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Agenda

Ordinary Meeting of
Diamantina Shire Council to be held in the
Administration Centre, Bedourie on
Monday 10 May 2021

DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL

ORDINARY MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE DIAMANTINA SHIRE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, BEDOURIE ON Monday 10 May 2021 at 9am

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APOLOGIES

Nil

TIME COMMITMENTS

Time commitments shown in bold font confirm rigid commitments

8:45am	Arrivals
9:00am	Meeting commencement
9.00am	Consideration of All Reports
10.00am	Greg Donovan, Big Red Events attending meeting to discuss Big Red Bash Support Request 2021
11.00am	Morning tea
11.15am	Meeting Resumes
11.15am	Consideration of remaining reports
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Meeting resumes
2.00pm	Jenny Humphris attending to go through Wangkamhdla report
3.30pm	Meeting concludes

DEPUTATION MATERIAL

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation

'That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Diamantina Shire Council held on Monday April 12 2021 be confirmed.'

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

MAYORS BUSINESS

INFORMATION REPORTS

I (i) Financial Reports

Author

Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

Monthly Financial reports including Income Statement, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cashflows, Statement of Changes in Equity are provided to Councillors for their information,

Recommendation

'That Council receive the Financial Reports.'

Attachments

Financial Statements April 2021 to be tabled at meeting.

ACTION REQUIRED REPORTS

A (i) Big Red Bash Food Court Vendor Selection

Author

Nadine Lorenz, Tourism Officer

Executive Summary

A call went out to vendors for the Big Red Bash 2021, and this report provides the list of vendors wishing to trade in the Food court area at the Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre for this event following an expression of interest process.

Recommendation

'That Council select the vendors to set up at the Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre during the Big Red Bash event period.'

Background

At the September 2019 Ordinary Meeting of Council, it was agreed that vendors seeking to set up at the Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre for event periods should be assessed by Councillors. It was noted at that meeting that Councillors would select vendors based on nutritional value, healthy options, variety and quality of food offered.

Whilst this report only considers vendors for the Big Red Bash event period, it should be noted that some of these have already expressed interest in the Birdsville Races event period as well, and so this could be taken into consideration by Councillors assessing the applications. Note that all of these vendors have previously been selected at the 2019 Big Red Bash, and some of these vendors have been vendors for many years at the Birdsville Races.

A copy of the Expression of Interest document is attached for information which requires vendors to remain on their site prior to and during the Big Red Bash.

A summary of the vendors who expressed and EOI is below:

	Applicant Name Business Trading Name	Type of Food	Recommendations
1.	Kelly Rogers Luja Designs	Ladies fashion – clothing, leather goods & Jewellery	This vendor has been coming to Birdsville for the last few trading at both Big Red bash and the Birdsville Races. Nice and tidy set up. Easy to work with, neat and tidy site. Would recommend this vendor
2.	Debbie Bresnahan Frango Succulento T/as SOS Downunder	Mediterranean seafood's & calamari 100% gluten free	This is a new Vendor to Birdsville, they previously applied last year but due to COVID-19 that did not happen , they have a great selection of foods and are also interested in returning for the Birdsville Races. Would recommended giving them a go this year.
3.	Steve & Lynne Rix Wendy's on Wheels	Shakes, ice creams slushies, hot dogs, hot chips, coffee	Wendy's on Wheels has been trading in Birdsville as vendors for over 10 years, previously they have trade out at Bashville but are wanting to trade in town, they also are longtime vendors to the Birdsville Races, and are hoping to return for the them. Easy to work with very tidy site. Would recommend this vendor.
4.	Shayne Watts Country Coffee Box	Coffee only	This vendor has traded before in Birdsville at Bash and Races, applicate trailer has not yet been built and has stated in his application that he would like " To use one trailer in BV fist to handle the buildup before the bas, then take it to Bash site

Applicant Name Business Trading Name		Type of Food	Recommendations
			and use the smaller trailer in BV, then swap back to the bigger trailer for when everyone exits BV" This is not recommend as we have stipulated 7days in Birdsville to trade. Council has had a few issues in the past with this vendor and in 2019 was not all the time, also site was left very messy. Not recommended
5.	Pam Bertalli Bertalli's Hot Potato Chips	Chips, potato skins, cheese & gravy, Fruit smoothies	Bertalli's Hot Potato have been attend Birdsville for over 20years in 2019 was the first time they attended the Bash. And will also be wanting to return to trade for the Birdsville Races. Easy to work with and tidy site. Would recommend this vendor.
6.	Shane Srhoj Hungry Possum Wood Fired Pizza	Wood fired pizza & cold drinks	This is a new vendor to Birdsville for the Big Red bash, but has previously been a successful applicant for the Birdsville Races as a vendor, I would recommend this vendor being able to trade this year, He is also wanting to attend the Birdsville Races this year. Easy to work with and tidy site. Would recommend this vendor.

The Birdsville Races vendor applications will be assessed at a future Council meeting.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Discussions have been held with the CEO Leon Love, and the Community Sustainability Manager Stephen Schwer.

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.	More tourists visit year on year.	A range of strategies are developed to extend the tourist season and fill in the peaks within the season in consultation with the community.

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil.

Legal Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Assessment

Nil.

Financial and Resource Implications

A small amount of revenue will be raised from vendors but will barely cover the electricity consumed by them for the week.

Attachments:

[BRB Vendor Application - Bertalli's Hot Potatoes](#)

[BRB Vendor Application - Country Coffee Box](#)

[BRB Vendor Application - Luja Designs](#)

[BRB Vendor Application –Wendy's on Wheels](#)

[BRB Vendor Application –Wendy's on Wheels2](#)
[BRB Vendor Application –Wendy's on Wheels3](#)
[BRB Vendor Application - Frango Succulento T/A SOS Downunder](#)
[BRB Vendor Application - Frango Succulento T/A SOS Downunder2](#)
[BRB Vendor Application – Hungry Possum Wood Fired Pizza](#)
[DSC Form - Application for Commercial use of local government controlled](#)
[Information for Vendors](#)

A (ii) Birdsville Beer Wine and Food Festival

Author

Stephen Schwer, Community Sustainability Manager

Executive Summary

The Birdsville Race Club are planning a 2021 Birdsville Beer, Wine and Food Festival from 31 August to 1 September 2021, in the lead up to the Birdsville Races on 4 and 5 September 2021.

To hold this event, Council has been asked to provide facilities as in-kind support. This report considers the request from the Birdsville Race Club.

Recommendation

That Council provide a letter approving the use of the tennis courts and adjacent Warrarri Centre lawn area in an 'as-is' condition (with the Birdsville Hall as a back up location) as in kind sponsorship, towards the Birdsville Beer Wine and Food Festival with the CEO to finalise hire conditions including, insurance requirements, the condition of the facilities before/after use, restoration of any damage.'

Background

A new event on the Simpson Desert Racing Carnival calendar, the Birdsville Race Club will host the first Birdsville Beer, Wine and Food Festival on 31 August and 1 September 2021. To facilitate this, the Race Club have requested in kind support from Council.

An anticipated 200-400 people per day will enjoy beer, food, wine and entertainment at this event. It is intended to extend the stay of some of the usual racegoers, as well as attract a new target market to the event. Event organisers hope it will become a new annual fixture on the event calendar.

To host the event, the organisers have requested the following:

- 29 August – 5 September 2021
 - Birdsville Tennis Courts
 - Adjacent grassed area between the tennis courts and the Warrarri Visitor Information Centre
 - Birdsville Sports Centre (for undercover storage if required)

Note the reason the required dates continue past the Birdsville Beer, Food and Wine Festival event period is that the Race Club would also like use of those spaces for the Birdsville Races.

It is suggested that a condition for the approval of use of these facilities and spaces be that they are returned to the operating state they were in prior to their event use.

