption Risk Assessment to be conducted by Moore Stephens at the next internal audit. Council shall also be providing fraud awareness and training to Council officers prior to June 2016.

STATUTORY MATTERS

Local Government Regulation 2012

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Objective: Our Leadership engages with the community and provides open, accountable and transparent local government.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Strategies

- 1. Provide open, accountable and transparent leadership that ensures community confidence in Council and achieves positive outcomes for the Whitsunday Region.***
- 2. Develop a Governance Framework that provides accountable and transparent decision making and supports Council in meeting its legislative responsibilities.***

BUDGET REFERENCE

N/A

CONSULTATION

Kirsten Lesina – Governance & Legal Officer (Author)
Graham Jarvis – Director of Corporate Services
Barry Omundson – Acting Chief Executive Officer

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix Item 1 – Fraud and Corruption Control Framework

11. Corporate Services
11.1 ISO55000 READINESS PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the ISO 55000 Readiness Plan.

Furthermore, that the resource requirements for future financial years will be included for budget consideration.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Corporate Services Department.

BACKGROUND

The International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) has developed a standard on asset management (ISO 55000). A defining feature of the new standard is a focus on the organisational context of asset management, rather than an asset-centric focus, with particular emphasis upon aligning asset management practices to the strategic directions and vision of the Council – that is, assurances and controls to ensure assets deliver on the planned services of Council.

Although not currently mandated in Council's legislative responsibilities, it is very likely that in the near future the ISO 55000 will replace the existing obligations set by the State Government as well as a provision for eligibility for State and Commonwealth grants and other sources of funding.

ISO 55000 accreditation provides the following business improvements to an organisation:

1. Improved Business Performance – an integrated framework to enable Council to deliver sustainable service standards and demonstrate appropriate balance of risk, performance and sustainability
2. Improved Governance – emphasis upon the need for effective governance arrangements, including leadership, commitment, accountability and assessment of long term capability
3. Improved Stakeholder Confidence and Assurance
4. Systems and Processes – including the use of information to inform better practices and decisions

REPORT

The attached draft ISO 55000 Readiness Plan has been prepared by Chris Adam, Strategic AM, in consultation with Council's executive staff.

The key outcomes of this document are:

- A succinct synopsis of Council's operating environment, current (asset management related) issues, capabilities and existing frameworks;
- Recommendations on how Council may develop its asset management capability; and
- Provide a clear and concise work plan for Council to achieve compliance with the ISO standard for Asset Management (ISO 55000).

The following diagram outlines the linkages of Council's strategy with the proposed asset management operations to deliver on outcomes:



The proposed project work breakdown structure is outlined on page 27 of the Plan, spanning a period from January 2016 to January 2018, and includes the following actions:

- Establish governance arrangements, including an Asset Management Leadership Group, which in addition to the current responsibilities of the Asset Management Committee, would oversight delivery of the Plan.
- Establish service planning – that is, Levels of Service for major asset classes, integrated with Council's strategic planning and the Planning Scheme (including the Infrastructure Plan)
- Development of a Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Develop Group Business Plans in Key Areas
- Capital investment decision making, integrated with a project management framework
- Resolving issues with asset data
- Undertake a functional review
- Workforce Planning
- A pre-certification conformity assessment.

STATUTORY MATTERS

NA

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Objective: Our organisation is innovative, efficient and financially sustainable.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Strategies

- 1. Ensure Council's financial position is effectively managed and sustainable..***
- 3. Develop and implement business improvement systems and long term asset management plans that support innovation and sustainability of service delivery.***
- 6. Maximise commercial benefits to Council's business units and assets.***

BUDGET REFERENCE

It is anticipated that reallocation of existing resources within Corporate Services Department will be sufficient to fund the following resource requirements for 2015/16:

- Administrative support for the project (reallocation of labour allocation within the Asset Management Team)
- Contractors to assist with development of key documents e.g. Levels of Service and Strategic Asset Management Plan (approximately \$15,000)
- Enhancements to the Asset Management System (funded under the existing Assetic Bureau Service)

Other actions are existing budget commitments, such as development of desired service standards (LGIP), improvements to the asset register data integrity (e.g. stormwater condition assessment, water and sewer componentisation and road condition inspections) and asset management system enhancements.

A detailed budget for the project will be provided to Council supporting the recommendation to adopt the ISO 55000 Readiness Plan.

Resource requirements for future financial years will be included for budget consideration.

