



SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Councillors

Your attendance is hereby requested at the General Meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Southern Downs Regional Council, 61 Marsh Street, Stanthorpe on **Wednesday, 23 May 2018** at **9:00AM**.

Notice is hereby given of the business to be transacted at the meeting.

David Keenan

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

17 May 2018

Attendance

10.30am Presentation of Gifts to Council received by representatives of the Amiens History Association during their visit to France

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1. PRAYER & CONDOLENCES

2. ATTENDANCE

3. APOLOGIES

4. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 General Council Meeting - 26 April 2018

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the General Council Meeting held on Thursday 26 April 2018 be adopted.

4.2 Special Council Meeting - 8 May 2018

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8 May 2018 be adopted.

4.3 Special Council Meeting - 15 May 2018


Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 May 2018 be adopted.

5. ACTIONS FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS

5.1 Actions from Previous Council Meeting

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Chief Executive Officer	File Ref: 13.42

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the report and note the contents.

Report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of Actions resulting from resolutions from the April 2018 General Council Meeting.


A copy of the Actions report is attached.


Attachments

1. Actions from April General Meeting [View](#)

	ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	Date From: 26/04/2018 Date To: 26/04/2018
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MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER	AGENDA ITEM	ACTION OFFICER	ACTION TO DATE	COMPLETED
26 April 2018	5.1	Actions from Previous Council Meeting	David Keenan	09 May 2018 - 9:46 AM - Marion Seymour Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	12.4	Material Change of Use – Consideration of Change Representations –All Weapons Shooting Incorporated	Tonya Collier	16 May 2018 - 2:39 PM - Allison Bilbrough Decision Notice sent to applicant and submitters advised.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	7.1	Meyorel Minute - April 2018	Tracy Dobie	09 May 2018 - 9:47 AM - Marion Seymour Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	8.1	Correspondence	David Keenan	09 May 2018 - 9:47 AM - Marion Seymour Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	10.1	Quarterly Human Resources Report	Brook March	09 May 2018 - 9:48 AM - Marion Seymour Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	10.2	Financial Report as at 31 March 2018	Andrew Page	09 May 2018 - 9:48 AM - Marion Seymour Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	10.3	Third Quarter Budget Review 2017/2018	Andrew Page	09 May 2018 - 9:52 AM - Marion Seymour The Third Quarter Budget Review has been updated to include the amendments as requested by Councillors	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	10.4	Policy Review - Procurement Policy PL-FS010 Delegation Limits	Andrew Page	09 May 2018 - 9:48 AM - Marion Seymour Policy Updated	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	11.1	Engineering Services Department Monthly Report	Chris Whitaker	09 May 2018 - 10:26 AM - Carol Morris Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	11.2	Event, Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee Minutes	Michael Bell	09 May 2018 - 10:27 AM - Carol Morris Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	12.2	Application for a Deed of Grant - Lot 224 on BNT1580, Broadwater	Peter Gribbin	27 Apr 2018 - 4:36 PM - Allison Bilbrough Monthly Memo sent to MCS & LMO to action as per Council Resolution.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	12.5	Negotiated Decision Notice - United Petroleum Pty Ltd, 86 Wallace Street, Warwick	Tonya Collier	27 Apr 2018 - 4:38 PM - Allison Bilbrough Negotiated Decision Notice emailed and sent to applicant.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	12.1	Operational Plan Quarterly Report January to March 2018	Jason Aspinall	27 Apr 2018 - 4:39 PM - Allison Bilbrough	27/04/2018

				ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING	Date From: 26/04/2018 Date To: 26/04/2018
				Noted.	
26 April 2018	12.3	Amendment to Delegation in relation to Land Disposal	Peter Gribbin	27 Apr 2018 - 4:39 PM - Allison Bilbrough Monthly Memo sent to MCS & LMO to action as per Council Resolution.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	12.6	Material Change of Use - I R Grice and L R Bell, 50 Oak Street, Tannymorel	Mandy May	27 Apr 2018 - 4:40 PM - Allison Bilbrough Decision Notice & Statement of Reasons emailed and posted to applicant.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	16.1	Tender - Production and DR Virtualisation Upgrade	Andrew Page	09 May 2018 - 9:55 AM - Marion Seymour Correspondence sent advising of Council's decision	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	16.2	2017/18 - Grants to Community - Round Three (3)	Sue Harrold	09 May 2018 - 10:27 AM - Carol Morris Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	16.3	Management of Camping Area at Connolly Dam and Washpool Reserve	Michael Bell	09 May 2018 - 10:33 AM - Carol Morris Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	16.4	March 2018 Monthly Report from Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre from YMCA Brisbane	Chris Whitaker	09 May 2018 - 10:33 AM - Carol Morris Noted	9/05/2018
26 April 2018	16.5	Sale of Council owned land	Peter Gribbin	27 Apr 2018 - 4:41 PM - Allison Bilbrough Monthly Memo sent to MCS & LMO to action as per Council Resolution.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	16.6	Lease of part of Cemetery Reserve	Peter Gribbin	27 Apr 2018 - 4:41 PM - Allison Bilbrough Monthly Memo sent to MCS & LMO to action as per Council Resolution.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	16.7	Request to Purchase Council Owned Land	Peter Gribbin	27 Apr 2018 - 4:42 PM - Allison Bilbrough Monthly Memo sent to MCS & LMO to action as per Council Resolution.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	16.8	Invasive Pests Control Scheme	Craig Magrussen	27 Apr 2018 - 4:42 PM - Allison Bilbrough Monthly Memo sent to AMES, LLC, LLO (PM) to action as per Council Resolution.	27/04/2018
26 April 2018	16.9	Consultant for Yangan Landfill	Leo Jensen	27 Apr 2018 - 4:43 PM - Allison Bilbrough Monthly Memo sent to AMES, TEO to action as per Council resolution.	27/04/2018


		ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING			Date From: 26/04/2018
					Date To: 26/04/2018
26 April 2018	15.1	Water Tank Rebate Continuation	Andrew Page	09 May 2018 - 9:50 AM - Markon Seymour Noted extension of rebate period	16/05/2018

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

7. MAYORAL MINUTE

7.1 Mayoral Minute - May 2018

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Mayor	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the Mayoral Minute for May 2018.

Report

Water. Our most precious resource.

Twelve months ago we had just gone through a minor flood after Ex-Tropical Cyclone Debbie, and farm dams were full. Now many of them are empty. This is what happens in our country of extremes.