The Birdsville Sports Centre has the indoor Cricket net installed and gym equipment in the northern end. It is not feasible to remove the netting or gym equipment within the sports centre.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Discussions have been held with Birdsville Race Club President Gary Brook, and advice has been sought from Diamantina Shire Council CEO Leon Love.

Email received from Gary Brook, Birdsville Race Club
Leon,

It was good to catch up briefly on the phone recently.

As flagged the BRC received support in late 2019 as part of the Year of Outback Tourism Events program to run a lead up event to the on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the Birdsville races. It is the Birdsville Beer, Wine and Food Festival due to be held on 31 August and 1 September 2021.

In order to proceed this year we need a letter of permission from the landholder.

As discussed we would like to use the Wirrarri Lawns and adjacent tennis courts if possible and have the Hall as a back up venue, weather permitting.

Accordingly could I please request a letter from the DSC permitting the BRC to use DSC venues for the 2021 Birdsville Beer Wine and Food Festival.

Separately, and subject to approval we'd also like to contemplate using the tennis courts for the cocktail party in lieu of the Hall.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards

Gary Brook
BRC

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Diamantina Shire Council Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Where volunteering in the community is a given and community spirit is visible.	Active and well-resourced community groups.	Maintain support in accordance with Council's grants to community organisations policy.
Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.	More tourists visit year on year.	A range of strategies are developed to extend the tourist season and fill in the peaks within the season in consultation with the community.

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil.

Legal Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Aligns with Council's Community Grants Policy and Provision of Discounts, Donations and Sponsorship Policy. In relation to the latter, it would be expected, if support is approved by Council, that the Birdsville Raceclub would provide promotion of Council's contribution in accordance with that policy.

Risk Management Assessment

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

In providing the area in an as is condition, the cost to Council is limited to the cost of electricity used on site.

Attachments:

Nil

A (iii) Birdsville Race Club in Kind Support Request for Birdsville Race 2021

Author

Stephen Schwer, Community Sustainability Manager

Executive Summary

The Birdsville Race Club are once again in planning mode for the Birdsville Races.

To host this event, Council has been asked to provide a range of in kind support. This report considers the request from the Birdsville Race Club.

Recommendation

That Council consider providing services and facilities by way of in kind sponsorship, as per the request.

Background

Council has supported the Birdsville Races since its inception, with various in kind sponsorship. The Birdsville Race Club has submitted a request for in kind support to Council for its 2021 event. The list of in kind support requested is attached to this report with DSC staff comments.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Discussions have been held with Birdsville Race Club President Gary Brook, and advice has been sought from Diamantina Shire Council CEO Leon Love.

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Diamantina Shire Council Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024

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Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil.

Legal Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Aligns with Council's Community Grants Policy and Provision of Discounts, Donations and Sponsorship Policy. In relation to the latter, it would be expected, if support is approved by Council, that the Birdsville Race Club would provide promotion of Council's contribution in accordance with that policy.

Risk Management Assessment

Nil.

Financial and Resource Implications

The direct support for Birdsville Race Club is approximately \$75,000 per annum

There are additional costs with managing the impacts of the races on the town itself.

Attachments:

[Support request from Birdsville Raceclub](#)

A (iv) Support for Channel Country Ladies Day

Author

Stephen Schwer, Community Sustainability Manager

Executive Summary

The 2021 Channel Country Ladies Day is an event the Diamantina Shire Council chose not to support in 2019, although in 2015 a small donation was provided to the event (\$500). The organising committee have asked Council to consider sponsoring the event.

Recommendation

That Council consider the request to support the 2021 Channel Country Ladies Day event.

Background

Channel Country Ladies Day is an annual event designed to bring together women from across Channel Country. The program includes art and cultural workshops, keynote speakers and activities; all intended to encourage the emotional and physical well-being of women in the region.

The event was hosted in the Diamantina Shire in Betoota in 2019, and at the time Council chose not to support the event given it was not proving any economic benefit to the shire. In 2021 the event will be held in Quilpie. It is likely some residents from the Diamantina Shire will attend the event.

The positive social impact of events like this is a consideration when making a decision on support or otherwise for this event.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Established background information from previous minutes of Council meetings and an email exchange with the CEO Leon Love.

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Diamantina Shire Council Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Recognises the value of preserving the unique culture of the area	Financially viable and strongly supported traditional social events	Maintain support in accordance with Council's grants to community organisations policy

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Any donation provided in cash will impact the budget to the value of the Councillor's decision.

Attachments:

[Sponsorship Request Letter - Channel Country Ladies Day](#)

[Sponsorship Proposal – Channel Country Ladies Day](#)

[Sponsorship Types and Costs - Channel Country Ladies Day](#)

A (v) Short Term Accommodation fees and charges 2021/22

Author

Stephen Schwer, Community Sustainability Manager

Executive Summary

This report reviews current fees and charges for Council short term accommodation and recommends some minor adjustment for booking made from 1 July 2021.

Recommendation

That Council adopt the proposed accommodation Fees and Charges schedule for bookings made from 1 July 2021.

Background

Each year, Council includes the fees and charges of the accommodation properties it owns and manages to its overall schedule of fees and charges.

The rationale for the fees and charges schedule for accommodation takes into account the costs associated with promoting, maintaining and operating the facilities.

The current fees and charges schedule is as follows:

Birdsville Lodge and Birdsville Tourist Park

Category	Nightly Tariff
Birdsville Lodge Single room	\$90.00
Birdsville Lodge Double room	\$110.00
Birdsville Lodge Twin room	\$110.00
C1 Ensuted Cabin - 3 Berth	\$120.00
DC-Ensuted Cabin - 5 Berth	\$185.00
Powered Sites	\$35.00
Bus Powered Sites	\$35.00
Unpowered Sites	\$20.00
Units	\$80.00
Van Storage - Powered	\$15.00
Van Storage - Unpowered	\$10.00
Load of washing	\$4.00
Use of shower	\$5.00
Weekly Itinerant Worker Powered Site	\$175 per week
All Prices 2 Adults , Additional Persons	\$10.00

Birdsville Lodge and Birdsville Tourist Park Event Tariff

BRB In 4 July out 11 July 2021.

Minimum seven night stay including these dates

Races in 30 Aug out 5th Sep 2021

Minimum seven night stay including these dates

Category	Nightly Tariff	7 Night Tariff	Total
Birdsville Lodge Single room	\$180.00		\$1,260.00
Birdsville Lodge Double room	\$220.00		\$1,540.00
Birdsville Lodge Twin room	\$220.00		\$1,540.00
Ensuted Cabin	\$240.00		\$1,680.00
Deluxe Cabins - 5 Berth	\$350.00		\$2,450.00
Powered Sites	\$55.00		\$385.00
Bus Powered Sites	\$55.00		\$385.00
Unpowered Sites	\$40.00		\$280.00
Units - Twin Berth	\$160.00		\$1,120.00
Van Storage - Powered	N/A	N/A	
Van Storage - Unpowered	N/A	N/A	
All Prices 2 Adults , Additional Persons		\$10.00	

Bedourie Tourist Park

Category	Nightly Tariff
Powered Sites	\$30.00
Unpowered Sites	\$20.00
Load of washing	\$4.00
Use of shower	\$5.00
Weekly Itinerant Worker Powered Site	\$150 per week
All Prices 2 Adults , Additional Persons	\$10.00

NOTE: All rates in this document are GST inclusive. These are the proposed published rates.