CONSULTATION

Graham Jarvis – Director of Corporate Services (Author)
Barry Omundson – Acting Chief Executive Officer
Executive Management Team

ATTACHMENTS

Draft ISO55000 Readiness Plan

11. Corporate Services
11.2 SAFER STREETS PROGRAM GRANT SUBMISSION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to prepare and lodge a grant submission to the Safer Streets Program, reflecting the priority areas of:

- a) Airlie Beach Main St (CCTV)
 - b) Airlie Beach Lagoon (CCTV)
 - c) Bowen Foreshore (CCTV)
 - d) Bowen Main Street (CCTV)
 - e) Airlie Beach link to Police station (CCTV)
 - f) Proserpine Main Street (CCTV)
 - g) Airlie Boardwalk – Able Point Marina to Coral Sea Hotel (Lighting)
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The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Corporate Services Department.

BACKGROUND

As presented to Council in Briefing Session on 20th January and 3rd February 2016, Management propose to make a grant submission to the Federal Government Department of Justice "Safer Streets" Program, due by 2pm 17th February 2016. This is the second time that the grant program has invited submissions, and as a result of the previous round in 2013, many Councils around Australia received substantial funding for CCTV and associated street lighting.

It should be noted that the proposals are for a "passive system" that is, cameras that can be live monitored, but are primarily intended to record and review at a later time if required. The establishment and staffing of a live-monitoring "control-room" is not proposed at this stage. Two links to police stations are proposed so that if required and available, police could log-in and view live or recorded images.

It is relevant to note that the Federal grant criteria are focussed on the reduction of existing street crime (assaults etc.) and not the prevention of future potential crime or crimes against property such as vandalism.

REPORT

Council currently has technical proposals for CCTV in a number of priority areas across the Whitsunday Region. A grant opportunity currently exists to obtain funding to further these proposals. Partial funding will also be sought in the 16/17 FY budget process as a contingency. Management seek to submit a proposal to the Federal Government "Safer Streets" grant program based around all of the areas identified below, for the full amount in the order of \$1,639,181 (pending some design analysis). External assistance within current budget will be used to meet the onerous grant application requirements within the required timeframe.

The areas of focus are:

- Airlie Beach Main St (CCTV)
- Airlie Beach Lagoon (CCTV)

- Bowen Foreshore (CCTV)
- Bowen Main Street (CCTV)
- Airlie Beach link to Police station (CCTV)
- Proserpine Main Street (CCTV)
- Airlie Boardwalk – Able Point Marina to Coral Sea Hotel (Lighting)

STATUTORY MATTERS

NA

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

People

Objective: Our region is active, healthy, safe and resilient.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

People

Strategies

- 2. Continue to partner with emergency service providers, government agencies and recovery authorities to ensure effective resource planning and provision.*

BUDGET REFERENCE

The funding of contract assistance to prepare the grant submission will be accommodated within existing budget. Council has commissioned technical options for CCTV in a number of priority areas across the Whitsunday Region with a likely cost in the order of \$1.6M which would require budget allocation unless external grants are obtained. The implementation of any CCTV or lighting will require some ongoing budget allocation for maintenance and eventual upgrade, and a submission will be referred to future budget processes.

CONSULTATION

Paul Fendley – Executive Manager of Customer and Information Services (Author)

Graham Jarvis – Director of Corporate Services

Scott Hardy – Manager of Parks and Gardens

Julie Wright – Manager of Health & Environment

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

12. Planning and Community Services
- 12.1 REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER - MICHAEL OWENS ON BEHALF OF THE BIRRIAH PEOPLE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council waive the Collinsville Community Centre hire fees of \$262.50 to Michael Owens on behalf of the Birriah People for the Federal Court Determination Ceremony to be held on 23 March 2016 at the Collinsville Community Centre. The cleaning costs of \$112.50 will be invoiced to Michael Owens.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February by Council's Planning and Community Department.

BACKGROUND

This is a significant event for traditional owners as it recognises their ongoing and continuous connection to the land which was not broken by white settlement. Council is involved in the native title proceedings and have consented to Orders recognising the Birriah People as the traditional owners.

REPORT

The Federal Court will be sitting in Collinsville to make the native title judgement. This is a very unusual event and they ask that the hire fees for the Community Centre be waived for this landmark event.