While some parts of the Southern Downs have received their annual average rainfall over the last year, other parts have received none. This is evidenced in our current urban water supply dam levels: Leslie Dam is at 10.95% (11,634 ML) capacity, Storm King Dam is at 84.4% (1,671ML), while Connolly Dam is at 75.8% (1,660ML) capacity. These dams supply water to Warwick, Allora, Yangan and Stanthorpe. Council also supplies urban water, via other sources, to Killarney, Pratten, Leyburn, Karara, Dalveen and Wallangarra,

Council's Water and Wastewater team is monitoring the region's water supply and working with the State Government and SunWater to ensure our water security. However, it is now time for everyone to start taking measures to reduce their water usage.

Last month Council extended the Water Tank Rebate scheme to encourage more residents to install water tanks; and this month we will look at imposing further water restrictions as the levels of our dams drop. In my role as the Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group I have requested a Drought Disaster Plan be finalised to ensure we are prepared if a severe drought impacts our region.

Right now we have permanent water restrictions in place across the entire Southern Downs region. This is an ongoing reminder to residents and businesses to always use water efficiently. The restrictions outline a 230 litre maximum consumption target per person per day and outdoor watering is allowable for only three days in the week. More extreme water restrictions: Medium, High or Extreme will be implemented as the levels of water in the dams drop.

We need to be encouraging everyone in the community to be conscious of their water usage, to be water efficient and to continue to practise being water wise - checking for leaks, installing water efficient devices and appliances, taking shorter showers and fixing leaking taps and toilets as soon as possible. Council too needs to start implementing these savings throughout all Council facilities where potable water is being used.


Attachments

Nil

8. READING AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Correspondence

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	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Chief Executive Officer	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT the report of the Chief Executive Officer in relation to Correspondence be received.

Report

1. **Local Government Association of Queensland** providing a formal response to Council's Motions submitted to the 2017 LGAQ Annual Conference (copy attached)

Action: Noted.

2. **Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations** in response to Council's letter regarding bullying and cyber-bullying programs in schools (letter attached).

Action: Noted.

3. **Stanthorpe & Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce** regarding Emu Swamp Dam Project and seeking a response and advice on issues relating to the Project (copy attached). A copy of Council's response is also attached.

Action: Noted.

Attachments

1. LGAQ [View](#)
2. Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations [View](#)
3. Stanthorpe & Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce [View](#)
4. Council's Response to Stanthorpe & Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce [View](#)



24 April 2018

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Dear Cr Dobie,

2017 LGAQ Annual Conference – Resolutions 32 & 36

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) held its successful 121st Annual Conference in Gladstone on 16 – 18 October 2017, with over 300 delegates attending from across the state.

A total of 90 motions were presented, 85 were carried at the 2017 Annual Conference including Resolutions 32 & 36 submitted by Southern Downs Regional Council.

Resolution 32: Water Resources — Water Catchment Planning (Attachment 1)

Resolution 36: Valuations – Concessions for Farming Properties (Attachment 2)

Enclosed is the formal response to this resolution from the office of Hon Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy dated 18 April 2018.

Please let me know if you wish for LGAQ to take any further action on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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GENERAL MANAGER - ADVOCACY

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NB: All received responses to LGAQ Annual Conference resolutions can be found

at: http://www.lgaq.asn.au/group/quest/motions-database?p_p_id=101_INSTANCE_BB0groUS3lpA&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=normal&p_p_mode=view&p_p_col_id=column-4&p_p_col_pos=2&p_p_col_count=3&p_r_p_564233624_lga=ac2016

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18 APR 2018

Mr Greg Hallam PSM
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Dear Mr Hallam

I refer to your letter dated 19 January 2018 addressed to the Honourable Dr Anthony Lynham MP, Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy concerning resolutions falling under the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME). The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Resolution 25 – Street Lighting Asset Transfer

Energy Queensland (EQL) is not considering leasing or selling street lighting assets state-wide. EQL sees street lights as a valuable asset that it can leverage further in the future to roll-out advanced LED technology and to potentially host a range of intelligent devices to deliver new and enhanced services for customers.

However, EQL will continue to work closely with LGAQ and councils to use street lights for delivering new and enhanced services to customers and communities.

**Contact Officer: Louise Mahony, Principal Analyst, Regulation, Governance and Analytics –
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Resolution 32 – Water Resources – Water Catchment Planning

DNRME undertakes extensive engagement with all key interests in water planning and management processes under the *Water Act 2000* (the Water Act), including local government, industry and individual water users. Engagement with the cross-section of catchment stakeholders is critical to ensuring that water planning and management decisions take the community's interests into consideration. This is why DNRME has and will continue to engage with councils on these important water planning matters as well as matters associated with the future water supply needs of catchment communities. With this consultation approach being standard and best practice for water planning, there is no need for the Water Act to set a requirement for local government engagement.

Catchments often span multiple local government areas, and in the case of the Border and Moonie Rivers water plan there are also interstate and Australian Government interests. The considerations and interests are therefore diverse and can be complex to balance. It is the state government's role, informed by consultation and science, to deliver a plan that balances the economic, social, cultural and environmental needs of an area.

Individual councils have shown strong commitment to water planning processes in their respective areas to date and the partnership that LGAQ has with DNRME provides a respectful platform for water issues and opportunities at the state-wide level to also be considered.

Contact Officer: John Ritchie, Director, South Region – Telephone: 4529 1364

Resolution 36 – Rating – Valuations – Concessions for Farming Properties

The *Land Valuation Act 2010* (LVA) requires that the value of land used for the business of farming disregards enhancements in value caused by subdivision or other potential uses. With regard to the statement that there doesn't appear to have been similar motions considered in recent conferences (included under the 'LGAQ comment' section in the document for this resolution), I advise that LGAQ requested more stringent tests for land to qualify for farming in 2014–2015. As you reference in your document, AgForce also raised a similar issue in 2015. Both the proposals were considered by the Valuer-General's Valuation Reform Reference Group (VRRG), with no support from other members.

As you are aware, the VRRG is the stakeholder reference group for statutory valuations in Queensland and LGAQ is a member of that group. I would suggest that the situation has not changed since 2015, however the Valuer-General has advised that he will invite LGAQ to present this more recent proposal to the VRRG for review and advice.

As the proposal references local government rating, a representative of the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs will be invited to attend that VRRG meeting to participate in the discussion and respond to the proposal.