The proposed fees and charges are identical to the existing fees and charges schedule, except for the following proposed changes:

Birdsville Lodge and Birdsville Tourist Park	
Birdsville Lodge Double room	\$115.00
Birdsville Lodge Twin room	\$115.00
Standard Cabin (previously known as Ensuted Cabin) 2 berth	\$120.00
Standard Cabin (previously known as Ensuted Cabin) 3 berth	\$130.00
Standard Cabin (previously known as Ensuted Cabin) 5 berth	\$140.00
Birdsville Promotional Deal – includes accommodation for one night in a Deluxe Cabin, a	\$185.00

Birdsville Lodge and Birdsville Tourist Park		
merchandise pack on arrival and Continental Breakfast for two people each morning		
Birdsville Lodge and Birdsville Tourist Park Event Tariff		
BRB in two days prior to festival commencement and out two days after festival ends (seven night minimum, dates for 2022 yet to be announced).	Minimum seven night stay (dates yet to be confirmed)	
Races in 29 Aug out 5th Sep 2022	Minimum seven night stay including these dates	
Birdsville Lodge Double room	\$230.00	\$1,610.00
Birdsville Lodge Twin room	\$230.00	\$1,610.00
Standard Cabin (previously known as Ensuted Cabin) 2 berth	\$240.00	\$1,680.00
Standard Cabin (previously known as Ensuted Cabin) 3 berth	\$260.00	\$1,820.00
Standard Cabin (previously known as Ensuted Cabin) 5 berth	\$280.00	\$1,960.00
NOTE: All rates in this document are GST inclusive. These are the proposed published rates.		

The changed rates are a result of a review that took into consideration the following:

- **Standard Cabins**
The price difference from Standard Cabin to Deluxe Cabin largely relates to the Deluxe Cabins having a view of the lagoon and being much newer, as well as being large and therefore taking a while to clean. The Standard Cabins, though, are still adequate and comfortable for travelling families. The two berth cabin has remained at the existing rate, however the two larger cabins (3 berth and 5 berth) have a further \$10 and \$20 respectively added on, due to their size allowing for more comfort. It also takes longer to clean these units than the two berth cabin. This small increase is still cheap for family accommodation, but takes into account some extra cleaning time.
- **Birdsville Lodge Double and Twin Rooms**
We have received positive feedback about these rooms, and have had many guests surprised at how cost effective they are. We have had several people offer (unsolicited) that they are regular guests in Birdsville but have never been offered the Birdsville Lodge as an option before. We sell the Lodge rooms as part of our overall accommodation offering, however according to some guests they have actively been discouraged from staying in the Lodge previously. As we offer this accommodation option to more clients, we are receiving more comments on the value of the rooms. There is market capacity to pay an extra \$5 per night, and at \$115 per night, the rooms still don't conflict with the Birdsville Hotel's accommodation offering (\$140 and higher per night).
- **Event periods**
These changes take into account the small price increases of the Standard Cabins and Twin/Double Lodge rooms, plus the 2022 proposed event dates.
- **Birdsville Promotional Deal**
To participate in some cooperative marketing opportunities, deals are required. A value add approach has been taken for this, where for the same money paid a few extras are provided. This deal gives us the opportunity to shift slow moving merchandise, as well as introducing a breakfast option into our accommodation offering. The total cost is \$38 for these added items, so is the approximate equivalent of a 20% discount, and given that people often prefer packages to discounts, this will be a useful promotional tool. Also, \$15 of that price is returned to the Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre through merchandise sales so increases our ability to move slow

moving merchandise stock. It should be noted that this promotional deal will only be applicable to certain promotions, and is not a standard offering but is reserved for promotions only.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Accommodation Manager Michelle Meilak has reviewed the proposed rate changes and provided feedback, as has the CEO Leon Love.

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Diamantina Shire Council Corporate Plan 2019 – 2024 Page 12, Our Economy

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.	The Birdsville Tourist Park and Birdsville Lodge contribute significantly to the Birdsville economy.	Consider and implement priorities in the Birdsville Tourist Park and Birdsville Lodge Business Plan 2019-2023

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Theme	Key Action	Objective
Tourism	Develop a business plan for the Birdsville Caravan Park and The Lodge to guide operation, identify new markets and increase profitability	Increase profitability Increase untied revenues to DSC to fund new economic development initiatives

Legal Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Risk Management Assessment

Risk	Particulars
Operational	Negligible – changes to prices take a few hours to update in our booking system (RMS)
Strategic	Nil
Reputation	Negligible – guests rarely remember the prices of accommodation between stays, and as the rooms with price increases are often used by people travelling for work, with their employee paying for the accommodation, the slight price increases aren't expected to cause any issues.
Project	Nil
Political	Nil
Environmental	Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

This takes minimal effort to implement, so the only resources required if approved is a few hours of time to update the pay rates in the RMS booking system.

Attachments:

Nil.

A (vi) Big Red Bash Support Request 2021

Author

Stephen Schwer

Executive Summary

The Big Red Bash has request Council support for the 2021 Big Red Bash along the lines of previous years.

Recommendation

'That Council confirm that the level of support offered for the 2020 Big Red Bash be continued for the 2021 Big Red Bash along with the hire of Council's telehandler if available.'

Background

Council has received a request for support from Big Run Events for a number of in kind and paid request for Council services and facilities. In addition, the request asks Council to consider formalising the support for a period of three years and reviewing its accommodation surcharge. Greg Donovan will join the meeting via zoom to discuss.

Accommodation Charges:

Historically bookings made by Big Red Bash have not attracted the seven day minimum booking requirement applied to other booking during this period. Based on the bed night figures estimated in the attached letter it is expected that the potential loss to Council by not applying the 7 day minimum booking is approximately \$34,320. Further details are shown below:

Birdsville Lodge	Bed nights	Room Charge	Total
Possible Income with 7 day min and full occupancy	343	\$220	\$75,460
Estimated income based on estimated BRB booking	200	\$220	\$44,000
BRB requested discount on estimated BRB booking	200	\$110	\$22,000

Furthermore based on the figures above, the requested reduction in room rates would result in a total loss of potential revenue to Council of \$53,460. Therefore it could be argued that Big Run Events already receives significant concession from Council in relation to their accommodation bookings. These figures related to the Birdsville Lodge booking only and do not include cabins and sites at the caravan park also booked by Big Run Events.

Historical Support Provided:

Council has provided in-kind support to Big Run Events for the delivery of the Big Red Run and Big Red Bash since it commenced in 2012 including the extra maintenance on the road.

In 2015 Council spent \$79,892 on in-kind support.
In 2016 Council spent \$24,408 on in-kind support.
In 2017 Council spent \$31,101 on in-kind support.
In 2018 Council spent \$38, 500 on in-kind support.
In 2019 Council spent \$55,790 on in-kind support.

The 2020 requests have been reviewed by officers and costed accordingly. Any impact the request may have on Council operations has also been considered in formulating the recommendations made.

An additional request for the rent of a house during the period of the BRB has been made and will be supported if a house is available.

Further, it is requested that a 3 year agreement be provided for the level of support offered by Council.

In addition, for 2021, a request has been made for the use of the council telehandler. If this machine is available, it would be charged at the rate of \$190/hour meter hour, plus delivery to/from site.

The report recommends that the above support provided to BRB conditional to:

- A detailed contingency plan being presented to Council before the end of April 2020.
- Council's contribution to the event being recognised as a major sponsorship including in both visibility and brand awareness at an event.
- Council being provided the opportunity to address the crowd at the event opening.
- Local residents continuing to be provided access to free tickets as per previous years.