STATUTORY MATTERS

N/A

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

People

Objective: Our region is inclusive and motivated by a range of social, cultural and recreation opportunities.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

People

Strategies

- 1. Effectively maintain public spaces and ensure they are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.*
- 2. Effectively maintain and develop community hubs, libraries and facilities across the Whitsunday Region.*
- 5. Encourage cooperation between community and sporting groups and maximise benefits to sporting and recreation facilities across the Whitsunday Region.*

6. ***Support community groups in facilitating a variety of cultural, community, sporting and recreation activities, events and programs.***

8. ***Advocate to State and Federal Governments for enhanced human services and social infrastructure across the Whitsunday Region.***

BUDGET REFERENCE

WO 2967.1074 – Donations and Fee Waivers

CONSULTATION

Meredith Davis – Community Development Administration
Rod Cousins – Regional Sport and Recreation Officer
Jacquelin Neave - Arts and Culture Officer
Kirsten Lesina – Legal and Governance Officer
Dan Staley – Director Planning and Community

ATTACHMENTS

N/A

12. Planning & Community

12.2 SUBMISSION - CENTRAL AND NORTH QUEENSLAND TASKFORCE - FIVE KEY AREAS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse the submission to Senator the Honourable Jan McLucas highlighting Whitsunday Region Council's Strategic Priorities and the key areas in which the taskforce can support sustainable development in the Whitsunday Region.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February, 2016 by Council's Planning and Community Services Department.

BACKGROUND

On 24 December 2016 Whitsunday Regional Council (Council) received a letter (Appendix Item 1) from Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, Labor Senator for Queensland inviting Council to enter a submission addressing the five key areas identified for the Central and North Queensland Taskforce (Taskforce) Terms of Reference. Submissions closed on 31 January 2016.

The Taskforce has been formed to enhance an understanding of the key priorities of the region and develop strategies which an incoming Labor government will implement to enable the sustainable development across the following areas:

- Strong and healthy communities;
- Education and industry skills;
- Economic development and jobs;
- Renewable energy; and
- Cost of living.

REPORT

The aim of Council's submission was to review the five key areas identified by the Taskforce against Council's Seven (7) Strategic Priorities as outlined in Council's Corporate Plan 2014-2019 these being:

- Whitsunday Coast Airport International Export Hub;
- Urannah Dam and Burdekin Falls Dam;
- Collinsville baseload power station and alternative energy sources;
- Port of Abbot Point;
- Agriculture, horticulture and seafood export; and
- Integrated resort and casino development.

The purpose of reviewing the taskforce priorities against Council's priorities was two-fold, one being to gain an understanding of how the taskforce priorities may assist Council in delivering its priorities and secondly to highlight to other levels of Government, Whitsunday's key strategic priorities and how other levels of Government could support Whitsunday in delivering these priorities.

The following table 1 illustrates the taskforce priorities against Council's seven strategic priorities (Corporate Plan) and the five Strategic Outcomes from the *2015 Draft Whitsunday Regional Council Planning Scheme* (draft Planning Scheme).

Table 1 - Aligning the WRC Corporate Plan, WRC Draft Planning Scheme & Taskforce Priorities

Taskforce	Corporate Plan	Draft Planning Scheme
<p>Strong and healthy communities – building on investments in quality government and community services including early childhood and aged care, services which support vulnerable and disadvantaged people and address Indigenous disadvantage, as well as affordable and accessible health care services which are equitably distributed across the region.</p>	<p>Our region is active, healthy, safe and resilient.</p> <p>Our region is inclusive and motivated by a range of social, cultural and recreational opportunities.</p>	<p>Liveable Communities – the life-enriching (educational, health, cultural and recreational) capacities and resilience of the community and community infrastructure are enhanced or restored for present and future generations in a way which supports the regions settlement pattern and hierarchy of centres.</p>
<p>Education and industry skills - increasing secondary education attainment rates across the region and expanding the skills base through quality industry training, TAFE and tertiary education to ensure the next generation have the skills to drive the new knowledge-based economy, with a focus on science, mathematics, engineering and higher-order technical skills to help build a smart and mobile workforce.</p>	<p>Whitsunday Coast Airport (WCA) International Export Hub – Develop the Whitsunday Coast International Export Hub as a significant transport and exports hub and regional economic driver.</p>	<p>Liveable Communities – the life-enriching (educational, health, cultural and recreational) capacities and resilience of the community and community infrastructure are enhanced or restored for present and future generations in a way which supports the regions settlement pattern and hierarchy of centres.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Transport – the service-supporting capacities of infrastructure are coordinated, efficient and orderly. Infrastructure provision and operation is financially sustainable.</p>
<p>Economic development and jobs - growing key regional industries including more targeted investments in regional tourism, positioning ourselves as a tropical sports hub for high performance training, advancing defence and aviation industries, identifying Indigenous business opportunities, encouraging high-value agriculture and boutique food production, sustainable natural resource management and promoting renewable energy projects.</p>	<p>WCA International Export Hub – Develop the Whitsunday Coast International Export Hub as a significant transport and exports hub and regional economic driver.</p> <p>Port of Abbot Point – Advocate for the continued development of the Port of Abbot Point and the Abbot Point State Development Area.</p> <p>Agriculture – Advocate for the growth of the agriculture, horticulture and seafood sectors for expanding export opportunities.</p> <p>Water security – Advocate for the construction of the Urannah Dam and improvements to the Burdekin Falls Dam.</p> <p>Energy security – Advocate</p>	<p>Economic Growth – the economic resilience, wealth creating and employment generating capacities of the regions key sectors are protected and enhanced for present and future generations.</p>