Contact Officer: Joe Piccini, Principal Advisor, Valuations – Telephone: 3199 7823

Resolution 37 – Rating – Rating valuations for solar farms/wind farms

The Valuer-General has advised that the valuation approach for solar/wind farms is currently being investigated by the State Valuation Service (SVS). The emergence of lands being used to house wind and solar power generation infrastructure requires a consistent approach to the configuration of property records on the valuation roll and associated statutory valuations.

The SVS has been approached by some individual local governments who have presented potential future scenarios and requested advice as to the valuation approach that would apply. What these scenarios have demonstrated is that property configurations and associated valuation approaches may vary on a case by case basis.

The nature of these activities can vary from low-impact wind turbine towers located on relatively small land footprints, to high-impact solar farm infrastructure which may cover over 200 hectares with 200 000 or more solar panels. As a result, the statutory valuation process needs to consider a number of factors in providing a valuation. These include the tenure of the land on which the activity is occurring, nature of any lease to the facility operator and the associated income, whether land held as combined parcels, co-existence with other activities such as farming and the determination of dominant or highest and best use, could all impact on the determination of value.

The Valuer-General has advised that discussions with individual local governments will continue to occur and LGAQ will be engaged once more formal approaches have been determined for particular scenarios.

Contact Officer: Joe Piccini, Principal Advisor, Valuations – Telephone: 3199 7823

Resolution 42 – Great Artesian Basin Sustainability Initiative (GABSI)

The Great Artesian Basin (GAB) plays an important part in sustaining and developing economies and communities in inland Australia. It continues to provide a constant and reliable source of water and has been vital in the development of many inland towns, sustaining populations where surface water resources are limited.

The Palaszczuk Government has recently committed up to \$4 million of new funding to reduce water loss across the Basin under the GAB Infrastructure Investment Program that will run until June 2019. This program continues our government's investment in the ongoing health of the GAB. In addition, the new Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Plan 2017 proposes incentives for private funding of rehabilitation of free flowing bores or bore drains.

DNRME is conducting a census of all remaining free flowing bores and bore drains across the Queensland Basin. The census will provide detailed understanding on remaining work and will be used to develop an industry-funded program to complement the water plan incentive measure.

The Queensland Government remains strongly of the view that completing the task of capping and piping GAB bores is critical. The continuation of the longstanding partnership between the Commonwealth, states, industries and local water users is essential if sustainability of the resource is to be assured.

Contact Officer – Saji Joseph, Water Policy – Telephone: 3166 0163

Resolution 78 – Red Tape Reduction – Mining Lease Red Tape

DNRME is investigating options to improve the efficiency and timeliness of resource approval processes. This investigation will identify areas of improvement from the beginning to the end of the mineral and resources tenures.

DNRME welcomes any input LGAQ may have on this topic, and would be particularly interested in receiving any information around the benefits and costs to local government and communities that can be attributed to small-scale mining.

Contact Officer: Kris Campbell, Acting Principal Policy Officer, Minerals and Energy Resources Policy – Telephone: 3199 7765

If you have any questions, please contact the relevant contact officer above who will be pleased to assist you.

Yours sincerely



Paul Woodland
Chief of Staff

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Submitting council / organisation Southern Downs Regional Council	
Date of council / organisation resolution 23 August 2017	LGAQ Policy Executive district District 4 - Darling Downs
Number and title of motion	32 — Water Resources — Water Catchment Planning
Motion	That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobby the State Government to legislate local government's involvement in catchment planning for surface and underground water management.
Background	<p>Local governments have, in the past, been engaged in a haphazard manner by the State government in relation to all aspects of water planning and catchment management. Most recently, Southern Downs Regional Council has had to advocate to become involved in the consultation process for the Regional Operational Plans for the Border Rivers Catchment and the Moonee Catchment. Given the important role local government plays in relation to the supply of domestic water outside of the Unity Water System and the role local government has in the management of bulk water resources such as dams and off-stream storages, it is submitted that local government representatives should have a higher degree of formalised input into this level of planning.</p> <p>This would include advice on the implementation or removal of moratoriums for overflow water as well as formalised input into the conversion of licences into volumetric allocations as well as better management of localised catchments.</p>
What is the desired outcome sought?	The desired outcome is a higher level of involvement from local government in the allocation of water resources across their districts, increased responsibility in relation to matching future strategic community plans to allow the optimal utilisation or conservation of water resources
What are the impacts (positive or negative) on local government?	The impacts are likely to be positive in that there will be higher water strategic planning and a better use of resources which is consistent with the state government's Bulk Water Statement that was released earlier this year.
LGAQ comment	<p>The 2016 LGAQ Policy Statement states the following:</p> <p><i>8.5.1.1 Local government recognises that water is a resource that should be shared equitably across each region through institutional arrangements that best facilitate efficient service delivery and resource use.</i></p> <p><i>8.5.1.2 The State Government must ensure that no community is substantially disadvantaged in terms of basic access to, and price of a reasonable supply of potable water, as a community service obligation.</i></p> <p><i>8.5.1.3 Local government believes that water demand and supply planning across the State, including the establishment of adequate levels of service provision to the community, should be led by the State Government, with active involvement of local government as a key stakeholder. There should be continued engagement with local</i></p>