The 2020 request which was approved is below:

Item	Details of request	2020 Dates	Estimated Cost	Total	Recommended In-kind support or discount applied	Recommended Charges to be applied
Backhoe PAID HIRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of council backhoe at the Big Red Bash site Hire charged at \$168.3/hr (same as 2019) Backhoe provided out of Birdsville town Big Red Bash provides a truck to transport from Birdsville to Big Red Bash site Provided with 300mm & 600mm digging buckets & 900mm mud bucket Required at the Big Red Bash site for 10 days, and will get a total of 12-24 hours of use during that period 	<p>Pick up from Birdsville town PM 26th June</p> <p>Drop back to Birdsville town AM Monday 6th July</p>	\$0	\$0	\$0	Council Has Sold the Backhoe in 2021 so is no longer available
Birdsville Hall FREE USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free use of Birdsville Hall for event admin, volunteer training and kitchen facilities 24 days of use Consumables & cleaning supplies (paper towel, toilet paper, hand soap etc) provided by DSC Big Red Bash team to do regular cleaning 	23 June to 17 July (24 days)	<p>\$250 per day Total \$6000</p> <p>Consumable included in hire fee</p> <p>Final Clean charged at \$264</p>	\$6264	\$6,000	\$264 (final clean)

Item	Details of request	2020 Dates	Estimated Cost	Total	Recommended In-kind support or discount applied	Recommended Charges to be applied
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSC to provide final clean at the end of the hire period, charged at \$264 					
25,000L water tanker trailer PAID HIRE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One 25,000L water tanker trailer parked full of water at BRB site as backup firefighting supply Hire fee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requesting further discount to bring hire fee down to \$800 (last year hire fee was \$2612.5 which was a 32% discount). The extra discount is in lieu of the usage of the council yard forklift (quoted value \$1820) as this is no longer required DSC to organise tanker drop-off to Big Red Bash site (full of non-potable water) On-site for 10 days. DSC to organise pick up after event. 	<p>Drop to BRB site PM 2nd July</p> <p>Pick up from BRB site AM 12th July</p>	<p>Pick-up and delivery \$</p> <p>\$385.00 per day for 10 days = \$3850.00</p>	\$3850.00 + delivery charges	\$1,238.00 (delivery)	\$2,612.50+gst
Wirrarrri Office FREE USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of office in Wirrarrri 12 days of use 	29 June to 11 July	Office 8 hire x 12 Days	\$581.35	\$581.35	\$0

Item	Details of request	2020 Dates	Estimated Cost	Total	Recommended In-kind support or discount applied	Recommended Charges to be applied
			@\$52.85 per day Total			
Wirrari outside FREE USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Space to set up Ticketing and Information outside Wirrari centre. 10 days of use Ticketing uses the awning outside wirrari Info tent under a 3x3 marquee 	1 July to 11 July	Retail stalls 10 days Total \$455	\$455	\$455	\$0
Water tower access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access and key to Birdsville Water Tower for temporary radio repeater install 	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electronic sign boards FREE USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 x Electronic signage boards for safety messages between Birdsville and Big Red 8 days of use on site Moved once to different positions 	Put in place by end of 2 July Moved to different positions 9 July Picked up anytime from PM 11 July	Hire \$7700	\$7700	\$7,700	\$0
Road closed barricades	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 x ROAD CLOSED barricades (approx 7-8m long steel 	3 July to 10 July	\$60.00 (\$15 per sign)	\$60	\$60	\$0

Item	Details of request	2020 Dates	Estimated Cost	Total	Recommended In-kind support or discount applied	Recommended Charges to be applied
FREE USE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> barricades) for use at BRB site 7 days of use on site 					
Landfill & liquid waste disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to landfill and bulk liquid waste disposal at no charge 		\$3090.00 (at \$1.03 per cubic meter)	\$3090	\$3,090	\$0
Grade, roll & watering road circuit near Big Red Bash site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade, roll and water the road circuit from Little Red to Big Red, the road across the lake, and the Brook's station track from the turnoff to the lake road south to the main road. Completed by Tuesday 2 weeks before the event so it has time to settle & before significant traffic starts 	To be confirmed	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0	\$13,200+GST
Use of oval for hocker wall cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use of the Birdsville oval for cleaning hocker marquee walls Cleaning method involves minimal water - damp cloths are used to wipe the surfaces of walls, then rags are used for drying, so we don't expect the process would create excess moisture on the oval We would utilise the railing around the edge of the oval to provide air-drying space 	Cleaning takes place 18 and 19 June	No identified fee for oval	\$0	\$0	\$0

Item	Details of request	2020 Dates	Estimated Cost	Total	Recommended In-kind support or discount applied	Recommended Charges to be applied
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The oval surface would only have foot traffic - no pegs / stakes in the ground, no vehicles Cleaning would take place for 2 days 					
Accommodation	Accommodation at lodge and park Requested reduction in fees		No reduction in fees provided. Considerable concession already made by not applying the 7 day minimum booking requirement.	As per fees and charges	\$0	No reduction in fees provided. Considerable concession already made by not applying the 7 day minimum booking requirement.
					\$19,064	

Consultation (Internal/External)

Email from Greg Donovan, 29 March 2021

Hi Leon, Stephen

Thanks very much for your time this week. We've had a productive week in Birdsville, working through our various event contingency options, and with the recent rain it assisted us better understanding the impacts on various locations, which in turn assist us with our contingency planning.

We will keep you updated and share our contingency plans for review and feedback as we pull them together.

Thanks for confirming that the approved council in kind arrangements for 2020 are OK to roll over to 2021.

As mentioned we would also like to re-visit a couple of aspects which may be able to be tabled at one of the upcoming council meetings, and I would be happy to Zoom in if it would be useful for me to present to council on these.

These items would be:-

1. A 3 year in kind agreement. As our in kind support is now at a fairly modest level and expected to be stable going forward, we think a 3 year commitment would help us with our planning and also reduce the need for council to review and approve each year. We are committed to continue the event for the long term, so we think this sort of arrangement is appropriate in that situation. Of course if there were any changes to the level of support that we were seeking we would make a separate application and case for that. However we would not expect any major changes now going forward.

2. An issue we have previously requested was a review of the surcharge on the Graham Street Lodge accommodation. We are happy to outline our case, and discuss further with the council.

3. As mentioned we are seeking some accommodation in Birdsville to use as a base for around 3 weeks, ideally accommodating 5 people, so something that would provide 3 bedroom living would be suitable. This is due to our previous accommodation no longer being available and lack of other suitable accommodation in town. If council had anything suitable available that would be much appreciated.

Thanks again for your time, and we look forward to being back up there in June and July and having a great Bash after what has seemed like a long break!

Kind regards

Greg Donovan
Managing Director
Outback Music Festival Group
1/299 Condamine St Manly Vale

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
A Major and Sustainable Tourism and Events Industry	Well planned tourism initiatives	Carry out the level of Council support for tourism and events.

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Any changes to support would be a change in policy towards the support of the BRB.

Risk Management Assessment

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Inkind support is estimated to be \$19064

Attachments:

Nil.

A (vii) Birdsville Lagoon Boat Ramp

Author

Stuart Bourne, Civil Engineer

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the potential replacement of the Birdsville Pontoon with a Boat Ramp.

Recommendation

'That Council not progress with the replacement of the damaged pontoon with a boat ramp or pontoon in any location due to the impracticality of building either and the associated risks to potential future users and request funds be used for the demolition and disposal of the existing pontoon.'

Background

Minute No. 2020.11.16-OM-14 November 2020 Ordinary Meeting

'That Council consider the report and provide feedback as to the future steps it wishes to take regarding the Birdsville Pontoon.'

Moved Cr Rayment, Seconded Cr Murray 'That council received the Birdsville Pontoon Report.'

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) have advised that they would agree to fund a new Birdsville boat ramp in lieu of a replacement of the current pontoon (the funding value is unknown). As a part of the funding Council will need to confirm the following:

- The boat ramp satisfies the requirements of Council and the Local Community.
- That Council agrees to take on management of the new boat ramp in the same capacity as for the pontoon.

Once the above information has been provided, DTMR will progress the delivery of the project from Brisbane.