	<p>for the establishment of a base load power station at Collinsville and alternative energy sources.</p> <p>Integrated resort and casino development – Advocate for the establishment of an integrated resort and casino development within the Whitsunday region.</p>	
<p>Renewable energy - identify opportunities to take advantage of the fact that Central and North Queensland is blessed with some of the greatest renewable energy assets in the world.</p>	<p>Water security – Advocate for the construction of the Urannah Dam and improvements to the Burdekin Falls Dam.</p> <p>Energy security – Advocate for the establishment of a base load power station at Collinsville and alternative energy sources.</p>	<p>Environment and Heritage – the cultural heritage and life-supporting capacities of air, ecosystems, soil and water are conserved, enhanced or restored for present and future generations; and biological resilience is protected.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Transport – the service-supporting capacities of infrastructure are coordinated, efficient and orderly. Infrastructure provision and operation is financially sustainable.</p> <p>Hazards and Safety – the safety of the community, property and infrastructure is protected and enhanced for present and future generations; and the community's resilience to hazards is enhanced</p>
<p>Cost of Living - with many families struggling to afford the essentials and Malcolm Turnbull's plans to slug families with an increased GST identify ways to reduce the cost of living.</p>	<p>WCA International Export Hub – Develop the Whitsunday Coast International Export Hub as a significant transport and exports hub and regional economic driver.</p> <p>Water security – Advocate for the construction of the Urannah Dam and improvements to the Burdekin Falls Dam.</p> <p>Energy security – Advocate for the establishment of a base load power station at Collinsville and alternative energy sources.</p>	<p>Economic Growth – the economic resilience, wealth creating and employment generating capacities of the regions key sectors are protected and enhanced for present and future generations.</p> <p>Infrastructure and Transport – the service-supporting capacities of infrastructure are coordinated, efficient and orderly. Infrastructure provision and operation is financially sustainable.</p>

Based on the above comparison, there are four main types of involvement that can foster projects and industry sectors, being:

1. Funding – without appropriate funding work and changes cannot commence. Full or partial funding may be one of the key contributors to whether a study, new project or upgrades to infrastructure, technology or information is undertaken or successful.
2. Support – moving forward as a united front provides a positive and clear message to members of the public. Key projects may face less resistance should it be supported by

- two or more levels of Government. This support may be in the form of media, partnerships or action plans that feed down into specific technical policy or action plans.
3. Communication – linking closely with support, advertising the support between different levels of Government will encourage confidence and transparency.
 4. Implementation – undertaking a body of work that impact on the entire or part of the project, for example, supporting legislation, granting approvals or undertaking physical work for infrastructure upgrades (i.e. local road, State controlled road).

The four main types of involvement have been aligned against the projects/sectors in Table 2 below to illustrate how these can be positively impacted upon by each level of Government (i.e. Federal, State and Local).