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	<p>government in the design and implementation of the State Government's strategy for Queensland's water sector.</p> <p>The Department of Natural Resources and Mines website states the following about consultation:</p> <p><i>"Consultation is integral to the water resource planning process. Regional communities, industry, local government and other stakeholders, including conservationists and indigenous groups, all have a role to play, and their input is sought in the planning process."</i></p> <p>There are few legislative requirements that identify local government as a key stakeholder that is to be involved in the consultation process for developing water plans. Where a local government owns/operates relevant infrastructure or has a water entitlement there is a requirement to consult. Based on correspondence with the Department, they note that as a matter of process the Department informs relevant local governments about consultations and makes public notices available at local government facilities.</p> <p>However, recent changes to the <i>Water Act 2000</i> have reduced instances where consultation is required (e.g. minor amendments that do not affect the quantum of water allocations no longer require consultation). Consequently the Department continues the previous notification processes and activities based on historic practices rather than legislative mandate. The Department notes that typical engagement with local governments is at the officer level and not necessary at the elected member level.</p> <p>Previously water allocations were more strongly tied to land ownership, which would have provided an opportunity for local government involvement with individual water allocation decisions – as local governments have a strong role in land use planning. As the Queensland Government moves towards a stronger water market the link between water ownership/use to land use is likely to be reduced, with similar impacts on local government involvement in the process.</p> <p>The LGAQ routinely identifies the need for local government involvement in water planning. While good engagement between the LGAQ and the Department occurs through the Water Engagement Forum, greater engagement in some parts of Queensland appears necessary.</p>
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Submitting council / organisation Southern Downs Regional Council	
Date of council / organisation resolution 23 August 2017	LGAQ Policy Executive district District 4 – Darling Downs
Number and title of motion	36 – Rating – Valuations – Concessions for Farming Properties
Motion	That the Local Government Association of Queensland lobby the State Government to review the turnover threshold levels for granting a property primary production status and gaining a valuation concession.
Background	The current required turnover threshold is an average of \$5,500 annual turnover for a minimum three-year. It is felt this is much too low for granting primary production status. ATO has a different threshold, but it was noted this is for taxation purposes only and is more complex depending on the persons individual circumstances. (It should be noted that if a property owner cannot show the turnover required, they can still be granted a primary production status if they have primary production infrastructure on their property worth more than \$50,000).
What is the desired outcome sought?	Southern Downs Regional Council is seeking clarification for all local government authorities in relation to what defines primary production status which then leads to a valuation concession.
What are the impacts (positive or negative) on local government?	The positive impacts include the greater recognition of agriculture in the local economy.
LGAQ comment	<p>The LGAQ Policy Statement does not address this issue – simply stating that</p> <p><i>“3.2.1.2 The responsibility for valuation should remain with the State Government.”</i></p> <p>There does not appear to have been a similar Motion considered by recent Annual Conferences.</p> <p>LGAQ is represented on the Valuer General’s Valuation Reform Reference Group, and this issue was raised by representatives from Agforce, and strongly supported by LGAQ, in 2015/16.</p> <p>It was not supported by other members of the Group, representing Property Council, Shopping Center Owners, UDIA, REIQ and many other stakeholders in the valuation of land arena.</p> <p>It is also understood that ATO threshold details were not found when the VG officers investigated the issue.</p> <p>The matter was referred for discussions within the internal State Valuation Service policy forum, where LGAQ understands that the broad outcome of that review process was a decision to take no action until the matter is raised again with more evidence to support existence of the purported ATO stance.</p>





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26 APR 2018

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Dear Mr Keenan *David,*

Thank you for your letter dated 28 February 2018 regarding bullying and cyberbullying programs in schools.

Your support for the Queensland Anti-Bullying Taskforce, established by the Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk MP, Premier and Minister for Trade, to inform the development of a new anti-bullying framework for Queensland is appreciated.

The membership of the Taskforce was announced on 19 February 2018. The Taskforce is due to report by 31 August 2018 making recommendations for community and government action to reduce the incidence of bullying. Information about the Taskforce and its contact details is available at www.qld.gov.au/about/how-government-works/other-government-bodies/anti-bullying-taskforce. The website will include details of Taskforce consultations as details are finalised.

I have requested the Department of Education collate all suggestions received about the issue of bullying to help inform the Taskforce and I will ensure that your request for additional programs for Queensland schools is included.

When it comes to preventing and responding to bullying, it is important that an evidence-based approach is taken. Through policy, procedures and programs every state school is expected to tackle this serious issue in an informed way and make use of what is known from research to be best practice.

The department's *Statement of Expectations for a Disciplined School Environment* outlines the expectations for state schools to develop a whole-school evidence-based approach to behaviour, learning and discipline. The *Code of School Behaviour* defines the responsibilities all members of the school community are expected to uphold and recognises the significance of appropriate and meaningful relationships.

Queensland state school students are taught about cyberbullying and bullying through the Australian Curriculum: Health and Physical Education (HPE) and are supported by the department's Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) resources. The C2C HPE learning area materials provide opportunities for both primary and secondary students to recognise bullying and inappropriate behaviour and to explore coping and reporting strategies.

The department's Prep to Year 12 *Respectful relationships education program* includes activities which encourage students to interact positively with others, to respect similarities and differences, and to stay safe.

The Premier recognises the important work of the eSafety Commissioner in ensuring the safety of children and young people online; however, the Premier is concerned that the eSafety Commissioner does not have a presence in Queensland. That is why the Premier has asked the Federal Government to consider establishing an Office of the eSafety Commissioner in Queensland as a priority.

Queensland is the lead jurisdiction in the Safe and Supportive School Communities Working Group, which provides evidence-based information and advice on bullying, harassment and violence for Australian teachers, parents and students. Schools also have access to the national *Bullying. No Way!* website to source information and resources to counter bullying, harassment and violence in Australian schools. Further information is available online at www.bullyingnoway.gov.au.

In March each year, the Queensland Department of Education coordinates the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA) campaign. The annual NDA, which is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools for all education jurisdictions across Australia, is extremely well-supported in schools all across Queensland and provides a significant marker of the importance of taking a strong and loud stand against bullying. This year 100% of Queensland state schools registered to take a stand against bullying and violence on 16 March.

You may be aware that cyberbullying was on the agenda at the Council of Australian Governments' meeting on 9 February 2018. At this meeting, Premier Palaszczuk asked the Prime Minister, State Premiers and Chief Ministers to be part of a national response to combat bullying, particularly cyberbullying.

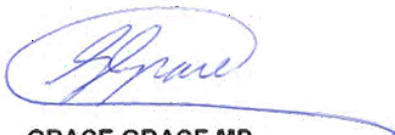
As the matter you have raised regarding amendment of the *Criminal Code Act 1899 (Queensland)* falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your correspondence to the Attorney-General for consideration.

I look forward to ongoing collaboration with stakeholders and championing the important work to tackle bullying in the schooling sector. I encourage you to consider how the Southern Downs Regional Council can further contribute to this effort and to stamping out bullying in the broader community.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact Ms Hayley Stevenson, Acting Assistant Director-General, State Schools – Operations, on (07) 3513 5838 or by email at hayley.stevenson@qed.qld.gov.au.

Thank you once again for your input into this important conversation. I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



GRACE GRACE MP
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Dear Mayor

Re: Emu Swamp Dam Project.

The Emu Swamp Dam Project has been a long-held desire by interested parties in the Stanthorpe and Granite Belt area as a means of supplying highly reliable water for both irrigation and urban consumption. Over time the project has been championed and funded by the then Stanthorpe Shire Council, the Stanthorpe Community Reference Panel, the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce, successive State Governments and subsequently after local government amalgamations the Southern Downs Regional Council.