With the change from replacing the current pontoon to the installation of a boat ramp the proposed location may need to be re-evaluated. The proposed location at Pelican Point would optimize the length (and cost) of the boat ramp due to the bank slope and water depth. However, the access road is susceptible to flooding and wet weather. This would make the boat ramp inaccessible for weeks/months either side of a flooding event preventing the SES launching the flood boat if necessary. Hence the boat ramp in this location would be for recreational users only.

An alternative location either near the existing pontoon or below the caravan park may be more suitable. Both of these sites would require additional vegetation clearing, road construction and longer boat ramps to access the deeper water. The Caravan Park site is quite flat so will need to be significantly longer to get above the flood height. The existing pontoon site is steeper and would require a shorter access. The extension of the boat ramp to above flood levels would not necessarily need to be in concrete but a gravel surface as a minimum would be required.

The approved budget for this project is unknown (to Council), hence there is no certainty that the additional costs for the alternative locations would be funded by DTMR.

Historically the SES launch the flood boat off the sealed road in the vicinity of the grid (depending on water levels) and could continue to do so. In the last flood the SES flood boat was launching from the top bank in the Caravan Park.

The provision of a boat ramp to access the Billabong would enable powered watercraft access. This may not be desirable due to:

- the impact of the disturbed amenity (noise/ waves)
- the safety aspect in relation to the shallow depth/ submerged rocks
- the relatively small navigable size of the billabong

Within the funding of the original ponding, there was a condition within the funding agreement which required Council to prevent powered craft onto the lagoon.

The provision of a new pontoon or reuse of the existing pontoon structure at Pelican Point or the existing site is problematic in that neither will provide protection from damage from future major floods and the risk to Council given the shallow water within the lagoon cannot be mitigated. The average water depth ranging from 0.68-1.6m around Pelican point, which is no more than the shallow end of the swimming pool. At the pool, diving is prohibited at the shallow end, so the similar rules should apply at the pontoon. In an uncontrolled environment around the pontoon which does not restrict access or prevent alcohol from being consumed, it is considered the risks are too high to safely provide a pontoon for public use.

Therefore, Council should consider the demolition and disposal of the existing pontoon without a replacement.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Chris Downey/ Gautham Nair/ Jeremy Kirjan (DTMR Central West District), Daniel Watson (DTMR – Maritime Safety Queensland), Trevor Stewart (Infrastructure Manager), Leon Love (Chief Executive Officer)

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Strategic Theme	Goal	Outcome
Our Infrastructure	Is constructed and maintained in a sustainable manner which meets the community needs	Well maintained community assets with additional facilities as appropriate for the communities

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Potential personal injury liability due to shallow water with associated negligence.

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Risk	Particulars
Operational	Moderate – increased risk of personal injury and private property damage due to shallow water, rocks
Strategic	Nil
Reputation	Moderate – potential perception of providing unsuitable infrastructure from residents, reduced amenity of the Billabong from residents and visitors
Project	Moderate – flooding will cause significant delays to construction, additional clearing required for access, history has shown that projects delivered by DTMR based in Brisbane are poorly executed
Political	Nil
Environmental	Moderate – potential for fuel spills/ nuisance noise / flora and fauna impacts

Financial and Resource Implications

Works will be funded by DTMR, however the value of the budget is unknown. The funding would also fund the remove of the existing pontoon and structure.

Attachments:

[Birdsville Boat Ramp - Sketches and hydrographic survey](#)

A (viii) Parking at Birdsville Airport

Author

Stuart Bourne, Civil Engineer

Author

Stuart Bourne, Civil Engineer

Executive Summary

Arid Air has requested to reserve three permanent parking spots at the Birdsville Airport to park their aircraft and to fuel up the aircraft with their own fuel truck to be parked airside. Relevant legislation such as the Manual of Standards Part 139 and Civil Aviation Order 20.9 have been investigated to determine the viability of the proposal.

Recommendation

That Council:-

- 1. approve the reservation of parking in the GA Parking area for local joy flight/charter plane operators equivalent in length to 2 planes each and a pickup/drop area at the southern end of the GA parking bay;**
- 2. each operator to pay the relevant annual parking reservation fees;**
- 3. the hardstand GA parking be restricted to single engine planes only;**
- 4. in principle agreement is provide for the storage of the Arid Air fuel tanker airside on the following conditions;**
 - a. it is not to operate on the hardstand areas;**
 - b. it must be positioned in a location agreed by the Chief Executive Officer;**
 - c. a licence agreement is to be entered into to locate the mobile fuel tanker in the suitable location which includes relevant conditions determined by the Chief Executive Officer to address submission of appropriate procedures and qualifications for refuelling, appropriate insurance and indemnities.**
- 5. That Council close the eastern end of runway 14, the cross strip, for use as overflow GA parking, and that it be marked accordingly.**
- 6. The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to update the Birdsville airport line marking plans, complete the linemarking and update the Aerodrome manual to address the above changes**

Background

Arid Air propose to reserve three permanent parking spots at the Birdsville Airport for parking aircraft and to fuel up the aircraft with a fuel truck. Arid Air wish to reserve 45m along the cable length within the GA apron. However, it is suggested to license two parking spots for the aircraft (see the red boxes shown in Figure 1) and the area between the cable and the end of the GA parking to load and unload their passengers (see the yellow box shown in Figure 1). The fuel truck has a capacity of approximately 30,000L. It will be driven to the aircraft that requires refuelling and parked in the allocated parking area (see the green box shown in Figure 1) when refuelling is finished. The proposed truck parking spot is currently not in use as there is some damage to the pavement surface in this area. Repairs to this section are currently planned to occur later in 2021.



Relevant legislation is the Manual of Standards (MOS) Part 139 and Civil Aviation Order (CAO) 20.9.

Licenced Area for Parking

The Part 139 (Aerodromes) Manual of Standards 2019 (as amended) under regulation 139.005 of the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 (CASR 1998) and section 4 of the Acts Interpretation Act 1901 sets out certain standards for certified aerodromes, registered aerodromes, and other aircraft landing areas. Although parking reservation is not mentioned in the MOS, leasing an area for parking is a viable option.

Within the MOS Section 8.7.7 outlines requirements for miscellaneous area line markings which are typically used to delineate areas on the apron. The marking must consist of a continuous 0.15 m wide solid green line. The purpose and location of a miscellaneous area line marking must be explained in the aerodrome manual.

Equipment Storage

An existing equipment storage area exists adjacent to the avgas refuelling area. However the proposed tanker has a capacity of 30,000L and will not fit in this area. Parking for such a large tanker should not be permitted in the relatively confined area around the GA parking apron or the refuelling area. The tanker could be parked near the overflow GA parking area in the vicinity of the access gate to the Bedourie road. The agreement should outline that this truck is not to traffic the GA or RPT apron to prevent damage. Aircraft may be refuelled in this position only. This is consistent with Council requiring the Birdsville Aviation Fuel bulk tanks to be fuelled from the road, not by the fuel truck to access the tank fill point.



Distance for Refuelling

The Civil Aviation Order 20.9 (as amended) under subregulation 235 (7) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 involves air service operations – precautions in refuelling, engine and ground radar operations.

Within CAO 20.9 Section 4.1.1 sets out the minimum distance between the fuel tank filling points or vent outlet and other structures during fuelling operations. It is required that the fuel tank filling points or vent outlet needs to keep a minimum distance of 6 m from other stationary aircraft.

A refuelling procedure should be prepared to ensure compliance with this regulation.

GA Parking



Leasing of 2 parking spaces within the GA apron will limit the available parking for the visiting and local GA aircraft. The development of overflow parking will need to be considered in the short term by closing the cross strip on the Eastern end and utilizing the area in the vicinity of the windsock (which is used during races as overflow). This will avoid GA passengers walking across an active cross strip.