Table 2 - Recommendation for Government Involvement

Project/Sector	Government Involvement
WCA International Export Hub	Federal – support, communication State – funding, support, communication Local – funding, support, communication, implementation
Urannah Dam and Burdekin Falls Dam	Federal – funding, support, communication State – funding, support, communication, implementation Local – support, communication
Collinsville baseload power station and alternative energy sources	Federal – funding, support, communication State – funding, support, communication, implementation Local – support, communication, implementation
Port of Abbot Point	Federal – funding, support, communication State – funding, support, communication, implementation Local – support, communication, implementation
Agriculture, horticulture and seafood export	Federal – funding, support, communication State – funding, support, communication, implementation Local – support, communication, implementation
Integrated resort and casino development	Federal – support, communication, implementation State – funding, support, communication, implementation Local – support, communication, implementation

Progress has been made by Council in delivering its seven (7) key priorities, particularly in relation to the Whitsunday Coast Airport by recently forming Whitsunday Coast Airport and Infrastructure Pty Ltd. This new corporation will not only assist in the delivery of an international airport, it will also provide export opportunities for the agricultural, horticulture and seafood for the region.

The other priorities such as the Urannah Dam and Burdekin Falls Dam have progressed with further interest from other areas in exploring this project. The Collinsville Baseload Power Station and Alternative Energy Source have also progressed with various approvals being granted by Council for solar power generation. Two projects in the Whitsunday Region have recently been short listed by ARENA to progress their projects to the next stage of its \$100 million large-scale solar photovoltaic competitive round.

Port of Abbot Point continues to obtain various approvals across all levels of government.

The five key areas identified by the taskforce which would support Council's seven (7) Strategic Priorities as outlined in Council's Corporate Plan 2014-2019 by providing involvement by other levels of government in the form of funding, support, communication and implementation.

STATUTORY MATTERS

Local Government Act 2009

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Objective: Our leadership partners with government, industry, business and community to deliver positive outcomes.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

Governance and Leadership

Strategies

- 1. Build and maintain strong, collaborative and cooperative relationships across all levels of government, business, industry and the community.***
- 2. Identify opportunities for alignment between Council's interests and objectives with those of Federal and State Governments.***
- 3. Partner with government, business, industry and the community to promote the Whitsunday Region at both a national and international level.***
- 4. Advocate Council's interests and objectives to government, business, industry and the community.***

BUDGET REFERENCE

N/A

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Appendix Item 1 – Letter from Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, dated 21 December 2015

13. Engineering Services

13.1 CEMETERIES POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the proposed new Cemeteries Policy.

The following report has been submitted for inclusion in Council's Ordinary Meeting to be held on 10 February 2016 by Council's Engineering Services Department.

BACKGROUND

Whitsunday Regional Council operates three cemeteries. The three cemeteries are located at Proserpine, Bowen and Collinsville. There are a number of small historical cemeteries located in the region which are no longer used such as Mt Coolon, Normanby and Flemington Road in Bowen.

The management of the three current cemeteries are guided by the Council Local law, the current Cemetery Management Policy (2011) and accompanying Cemetery Management Procedure (2011). Council staff have worked with local funeral directors on a new Policy.

The purpose of this report is to present a new Whitsunday Regional Council Cemetery Management Policy for Council consideration.

REPORT

Whitsunday Regional Council manages and maintains three public cemeteries in the region. Council aims to provide a high level of service to the community who require the use of cemeteries. An internal review of cemetery management operations has found that some elements of the existing Council Cemetery Policy need to be reviewed in order to maintain a high level of service and also respond to reasonable customer requests.

The review of the cemetery operations and management has found a number of issues which require Council's review;

- 1) Whether graves can be purchased to intern ashes only.
- 2) Whether graves can be purchased to attach a plaque only, opposed to the attachment of plaques to the columbarium.
- 3) The type of plaques that can be installed in the cemetery.
- 4) The methods of recording internments.
- 5) The methods used to reserve graves.

Council has discussed the above issues with the local funeral director and have considered the comments and feedback, and incorporated changes to the proposed policy where it was considered appropriate.

Council is requested to consider the proposed new Cemetery Management Policy.

STATUTORY MATTERS

The Council is required to comply with:

- *Queensland Cremations Act 2003*
- *Queensland Cremations Regulations 2003*
- *Whitsunday Regional Council Local Law – Administration (2014)*

The proposed new Cemetery Policy complies with the above legislation.

CORPORATE PLAN REFERENCE

Place

Objective: Our infrastructure supports our region's current and future needs.

OPERATIONAL PLAN REFERENCE

People

Strategies

1. *Effectively maintain public spaces and ensure they are accessible to people of all ages and abilities.*

BUDGET REFERENCE

The adoption of the Policy will not require additional Council funds to administrate or implement.

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Appendix Item 1 – Policy Title – Cemeteries Policy