The fact that the project has been granted Coordinated Project status by the Coordinator General, that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Supplementary EIS have been prepared, and the Coordinator General has issued an Evaluation Report suggests that, on merit, this project has the capacity to address a number of issues in the District not the least of which being the provision of highly reliable water for irrigation purposes to drive further economic development not only in the Stanthorpe Granite Belt district but the entire Southern Downs Region.

On 29 September 2014 the Emu Swamp Dam Project (the project), was approved by the Coordinator General subject to conditions, recommendations, proponent commitments and published a completed report, evaluating the environmental impact statement for the project pursuant to Part 4 of the *State Development and Public Works Organisation Act 1971*. This approval was extended in 2017 for the period of one year, after an application to the CG by the SDRC.

In May 2016 the Council was successful in obtaining funding from the Australian Government's National Water Infrastructure Development Fund to undertake a feasibility study and develop a detailed business case for consideration. However, in November 2017, during the first stage of this process, a decision was taken by the council which had the effect of ceasing work on the project while the council investigated alternatives for urban water supply for Stanthorpe. This decision was notified to the government.

The Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce (chamber of commerce) identified that despite the council's decision, there was still a need to identify new water supply options to facilitate growth in the horticultural, industrial and commercial sectors for new or existing water supply customers, to provide more security of water supply to existing water customers in the District, and if necessary provide an option to supply urban water to the town of Stanthorpe should a future council identify a need or opportunity

Stanthorpe & Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce

Subsequently the chamber of commerce sought and gained approval of both Australian and Queensland Governments to be recognised as the projects proponent for the purpose of delivering a detailed business case. However, these approvals did not relate to the Coordinated Project approved by the Coordinator General which remain with the Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC).

In developing the detailed business case it has become apparent that the Chamber of Commerce is not an entity that should be the proponent of a coordinated project such as the Emu Swamp Dam and water distribution network. This has been conveyed to the governments and the Chamber of Commerce is in the process of establishing a legal entity, suitable to both the Australian and Queensland governments, that would be able to be the proponent of a coordinated project.

The Chamber of Commerce represents in excess of 100 local businesses in the Stanthorpe Granite Belt District, including some of Australia's largest producers of pome fruits and vegetables, who are significant employers and contributors to the economic prosperity of the region. All parties are concerned that the lack of endeavour by the SDRC to progress the Emu Swamp Dam project, as its proponent, will harm the prospects of either a successful completion of the detailed business case or the development of the project more broadly.

The coordinated project, should it proceed to construction and operation, has the potential to deliver significant economic benefits to the entire Southern Downs region, if it can be proven to be economically and financially viable. This is recognised by the support and funding provided to the project by both the Australian and Queensland Governments, successive local government authorities and members of the community who have contributed significant funding to date.

It is important to note that the Chamber of Commerce is not seeking any additional commitment of resources, financial or otherwise from the SDRC. It is not looking to expend any further rate payer funds on this project nor incur any liabilities on behalf of the SDRC. The Chamber is only seeking to progress the coordinated project in accordance with the existing approvals and funding sources which is the reason it is in the process of establishing an entity, acceptable to the Australian and Queensland Governments, to hold the EIS and associated approvals.

In preparing the detailed business case the Chamber of Commerce is seeking to rely upon the facts, circumstances and information relied upon by the original proponent (SDRC) such as the location of the proposed dam, size of inundation area, the storage capacity of the dam, the economic drivers, the conclusions and approvals contained within the Coordinator General's Evaluation Report.

The current approvals provided by the Coordinator General lapse on 2 October 2018 unless an extension is sought and granted. The work required to deliver a detailed business case, funded under the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, is scheduled for completion by 30 November 2018. It is anticipated that the results of the detailed business case will be considered by the Queensland Government and subsequently forwarded to the Australian Government by 30 June 2019. The detailed business case and associated financial and economic modelling is contingent upon the utilisation of the existing Coordinator General approvals.

Should these approvals lapse, any future project proponent would be forced to expend significant time and resources to again develop a new Environmental Impact Statement. Ratepayers and members of the Stanthorpe business and general community have financially contributed over many years to the development of the EIS and the Coordinator General's approvals, and as part of the broader Southern Downs Region it would be a significant waste of resources and goodwill if the SDRC was unwilling or unable to facilitate the transfer of the EIS and approvals to a proponent prepared to actively advance the Emu Swamp Dam project.

Stanthorpe & Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce

Accordingly, I formally seek the Southern Downs Regional Councils urgent response and advice on the following:

1. Is the SDRC prepared to actively progress the Emu Swamp Dam Project in accordance with the approvals given by the Coordinator General?
2. If the SDRC is unwilling to progress the coordinated project, will it facilitate the transfer of those approvals to another willing project proponent?
3. As the current project's proponent, is the SDRC prepared to support, in writing to the Coordinator General, a change of proponent? Or that it no longer wishes to be the projects proponent?
4. As the current proponent is the SDRC prepared to seek an extension of the Coordinator Generals approval to facilitate the completion of the detailed business case?
5. If the SDRC is prepared to transfer the EIS and the Coordinator Generals approvals, what conditions will it impose? And what would be the expected timelines?

I formally request that the Project Chair, Mr. Brent Finlay and the Project Manager, Mr. Lloyd Taylor, as representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, be allowed to address the members of the Council on the detailed business case and the progress to date. This would enable the elected Councillors the opportunity to review the relevant material and ask questions of the representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and independently inform themselves about the detailed business case.

I also formally request that this correspondence be formally received and tabled at the next general meeting of the Southern Downs Regional Council

On behalf of the Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce, we are committed to working closely and collaboratively with the Southern Downs Regional Council who are a significant stakeholder in not only the outcome of the detailed business case but of the enormous economic outcomes this project can provide for the Southern Downs. Should you require any further clarification please contact either Mr. Lloyd Taylor at lloyd@dmr.id.au or 0414 480 140 or Mr. Brent Finlay at brent.finlay.fai@gmail.com or 0414 415 361. I can be contacted directly at any time via: secretary@stanthorpecoc.com.au.

Yours Sincerely



Bill James
President



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17 May 2018

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Dear Bill

Re: Emu Swamp Dam Project

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Emu Swamp Dam and indicating the changing role of the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce in the project.

Please note the responses below to the specific questions that have been submitted in your correspondence.

1. Is the SDRC prepared to actively progress the Emu Swamp Dam Project in accordance with the approvals given by the Coordinator General?