Refuelling Qualifications

The refuelling operator should be appropriately trained for the refuelling of aircraft. A number of qualifications are available for aircraft refuelling, including AVIW0020 Refuel Aircraft.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Leon Love (CEO), Trevor Stewart (Infrastructure Manager)

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Strategic Theme	Goal	Outcome
Our Infrastructure	Is constructed and maintained in a sustainable manner which meets community needs.	Airports and services that meet community and CASA requirements.
Our Economy	Flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.	More accessible transport bringing more tourists.

Legal Implications

A licence agreement will need to be prepared.

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Risk	Particulars
Operational	Minor: Limiting the parking capacity of the GA parking of the airport may result in GA aircraft parking on the RPT apron or other undesirable areas. Potential damage to sealed surfaces from turning/weight of fuel tanker.
Strategic	Nil
Reputation	Minor: Possible negative feedback from other tour operators/ GA owners regarding lack of available GA parking. Other local or visiting GA owners may request dedicated licenced areas.
Project	Nil
Political	Nil
Environmental	Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

The design and painting of line-marking will cost around \$5k. Further design options and estimates are required for the future GA parking options.

Attachments:

[Arid Air Request - Birdsville Airport Parking](#)

[Birdsville Airport Parking - Current line-marking plan](#)

A (ix) Birdsville Hotel Licenced Area Extension for Big Red Bash

Author

Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

Ben Fullagar addressed the April Council meeting regarding a proposal to extend the hotel licenced area during the Big Red Bash to assist with meeting the COVID capacity restrictions. Further detailed plans have been provide for Council to consider.

Recommendation

'That Council approve, in principle, the proposal to extend the hotel licenced area during the Big Red Bash to assist with meeting the COVID capacity restrictions, and authorise the Chief Executive Officer, or their delegate, to approve the final plans with appropriate conditions.'

Background

Ben Fullagar has sent the following email with attachments:

Hi Leon, many thanks for your time discussing this at the last council meeting.

As discussed the main goal for this project is to assist us with our Covid Capacity of 1 person for every 2 square meters of our site during the Big Ref Bash.

We see this as an area for additional seating and relaxing with afternoon drinks watching the sunset to the west. Tables will have umbrellas available for shade.

Please see attached a draft proposal of the site that we wish to have as a licenced dining area for the Big Red Bash period.

As discussed the peak periods are the 3 days prior to the concert and the 2 days after the concert.

In the perfect world we would prefer to keep this all in place for the entire duration if possible.

Set up date for this would be the morning of the 2nd July and pack down would be the morning of the 11th July prior to sunrise.

So the area would be in licenced us for 9 days total.

On the picture you will see I have allowed for the concert culverts to be placed behind the white fence to remove risk of a vehicle pushing through fence into patrons.

These have been supplied by council at previous events. They will be hidden from external view so as not to interrupt photographs of the Hotel.

The blue lines shown on the picture as entry / exit pedestrian access and will not be gated.

Could you please review and provide any required feedback and or approval to enable us to start the application process with OLGR?

At the last meeting Council agreed that the proposal was acceptable but required further detailed information. This information has now been provided so Council may wish to consider any conditions it would like to state as part of any approval.

Some issues to consider are:

1. Is the use of concrete culverts an appropriate protection against vehicles "pushing through".
2. Provision of the concrete culverts as an in-kind donation. There will be a cost involved for Council to deliver these to site, position and then collect at the end. The Birdsville Hotel could potentially purchase their own.
3. The southern boundary to the area across Burt St is not lined up with the front of the hotel as discussed at the last meeting.
4. The airport access gate opens directly into the licenced area.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Our economy flourishes from a growing tourism industry and continuation of major events.	A cooperative group of businesses and individuals are united in promoting the Shire as a destination.	

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Theme	Key Action	Objective
2. Tourism	Undertake an economic impact assessment of the Birdsville Races and Big Red Bash events to assist planning of future events.	

Legal Implications

The proposed licenced area needs to comply with any traffic management guidelines.

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments:

[BRB Extension area.jpg](#)

[Chelmsford-2.jpg](#)

[rcw-news-culvertsprecast-med.jpg](#)

A (x) Streetscapes – Birdsville – Irrigation Works

Author

Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

This report seeks Council direction on the upgrade of turf irrigation in Adelaide Street Birdsville.

Recommendation

'That Council consider the upgrade of irrigation in Adelaide Street Birdsville.'

Background

Anzac Park in Birdsville is being upgraded and a component of this work is the provision of turf and associated automated sprinkler system within the park and footpath.

The supplier has provided an option to extend the area of popup sprinklers controlled from the park controller to the footpath areas in Adelaide street and the medians. This would involve considerable work replacing all underground pvc pipes, solenoids and pop up sprinkler heads. The proposal is to only water the area between the footpath and the kerb, leaving the area between the footpath and the property boundary unwatered. What happens with this remaining area?

The attached layout drawing are attached for the options provide.

Option 1 – Both sides of Adelaide Street for 2 blocks including both medians being redone \$87000

Option 2 – Southern side of Adelaide Street with medians being connected to existing plumbing as per plan \$35790 + use of council machinery + provision of bedding sand.

Option 3 – Do nothing and continue as is

Option 4 – Reconsider which areas of Adelaide Street are watered to reduce operating costs, water wastage and pavement damage

The purpose of this report is to gauge Council's interest in progressing with this relatively expensive exercise.

Currently the streets are irrigated using manual taps or electronic battery powered timers, which are notoriously temperamental. Existing popups over water the lawn areas onto the streets, are left on too long, wasting considerable water. Watering of the road pavement reduces the life of the pavement due to egress into the pavement and its eventual failure. Water ponds on the footpaths as the footpath is lower than the kerb height in a lot of places.

It is unlikely that any other the above issues will disappear completely except it is expected that less water would be used and less staff time consumed.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Landscape architect, Contract Landscaper

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Has attractive, green and clean towns of which residents are proud.	Streetscapes maintained and parks developed as funds allow.	Maintain town streetscapes.
		Parks maintained and developed as funds allow.

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Risk	Particulars
Operational	Where water lays on footpaths, there is a risk of the public slipping
Strategic	Nil
Reputation	Council has received complaints with water wastage relating to footpath watering
Project	Nil
Political	Nil
Environmental	Council has received complaints about water wastage

Financial and Resource Implications

The project is not funded in the current budget.

Attachments:

[Birdsville Anzac Park 10-11-2020-street \(7\)](#)

A (xi) Concrete Restoration Works

Author

Stuart Bourne, Civil Engineer

Executive Summary

The Severe Tropical Cyclone Trevor and associated low pressure system 19 – 27 March 2019 caused damage to multiple concrete structures on the Diamantina Lakes – Winton Shire Boundary Road. Originally these works were procured and awarded to Central Hire Contracting. Due to lack of performance the works were removed from scope and re-procured. The Concrete Restoration Works tender includes works to repair minor damage to structures while also including a complete replacement of the structure crossing the Mayne River.

Recommendation

‘That Council consider that the tender is awarded to Mick Sutton Concreting Pty Ltd for the concrete restoration works subject to the Queensland Reconstruction Authority confirming the reimbursement eligibility of the tender pricing.’

Background

As a result of the Severe Tropical Cyclone Trevor and associated low pressure system 19 – 27 March 2019 multiple concrete structures on the Diamantina Lakes – Winton Shire Boundary Road require restoration works. The works were originally procured in December 2019 and awarded to Central Hire and Contracting Pty Ltd.

‘That Council award the Concrete Restorations Works tender to Central Hire & Contracting Pty Ltd.’

Minute No. 2019.12.16-OM-12 Moved Cr Maunsell, Seconded Cr Cramer ‘That the recommendation be adopted.’

