



ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

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Calendar for Council Meetings and Briefing Sessions January to December 2018

MONTH	BRIEFING SESSION 1	BRIEFING SESSION 2	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSIONS	GENERAL MEETING
January	No Session	15/1/2018 Warwick	29/1/2018 Stanthorpe	31/1/2018 Stanthorpe
February	5/2/2018 Stanthorpe	12/2/2018 Warwick	26/2/2018 Stanthorpe	28/2/2018 Warwick
March	5/3/2018 Warwick	12/3/2018 Warwick	26/3/2018 Stanthorpe	28/3/2018 Stanthorpe
April	3/4/2018 Stanthorpe	9/4/2018 Warwick	23/4/2018 Stanthorpe	26/4/2018 Warwick
May	8/5/2018 Stanthorpe	14/5/2018 Warwick	21/5/2018 Stanthorpe	23/5/2018 Stanthorpe
June	4/6/2018 Stanthorpe	11/6/2018 Warwick	25/6/2018 Stanthorpe	27/6/2018 Warwick
July	2/7/2018 Warwick	9/7/2018 Warwick	23/7/2018 Stanthorpe	25/7/2018 Stanthorpe
August	6/8/2018 Stanthorpe	13/8/2018 Warwick	20/8/2018 Stanthorpe	22/8/2018 Warwick
September	3/9/2018 Warwick	10/9/2018 Warwick	24/9/2018 Stanthorpe	26/9/2018 Stanthorpe
October	2/10/2018 Stanthorpe	8/10/2018 Warwick	22/10/2018 Stanthorpe	24/10/2018 Warwick
November	5/11/2018 Warwick	12/11/2018 Warwick	26/11/2018 Stanthorpe	21/11/2018 Stanthorpe
December	3/12/2018 Stanthorpe	No Session	10/12/2018 Stanthorpe	12/12/2018 Warwick



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The Southern Downs Regional Council is pleased to make this submission to the consultation of the Advance Queensland 10-Year Roadmap for the Screen Industry. The Southern Downs has hosted a number of productions including the series *Wanted* and a number of short films and television commercials. The Council has very efficient and low-cost policies and procedures in place to assist the production of film and television in the Region. The Region's natural beauty, diverse landscapes and streetscapes, the proximity to South East Queensland and the willingness of the Council to facilitate production makes the Southern Downs an ideal location for the film industry.

The Southern Downs Regional Council agrees that the film industry can be a big employer. The Council is well aware that film production involves many people, particularly when shooting on location. This level of activity creates economic input for the Region. Depending on the length of the production process, the Region's businesses can enjoy patronage for accommodation, catering, traffic control and general services to name a few. This activity is new money into the economy, which is also important for the local area.

Film production locally can create community pride. The series *Wanted* was produced in the Southern Downs with many local people excited to see their town featured on the screen. In the same way that hometown sports stars create community pride, the opportunity to show-off their hometown in a movie backdrop makes community members come together to celebrate their town. This was the case with previous film production on the Southern Downs.

Advancing technologies used in film production can create new jobs and business opportunities, for example, drone training. The new technologies can also create connectivity for education, health and the community in general. We don't know where the limits to the new technologies will be but we do know that they will be further afield from where they were originally intended. The Southern Downs Regional Council is very keen to learn about and from the new technologies and how they will be able to enhance the livability of the Region for residents and visitors.

Finally the Southern Downs Regional Council agrees that investment in infrastructure such as Village Roadshow studios on the Gold Coast is positive for the Queensland Economy. Investments such as this will help to anchor the industry in Queensland, provide training opportunities and help to promote Queensland as a destination for a wide range of visitors, similar to those visiting Hollywood.

There are advantages for the Southern Downs Regional Council and Regional Queensland in having a strong film industry. New Augmented Technology (AT) can be used to enhance visitor experience in rural and regional towns as well as being used for self-guided and interpretive tours. AT can add to the active and outdoor visitor experience through self-filming of activities such as mountain bike riding, bush walking, bouldering and climbing and food and wine experiences.

New AT can unleash creative talent in rural and regional children and help with their connectedness and storytelling capabilities. The technology can also be used to develop historical and Indigenous storytelling that will enhance the way our Regional and rural communities are portrayed and understood. The ABC's annual Heywire competition is an example of rural and remote young people having access to a medium on which to tell their

stories; it is a highly successful initiative that helps young people connect and over the past 17 years, more than 9000 young Australians have taken part. Investment in the screen industry in Queensland, Australia's most decentralised state, will help to open new technologies for rural and remote people to connect with the world.

The screen industry provides an injection of 'new' cash into regional economies. This can come from a variety of sources; during production film crews utilise local businesses for accommodation, catering, logistics and services. Local areas can leverage their appearances on film to drive tourism and investment, for example the town of Matamata, where the Hobbiton Movie set is located, and Hollywood draw large numbers of tourists each year. While these examples are at the top of the scale there are other examples of screen generated tourism throughout regional Australia. A strong screen industry that is encouraged to utilise rural and remote communities as film backdrops will help those communities to generate more visitation.