Southern Downs Regional Council resolved not to proceed with the progression of Emu Swamp Dam after the recommendations of the GHD Report were adopted by Council in July 2017. Whilst Emu Swamp Dam remains an option, it is not the preferred option, therefore Southern Downs Regional Council has not been actively progressing the Emu Swamp Dam Project, as the Federal funding was transferred to the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce.

It should be noted that neither this current Council nor the previous Councils have allocated funding to progress the approvals and conditions as detailed by the Office of the Coordinator General and issued in November 2011.

2. If the SDRC is unwilling to progress the coordinated project, will it facilitate the transfer of those approvals to another willing project proponent?

Southern Downs Regional Council have met with Mr Brent Finlay and Mr Lloyd Taylor and subsequently forwarded correspondence (which is attached) indicating that Southern Downs Regional Council had sought legal advice on these matters.

Southern Downs Regional Council understands that the Coordinator General's approvals can be transferred to another party that has the demonstrated capacity to manage and deliver such a project. This includes the necessary experience and expertise in similar projects. Council understands that further endorsement to transfer the approvals is required from the Commonwealth Minister for Environment.

As indicated to Mr Finlay and Mr Taylor, Council would need to undertake the appropriate procurement process to place the approvals on the market. Council must follow the appropriate processes as per the *Local Government Act 2009* and its own procurement process, which is likely to involve an Expression of Interest process followed by a Refined Tender Process to determine the most appropriate party to acquire the approvals.

As the Chamber would be aware the ratepayers of the Southern Downs Regional Council area have contributed many millions to obtaining the approvals and purchasing properties. It is only appropriate that Council attempt to obtain a return for ratepayers for funds that have been expended.

3. As the current project's proponent, is the SDRC prepared to support, in writing to the Coordinator General, a change of proponent? Or that it no longer wishes to be the projects proponent?

As indicated above, if Council is not to be the proponent it would seek to place the project in to the market place to obtain a return for ratepayers and the community. A future proponent would need to have the capacity to deliver the project, as well as demonstrated experience in similar projects.

4. As the current proponent is the SDRC prepared to seek an extension of the Coordinator General approval to facilitate the completion of the detailed business case?

Southern Downs Regional Council originally sought a three year extension of the approval from the Coordinator General. The Coordinator General approved a 12 month approval, which expires in the first week of October 2018. Council would need to be briefed on the detailed business case before any consideration of making an application for an extension of the approvals. Southern Downs Regional Council would also need to be aware of the identity of the likely new proponent.

5. If the SDRC is prepared to transfer the EIS and the Coordinator General's approvals, what conditions will it impose? And what would be the expected timelines?

As indicated, Southern Downs Regional Council cannot simply transfer the EIS and the Coordinator General approvals. Council would be required to follow a process that would allow the EIS and the Coordinator General approvals placed into the marketplace in a transparent manner and undertake the procurement processes as detailed in the Local Government Act.

Please note that on 3 May 2018 Mr Finlay and Mr Taylor were provided with information after a meeting with myself and the Chief Executive Officer:

Should Council decide to place the approval into the market place, it would be either through an Expression of Interest process or a Tender process. For a project of this magnitude it would be best practice to undertake an Expression of Interest followed by a Refined Tender process. For this to occur, a report would need to be presented to Council seeking approval for the Expression of Interest to be undertaken. The period of time for the Expression of Interest would be 21 days. A report would then be presented to Council. A further 21 days would be allowed for negotiations for those identified as part of the Refined Tender process, with another report being presented to Council to award the contract to the party.

Please note this does not include the time required to prepare the Expression of Interest or the Refined Tender documentation.

In your correspondence it is noted that "urban water" is referred to a number of times. It is noted that as part of the reallocation of funds from Southern Downs Regional Council to the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce it was agreed that "urban water" would not be included as part of the business planning.

Southern Downs Regional Council has made an application to the *Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program* through the State Government to ensure urban water security for Stanthorpe, as per the recommendations of the GHD Report adopted by Council. This *Maturing the Infrastructure Pipeline Program* does not require funding from Council. It is important that Emu Swamp Dam business plan focus on irrigation water and not urban water.

I would be more than happy for Mr Finlay and Mr Taylor to present the detailed Business Case to Councillors. Please contact Marion Seymour on 4661 0351 to finalize a date for this presentation.

Yours sincerely

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Tracy Dobie
Mayor



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26 April 2018

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Dear Brent

Re: Emu Swamp Dam

I respond on behalf of the Mayor in relation to your correspondence dated 12 April 2018 relating to Emu Swamp Dam.

Council Officers have undertaken discussions with staff from the Office of the Coordinator General. These discussions have centred around the transferability of the Emu Swamp Dam Project approvals to another party, noting that Council has not been formally approached by any party in relation to the transfer of the said approvals.

Council has sought detailed legal advice in relation to the potential to transfer the approvals. The legal advice indicates that there are a number of hurdles to be overcome before any such transfer can take place. The first of these issues relates to the clarification of who or what business can be classified as a "Proponent". It is noted that a Proponent must have the demonstrated financial capacity to deliver the proposed project, the necessary skills and experience to deliver such a project, as well as the ability to deliver the conditions attached to the planning approval within the required timeframes.

Additionally, it is noted that a Proponent should preferably have the legal standing to acquire or resume land that is part of the proposed project.

Legal advice obtained by Council also indicates that should Council wish to transfer the approvals and associated Environment Impact Statement, Council would need to do this via an open and transparent procurement process which would more than likely involve an expression of interest process followed by a refined tender process.

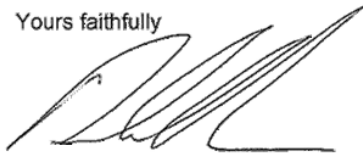
As the Chamber of Commerce would be aware, Southern Downs Regional Council and its predecessor, Stanthorpe Shire Council, have expended considerable ratepayer funds on this project and it would be appropriate for some of those funds to be recouped should the approvals be placed into the open market and appropriate levels of recompense received.

Should Council decide to relinquish the role of Proponent, there are a number of legislative requirements that Council would need to go through, including sign-off from the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs and consent from the Commonwealth Environment Minister. It is noted that these consents would need to be obtained prior to 2 October 2018.

Whilst Council is aware that the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce is the proponent or recipient of funding under the National Water Infrastructure Development Fund, the Chamber is not the proponent in relation to the approvals obtained from the Officer of the Coordinator-General, and under the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Should you require further information, please feel free to contact myself on
Tel: 4661 0351.