None of the contract works to date have been commenced by Central Hire so part of the original contract scope has been removed from their contract and retendered.

On the 24th February 2021, tender documents for the “Concrete Structure Restoration Works March 2019 Flood Damage” were uploaded to LG Tender Box. Sixty (60) tenderers downloaded the documents (see enclosed Tender Recipients List).

At the close of tenders 2:00pm, 26th March 2021, two (2) submission were received from:

1. Mick Sutton Concreting Pty Ltd
2. Stockham Building Services Pty Ltd

The tenders were assessed based on Price (50%), Local experience and in Remote Areas (40%) and Workplace Health and Safety Documentation (10%). Mick Sutton Concreting were the only tenderer to submit the requested Workplace Health and Safety documentation and have significant recent experience in Diamantina Shire.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Is constructed and maintained in a sustainable manner which meets community needs.	A well-maintained Shire road network which meets the needs of the road users.	Our Infrastructure

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Risk	Particulars
Operational	Minor disruption to the road network during works
Strategic	Nil
Reputation	Nil
Project	Nil
Political	Nil
Environmental	Mayne River culvert replacement works must be completed in accordance with approved design by the State Assessment and Referral Agency as works are to be constructed through a purple watercourse.

Financial and Resource Implications

Mick Sutton Concreting Pty Ltd submitted a price of \$826,870.00 incl. GST.

The March 2019 Flood Damage submission approval for the tendered concrete repairs is \$350,345.60 include project management, escalation and contingency.

The tendered pricing and procurement process is to be sent to the QRA to confirm that the costs are eligible and minimize the risk of ineligibility during the acquittal phase.

Attachments:

[Tender Assessment and Recommendation - Concrete Restoration Works](#)

A (xii) Road Condition Information Signs Tender

Author

Stuart Bourne, Civil Engineer

Executive Summary

A grant has been approved for Road Condition Information Signage (RCIS) to provide road users real time information on road closures. These 4 automatic signs would replace the manual signs currently located at both Bedourie and Birdsville.

Recommendation

'That Council award the tender to J1-LED Intelligent Transport Systems PTY LTD for the works of design & installation of road condition information signs pending confirmation from the Department of Transport and Main Roads that the additional costs will be reimbursed.'

Background

The existing manual road condition signs located in both towns are updated by Council staff as the road conditions change to suit the road reports that are distributed through established channels. Gradually these manual signs are being replaced by digital signs which are controlled by DTMR via the Brisbane traffic center (which are based on the Council road reports). The provision of these new signs will better outline the road conditions particularly the arrangement of the Lake Macchattie detour which has in the past provided a source of confusion for some motorists.

On the 23rd March 2021, tender documents for the "Design & Installation of Road Condition Information Signs" were uploaded to LG Tender Box. Three (3) tenderers downloaded the documents (see enclosed Tender Recipients List)

At the close of tenders 2:00pm, 14th April, two (2) submission were received from:

1. J1-LED Intelligent Transport Systems Pty Ltd
2. AD Engineering International Pty Ltd

The tenders were assessed based on Price (60%), Previous experience (30%) and Workplace Health and Safety Documentation (10%). Both tenderers submitted competitive prices along with all requested workplace health and safety documentation. AD Engineering International have experience working with Banana Shire and Rockhampton Regional Councils however J1-LED have experience working with DTMR within the Central West Queensland, Cloncurry, Barcaldine and Roma Districts. J1-LED are the DTMR districts preferred supplier for these types of signs.

[Include any previous decisions relating to the topic and enough information to understand the issue.]

Consultation (Internal/External)

Trevor Stewart – Infrastructure Manager

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Strategic Theme	Goal	Outcome
Our Infrastructure	Is constructed and maintained in a sustainable manner which meets community needs.	A well-maintained Shire road network which meets the needs of the road users.

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Risk	Particulars
Operational	Moderate - These signs are updated by DTMR from the Brisbane traffic center based on the road reports submitted by Council. In the past, during statewide weather events, the Brisbane traffic center have been slow to update their system in relation to road closure status (in Western Qld) due to resource availability. This may result in the road signs not aligning with road reports due to processing delays. The new system is susceptible to communications outages or software malfunctions/ updates. Annual specialized maintenance will be required. Should an error/ malfunction occur with the new signs it is unlikely to be able to be resolved locally.
Strategic	Nil
Reputation	Nil
Project	Minor disruption during works, possible delay in commissioning due to DTMR interfaces.
Political	Nil
Environmental	Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Funding has been obtained through the Department of Communities, Disability Services and Seniors Far North Queensland and North Queensland Monsoon Trough – Category C Flexible Funding Grant for \$150,000 excl GST. The tender pricing received from J1-LED is \$293,208.47 inc GST.

Attachments:

[Tender Assessment and Recommendation - Road Condition Information Signs](#)

A (xiii) Delegations – Council to CEO

Author

Amanda Schnitzerling, Governance and Environment Manager

Executive Summary

LGAQ have published some updates to the Council to CEO Delegation which need to be incorporated and adopted.

Recommendation

'That Council delegate all powers in attached TBA Delegation Listing Council to CEO.docx (the LGAQ/King & Company Council to CEO Delegation Register) to the Chief Executive Officer on the condition that the CEO exercise professional judgement about further delegation of these powers to officers and contractors, and similarly, on the condition that the CEO will exercise professional judgement about referring decisions back to the council where the decision is one where a prudent CEO would reasonably acknowledge that the decision would be better made at the council level, or is of such significance financially, socially or politically that the CEO would expect Council to want to make the decision.'

Background

LGAQ have issued a few updates to the Council to CEO delegations register. The updates involved the following New Registers, Changes of Substance, and Changes to reprint numbers only. The attachment shows these changes using track changes in word.

New Registers
Biosecurity Regulation 2016 – Council to CEO
Land Regulation 2020 – Council to CEO
Nature Conservation (Animals) Regulation 2020 – Council to CEO
Nature Conservation (Plants) Regulation 2020
Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020 – Council to CEO
State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2014 - Council to CEO
Transport Infrastructure (State Controlled Roads) Regulation 2011 - Council to CEO
Water Fluoridation Regulation 2020 – Council to CEO

Changes of substance to existing registers
Acquisition of Land Act 1967 - Council to CEO
Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth) - Council to CEO
Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 - Council to CEO
Biosecurity Act 2014 - Council to CEO
Building Act 1975 – Council to CEO
Building Regulation 2006 - Council to CEO
Development Assessment Rules - Council to CEO
Economic Development Act 2012 - Council to CEO
Environmental Protection Act 1994 - Council to CEO
Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 - Council to CEO
Heavy Vehicle National Law (Qld) - Council to CEO
Industrial Relations Act 2016 – Council to CEO
Land Act 1994 - Council to CEO
Land Title Act 1994 - Council to CEO
Local Government Act 2009 - Council to CEO

Changes of substance to existing registers
Local Government Regulation 2012 - Council to CEO
Mineral and Energy Resources (Common Provisions) Act 2014 – Council to CEO
Mineral Resources Act 1989 – Council to CEO
Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999 – Council to CEO
Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017 - Council to CEO
Planning Act 2016 – Council to CEO
Planning Regulation 2017 - Council to CEO
Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation (COVID-19 Emergency Response) Regulation 2020 – Council to CEO
Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 - Council to CEO
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Consultation (Internal/External)

Nil

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
A sustainable and effective organisation	Best practice Corporate Governance	Support the separation of roles between Council and Management.

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Local Government Act 2009

257 Delegation of local government powers

- (1) A local government may, by resolution, delegate a power under this Act or another Act to—
- (a) the mayor; or
 - (b) the chief executive officer; or
 - (c) a standing committee, or joint standing committee, of the local government; or
 - (d) the chairperson of a standing committee, or joint standing committee, of the local government; or
 - (e) another local government, for the purposes of a joint government activity.
- (2) However, a local government must not delegate a power that an Act states must be exercised by resolution.
- (3) A **joint standing committee**, of the local government, is a committee consisting of councillors of 2 or more of the local governments.
- (4) A delegation to the chief executive officer under subsection (1) must be reviewed annually by the local government.