The 'new' cash can be injected into local economies in other ways, for example, Warwick and Stanthorpe are ideal sites for drone training. The local airports have commercial classification to support drone flying but are far enough away from heavy commercial traffic to ensure there is a very low risk of collision. As drones are used more in film production, capable pilots will need training and new technology will need time and space for testing. The Southern Downs can accommodate these requirements and will assist to attract investment in this field.

The Southern Downs has a number of other attributes that make it a desirable destination for screen production. The Region boasts amazing and unusual landscapes that can be utilised in filmmaking.

The Council has a very accommodating planning and local laws regime that makes filming cost effective through time and budget factors. For these reasons the Southern Downs Regional Council is very supportive of a comprehensive 10-Year Roadmap for the screen industry in Queensland.

While it is very supportive of the screen industry the Southern Downs Regional Council does have some concerns about the program. The questions the Council would like to raise are:

Is the incentive program good value for money; does the value of the incentive correlate to high investment values with good multipliers into the local economy?
Creative industries are very fluid; how will the State ensure the industry invests for the long-term in Queensland, particularly Regional areas?
Will this create another fly-in fly-out industry in Regional Queensland?
What is the true value to the local economy other than catering, accommodation and some local services?
What other sectors are missing out because this incentive fund is being offered to a high-profile sector that is very fluid and can be footloose?

The Southern Downs Regional Council is supportive of investment in the screen industry and would like to see more opportunities from the State's investment in regional and remote parts of the State. The Council submits that the 10-Year Roadmap must ensure long-term investment in the State's screen industry and drive economic activity into local economies.

The Council looks forward to seeing more information about the Roadmap in the coming months.

Yours faithfully

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Grants to Community - 2017/18 - Round Two - Successful Applicants			
Application Number	Applicant Organisations Name	Project Title	Funding Awarded
EG-1718-R2-004	Allora Community Circle Inc	Allora Autumn Festival Get It Going 2018	\$7,153.53
CG-1718-R2-023	Allora Primary P&C Association	Allora 's Summer Relief Program	\$9,998.20
EG-1718-R2-001	Allora Show Society Incorporated	2017 New Years Eve Fireworks	\$3,375.00
EG-1718-R2-007	Ananda Marga Praceraaka Samgha Ltd.	Ananda Mela (Festival of Bliss)	\$3,710.00
CG-1718-R2-001	Anglican Parish of Warwick	Publish a Book - Settlers, Sandstone & Sacraments - 150 years at St Marks	\$7,221.00
CG-1718-R2-007	Boomerang Bags Warwick	Use recycled materials to make reusable tote bags to replace plastic shopping bags.	\$4,148.20
SRG-1718-R2-010	Football Stanthorpe	Storage shed for equipment and memorabilia.	\$7,540.00
SRG-1718-R2-004	Kerara Campdraft Association	Purchase a PA System.	\$6,451.14
CG-1718-R2-030	Lions Club of Warwick	Rejuvenate Land Remembrance in Queens Park	\$6,579.52
CG-1718-R2-017	Pratten Public Hall Assoc. Inc.	Purchase & install fans & double power points to the Pratten Public Hall	\$3,674.00
CG-1718-R2-028	QCWA Allora Branch	External painting of QCWA Allora Hall	\$7,480.00
CG-1718-R2-029	Returned & Services League of Australia (Queensland Branch) Warwick Sub-Branch Inc.	Warwick Military Service Memorial & Deis	\$10,000.00
CG-1718-R2-002	Rotary Club of Warwick Sunrise Inc.	Purchase marquees, tables & chairs to improve catering capacity.	\$6,883.74
SRG-1718-R2-006	Storm King Boat Club Inc	Landscaping and water access ramp	\$8,000.00
CG-1718-R2-031	The Allora Senior Citizens Club Inc.	Allora Seniors Revival	\$5,255.10
CG-1718-R2-019	USA Warwick Incorporated	Replacement of Non-Functioning Air Conditioning	\$7,740.00
CG-1718-R2-027	UC Friends Committee - Warwick Killarney Uniting Church	Purchase of a portable fridge to use during outings for the regions disabled persons.	\$1,850.00
CG-1718-R2-013	Warwick Men's Shed Inc.	Purchase tools & equipment for the Warwick Men's Shed	\$2,994.00
SRG-1718-R2-001	Warwick Pistol Club Inc	Replace secretary's computer and canteen hot water system	\$5,439.04
CG-1718-R2-015	Warwick Senior Citizens Welfare Association Incorporated	Paint the exterior of the Warwick Senior Citizens building.	\$4,500.00
SRG-1718-R2-008	Warwick Touch Association Inc.	Irrigator replacement	\$9,329.22
CG-1718-R2-024	Warwick West State School P & C Association	Upgrade mixing console in school hall.	\$5,978.12
EG-1718-R2-002	Yangan State School Parents and Citizens Assoc.	Women Like Us Comedy Evening	\$5,385.00
		Total Round Two Funding	\$140,684.81