Yours faithfully

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David Keenan
Chief Executive Officer

C/c Karen Oakley, A/Director, and Scott Taylor
Officer of the Coordinator General


9. RECEPTION AND READING OF PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

Nil

10. EXECUTIVE

10.1 Finance Report 30 April 2018

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Manager Finance & Information Technology	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council receive and note the Financial Report as at 30 April 2018.

Report

Council's operating performance against forecast shows that the net operating position (before capital items) of \$5.5m.

The general rates, fire levy and waste utility charges have been raised for all of the financial year. The first water and wastewater utility charges were raised in October for the first six months, and were charged with the October water consumption. The second water and wastewater utility charges have been issued to ratepayers with a due date of 11 May 2018.

Income Statement

Total operating revenue of \$54.5m has been received for the months of July to April and capital revenue of \$13.3m has been received for the year.

Overall operating expenditure of \$49.0m is \$6.7m under the year to date estimate of \$55.8m with employee costs being around \$0.3m under budget and materials and services being \$5.5m under the year to date estimate.

Capital Works in Progress

Capital works expenditure to 30 April 2018 is \$27.5m which is 67% of the capital works budget of \$40.8

Year to date capital expenditure by area is as follows:

	Approved Annual Budget	Carryover & Amendments	Total Budget	YTD Expenditure	% Spent	Committed	Spent & Committed	% Spent & Committed
Land & Land Improvements	-	3,332	3,332	12,543	376.4%	800	13,343	400.4%
Buildings	436,000	1,096,904	1,532,904	349,092	22.8%	340,191	689,283	45.0%
Plant & Equipment	3,679,000	936,886	4,615,886	1,324,491	28.7%	2,209,966	3,534,458	76.6%
Roads, Drains & Bridges	7,848,846	12,901,183	20,750,029	10,895,428	52.5%	2,802,418	13,697,846	66.0%
Water	4,962,450	3,716,780	8,679,230	4,839,747	55.8%	1,245,760	6,085,507	70.1%
Wastewater	3,165,000	(635,305)	2,529,695	1,261,258	49.9%	1,239,984	2,501,241	98.9%
Other Assets	2,649,000	59,263	2,708,263	491,117	18.1%	336,682	827,799	30.6%
Total	22,740,296	18,079,043	40,819,339	19,173,676	47.0%	8,175,801	27,349,477	67.0%

Budget Implications

The third quarter budget review was undertaken in March 2018, and was presented to Council at the general meeting in April 2018.

Policy Consideration

Operational Plan 2017/18

Review and update of the 10 year Financial Plan

Annual review of Debt Policy, Procurement Policy, Revenue Policy and Investment Policy

Community Engagement

Nil

Legislation/Local Law

Local Government Act 2009 and Local Government Regulation 2012

Options

1. Council receive and note the Financial Report as at 30 April 2018.
2. Council not receive and note the Financial Report as at 30 April 2018.