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Nil

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil

Attachments:

[TBA Delegation Listing Council to CEO](#)

A (xiv) Policy - Housing

Author

Amanda Schnitzerling, Governance and Environment Manager

Executive Summary

The Housing Policy has been reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule and some changes are proposed.

Recommendation

'That Council adopt the Housing Policy as presented.'

Background

Council last adopted this policy in January 2020 and subsequently resolved to make an amendment in June 2020 as follows:

Minute No. 2020.06.22-OM-11

'Council resolved to amend the Housing Policy to the effect that houses are only to be rented to non-council employees on an unfurnished basis.'

The policy is now due for annual review and the following changes are proposed:

3.3.1 State Government Employees

Delete the premises listed as preferred housing for Queensland Education employees as we no longer provide Housing for them. In Bedourie the department rents a privately owned house and in Birdsville the department purchase the property at 73 Florence St.

3.1.3.2 Aged and Disabled

We currently have a number of non-aged/disabled tenants in the premises identified for the aged and disabled on periodic agreements so the requirement for tenants to be on one month fixed term tenancies has been deleted. It won't make much difference as the notice required for Periodic is two weeks and for Fixed Term is the later of 14 days or the day the agreement ends.

3.1.11 Furniture Purchase Offer

An extra two points have been added to clarify what furniture will be considered part of the offer and to confirm that the offer will expire after 4 weeks. We had an employee who wanted Council to provide more furniture before accepting the offer. This would have resulted in Council purchasing brand new furniture for the tenant and it being transferred directly to the ownership of the tenant.

3.1.16 Yard Maintenance

Included the availability of Whipper Snippers for a fee.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Zoe Barber, Administration Officer – Human Resources and Housing

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Goal	Outcome	Strategy
Has attractive, green and clean towns of which residents are proud.		
Has a cost of living comparable to South East Queensland.	The cost of living in the Shire is reduced	In consultation with businesses, identify ways to reduce the cost of living for residents.

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

The policy needs to comply with s.17 of the *Housing Regulation 2003*.

Policy Implications

This policy will commence on adoption.

Risk Management Assessment

Nil.

Financial and Resource Implications

Nil.

Attachments:

[TBA Housing Policy](#)

A (xv) Survey of Betoota Town Reserve

Author

Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

This report is presented following further investigation of the boundary of the Betoota Town Reserve and consultation with Tony Morcom, Surveyor.

Recommendation

'That Council engaged AS Morcom surveying to complete a full survey of the Betoota Town Reserve external boundary including placement of line pegs at a cost of approximately \$7700 and that this be considered Council's contribution towards any future boundary fencing undertaken by neighbors.'

Background

Following the April Ordinary meeting, I contacted Tony Morcom to check whether he had conducted a survey of the Betoota Town Reserve which would aid in the identification of any survey pegs along Browns Creek at Betoota.

Tony advised that the reserve had never been surveyed although he had done some survey work around the Racecourse and airstrip a few years ago. He explained that this was the case as there boundary of the reserve on the survey plan was not a solid line.

Tony advised that the external boundary between the town reserve and Mt Leonard Station in the vicinity of Teeta Waterhole would be the top of the western bank of the waterhole as per surveying practice as the waterhole is within Mt Leonard station.

Completing a survey of the town reserve boundary with pegs being placed to allow fencing to occur in the future if required, and will resolve the issue of the location of the town reserve external boundary.

Further, given the considerable cost of this work, Council should consider this to be its contribution towards any future fencing costs of the town reserve.

Consultation (Internal/External)

Tony Morcom, Surveyors

Corporate and Operational Plan Linkages

Nil

Economic Development Plan Linkages

Nil

Legal Implications

Council is not legally required to contribute towards the cost of fencing the boundary of a reserve, including the cost of survey.

Policy Implications

Nil

Risk Management Assessment

Risk	Particulars
Operational	Nil
Strategic	Nil
Reputation	Nil
Project	Nil
Political	Nil
Environmental	Understanding the boundary will assist potentially in protecting the riparian zone of Browns Creek.

Financial and Resource Implications

\$7700 approximately.

Attachments:

Nil.

Closure of the Meeting to the Public

Recommendation

'That in relation to agenda item A(xvi) Annual Revaluation budget implications pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed to the public so that the councillors or members can discuss Council's budget.'

A (xvi) Confidential – Annual Revaluation budget implications

Author

Amanda Schnitzerling, Governance and Environment Manager

Executive Summary

The Department of Resources 2021 Annual Valuation information has been released and has resulted in significant increases to the value of rural land in the shire. This was discussed at the April meeting and it was agreed that a further report be presented to the May meeting.

Recommendation

'That Council discuss and consider options for an appropriate general rating structure for the 2021/22 Budget.'

Closure of the Meeting to the Public

- This report relates to resolving Council's interests in legal proceedings and it is appropriate to deal with the matter in closed session.
- For the purpose of closing the meeting to consider the report and the consent determination, it is recommended that a resolution in the following terms be made:

Recommendation

'That in relation to agenda item A(xvii) Wangkamahdla People consent determination order pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed to the public so that the councillors or members can discuss legal advice obtained or legal proceedings involving Council.'

A (xvii) Confidential - Wangkamahdla People consent determination order

Author

Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

Following much negotiation between the parties, a proposed Determination of the Wangkamahdla People native title claim QUD 52/2016 in the terms of the s87A Agreement and Proposed consent Order are presented for Council consideration.

Recommendation

'That Council

- a) ***Agree to enter into an agreement made under s 87A Native Title Act 1993 and consent to the determination of the Wangkamahdla People native title claim QUD52/2016 in the terms of the s87A Agreement and Proposed Consent Order (attached); and***
- (b) ***delegate to the CEO the power to agree to any changes that may be required by the Court to the final determination referred to in paragraph a) and to instruct Holding Redlich to sign the s87A Agreement on Council's behalf.***

Closure of the Meeting to the Public

Recommendation

'That in relation to agenda item A(xviii) Unlawful Use of Premises – 675 Betoota Access Road, Betoota pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed to the public so that the councillors or members can discuss legal advice obtained or legal proceedings involving Council.

A (xviii) Confidential - Unlawful Use of Premises – 675 Betoota Access Road, Betoota

Author

Leon Love – Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

It has been brought to Council's attention that the Betoota Hotel is offering fuel and tyres for sale and undertaking mechanical repairs without the appropriate town planning approval

Recommendation

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to issue a notice to the owner of lot 21 SP314286 (675 Betoota Access Road Betoota) requiring that:the owner cease the use of the premises for "service station" purposes and remove from the premises all things in connection with the "service station" use by 31 May 2021.'

Closure of the Meeting to the Public

Recommendation

'That in relation to agenda item A(xix) Confidential - Show Cause Notice – 4 Mineritchie Street Birdsville pursuant to section 254J of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the meeting be closed to the public so that the councillors or members can discuss legal advice obtained or legal proceedings involving Council.'

A (xix) Confidential - Show Cause Notice – 4 Mineritchie Street Birdsville

Author

Leon Love, Chief Executive Officer

Executive Summary

Following the receipt of complaints relating to use of land at 4 Mineritchie Street Birdsville, Council solicitors have prepared a Show Cause Notice for Council's consideration.

Recommendation

'That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Show Cause Notice under the Planning Act 2016 as the owner is carrying out assessable development without all necessary permits in effect for the development.'

LATE ITEMS

COUNCILLORS BUSINESS