



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
18 MAY 2016**

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SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL
HELD ON 18 MAY 2016 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL,
61 MARSH STREET, STANTHORPE AT 12:00 NOON**

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Crs Dobie (Chair), Gow, Kelly, McNally, McNichol, Meiklejohn, Pennisi, Stocks and Windle

Officers: David Keenan (Chief Executive Officer), Peter See (Director Engineering Services), Ken Harris (Director Planning, Environment and Community Services), Gwen Jones (Minute Secretary)

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Item No	Item Precise	Nature of Conflict
4.1	Economic Development, Major Events and Tourism	Cr McNally declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as her mother is a volunteer at the Warwick Visitor Information Centre. Cr McNally dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was her determination that her personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to her making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr McNally participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.
4.1	Economic Development, Major Events and Tourism	Cr Stocks declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as she is a local tourist accommodation operator. Cr Stocks dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was her determination that her personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to her making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Stocks participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.
4.1	Economic Development, Major Events and Tourism	The Mayor declared that a perceived conflict of interest in this matter (as defined in section 173 of the <i>Local Government Act 2009</i>), may exist as she formerly held the role of Project Implementation Manager with Destination

	<p>Southern Downs for a 4 month period in 2015. Cr Dobie dealt with the perceived conflict of interest by stating that it was her determination that her personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it would lead to her making a decision on this matter that is contrary to the public interest. Cr Dobie participated in the discussion and voting on this matter.</p>
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4. CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS ITEMS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public and move 'into Committee' to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

Recommendation

THAT the meeting be closed to the public and move into committee to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with Section 275(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following, as indicated:

4.1 Economic Development, Major Events & Tourism

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

Meeting In Camera

Resolution

Moved Cr R Kelly

Seconded Cr J McNally

THAT the meeting move into closed session.

Carried

The Meeting moved into closed session at 12.05pm.

12.25pm Cr Meiklejohn left the meeting

12.26pm Cr McNichol left the meeting

12.28pm Crs Meiklejohn and McNichol rejoined the meeting

Meeting Out Of Camera

Resolved

THAT the meeting resume in open session at 1.10pm.

Carried

4.1 Economic Development, Major Events & Tourism

Resolution

Moved Cr N Meiklejohn

Seconded Cr R Kelly

THAT:

1. Council does not fund Destination Southern Downs in the 2016/2017 Budget.
2. The Chief Executive Officer is delegated to negotiate the transition of the Warwick and Stanthorpe Visitor Information Centres operations, marketing and event services back to Council by 1 July 2016.
3. Council adopts, in principle, the Economic Development, Major Events and Marketing structure.
4. A further report be presented to a Council meeting in June 2016

Carried

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.13pm.