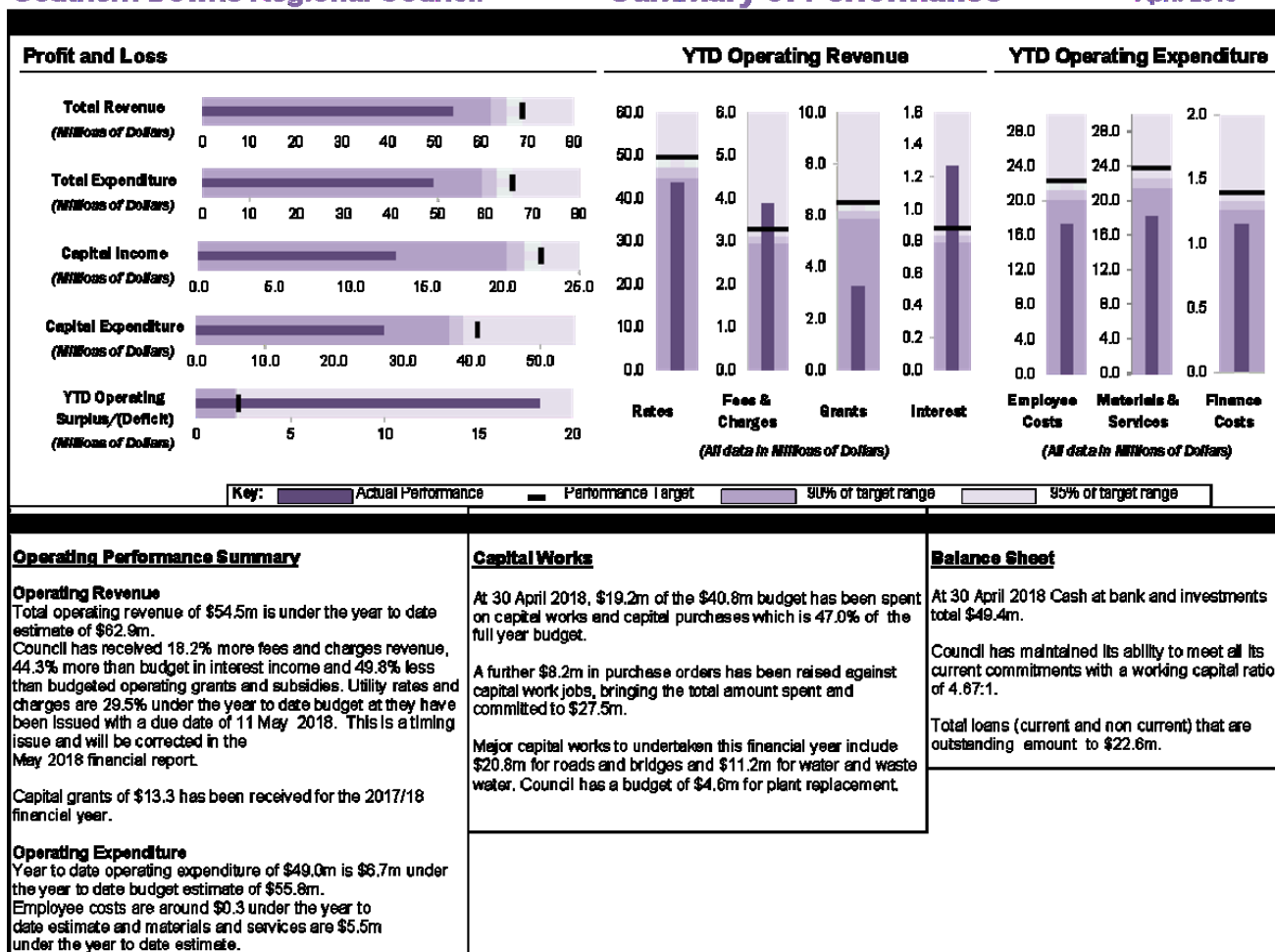
Attachments

1. Finance Report as at 30 April 2018 [View](#)
2. Investment Register [View](#)

Southern Downs Regional Council

Summary of Performance

April 2018



Southern Downs Regional Council Income Statement April 2018

Audited 2017 Actual \$		Annual 2018 Budget \$	Phased 2018 YTD Budget \$	Phased 2018 YTD Actual \$
	Revenue from ordinary activities			
29,960,772	General Rates	31,073,280	31,038,900	31,060,832
282,464	Rural fire brigade levy	284,901	284,901	284,901
24,173,601	Utility Rates and Charges	24,729,775	20,608,146	14,530,169
(1,618,631)	Less Discounts	(1,802,011)	(1,802,011)	(1,803,584)
(591,198)	Rates on Council properties	(553,122)	(460,935)	(339,511)
52,207,008		53,732,823	49,669,001	43,732,807
4,421,431	Fees and Charges	3,936,501	3,283,029	3,879,985
1,476,960	Interest	1,055,000	879,881	1,269,964
5,261,559	Contract & Sales Revenue	2,260,000	1,883,333	1,519,510
933,923	Rent and Other Income	832,941	694,160	820,900
11,003,454	Government Grants and Subsidies	7,765,167	6,507,465	3,268,655
75,324,354	Total Operating Revenue	69,582,432	62,916,869	54,491,822
	Expenses from ordinary activities			
20,942,178	Employee Costs	20,754,483	17,561,486	17,292,554
24,201,530	Materials and Services	27,886,988	23,802,331	18,302,982
15,224,665	Depreciation and Amortisation	15,526,095	13,008,831	12,288,716
2,280,152	Finance Costs	1,676,380	1,396,983	1,151,329
62,648,524	Total Operating Expenses	65,843,946	55,769,631	49,035,580
12,675,830	Operating Surplus/(Deficit) before capital items	3,738,486	7,147,238	5,456,242
	Other Capital Amounts			
9,031,591	Capital Grants, Contributions and Donations	21,524,281	(50,000)	13,349,546
(4,874,693)	Other capital income and (expenses)	993,500	(100,000)	(363,349)
16,832,728	Net Result Surplus/(Deficit)	26,256,267	6,997,238	18,442,438

Explanation

Income Statement

This Statement outlines:

- all sources of Council's YTD income (revenue).
- all YTD operating expenses incurred. These expenses relate to operations and do not include capital expenditure.

However the depreciation of assets is included.

The Net Result Surplus/(Deficit) for the reporting period is a good measure of council's financial performance.

This figure is determined by deducting total expenses from total revenue.

Southern Downs Regional Council Balance Sheet April 2018

Audited 2017 Actual \$		Annual 2018 Budget \$	Phased 2018 YTD Actual \$
	Current Assets		
25,448,369	Cash assets & Investments	36,393,000	49,447,797
3,205,373	Receivables (includes Rates & Utilities receivable)	5,683,998	4,849,876
697,650	Assets held for sale	553,506	443,000
265,798	Inventories	229,494	494,582
31,617,192		42,861,998	55,235,255
	Non-Current Assets		
946,000	Investment Property	742,000	742,000
721,743,783	Property, plant and equipment	762,501,490	700,740,085
275,395	Other Financial Assets	229,187	136,160
19,058,954	Capital works in progress	-	42,288,058
1,403,290	Intangible Assets	1,222,325	1,125,751
743,427,422		764,695,002	745,032,054
775,044,614	TOTAL ASSETS	807,557,000	800,267,308
	Current Liabilities		
3,843,545	Creditors and other payables	1,432,001	3,792,067
7,120,132	Provisions	6,355,125	6,489,460
2,005,578	Interest bearing liabilities	4,620,877	1,553,935
12,969,255		12,408,003	11,835,463
	Non-Current Liabilities		
25,878,224	Interest bearing liabilities	20,809,000	21,058,601
3,858,167	Provisions	5,118,997	4,847,269
29,736,391		25,927,997	25,905,870
42,705,646	TOTAL LIABILITIES	38,336,000	37,741,333
732,338,968	NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	769,221,000	762,525,975
	Community Equity		
182,723,268	Asset Revaluation Reserve	695,533,885	182,931,429
549,615,700	Retained surplus	73,687,115	579,594,546
732,338,968	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	769,221,000	762,525,974

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet outlines what Council owns (its assets) and what it owes (liabilities) at a point in time. Council's net worth is determined by deducting total liabilities from total assets - the larger the equity, the stronger the financial position.

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Key Ratios	Budget	YTD Actual	On Target?	Key Ratios	Budget	YTD Actual	On Target?
Working Capital Ratio (Current Assets / Current Liabilities)	3.45 : 1	4.67 : 1	✓	Interest Coverage Ratio (Net Interest Expense / Total Operating Revenue) (%)	0.89%	0.95%	✓
Target Ratio	> 1:1	> 1:1		Target Ratio Upper Limit (%)	10.0%	10.0%	
This is an indicator of the management of working capital (short term financial capital). Measures the extent to which a Council has liquid assets available to meet short term financial obligations.				This ratio indicates the extent to which a Council's operating revenues are committed to interest expenses. As principal repayments are not operating expenses, this ratio demonstrates the extent to which operating revenues are being used to meet the financing charges associated with debt servicing obligations.			
Operating Surplus Ratio (Net Operating Surplus / Total Operating Revenue) (%)	37.7%	33.8%	✓	Asset Sustainability Ratio (Capital Expenditure on the Replacement of Assets (renewals) / Depreciation Expense)	262.9%	222.6%	✓
Target Ratio	0.0% to 15.0%	> 0.0% to 15.0%		Target Ratio Lower Limit (%)	> 90%	> 90%	
This is an indicator of the extent to which revenues raised cover operational expenses only or are available for capital funding purposes.				This is an approximation of the extent to which the infrastructure assets managed by the Council are being replaced as these reach the end of their useful lives. Depreciation expense represents an estimate of the extent to which the infrastructure assets have been consumed in a period. Capital expenditure on renewals (replacing assets that the Council already has) is an indicator of the extent to which the infrastructure assets are being replaced.			
A positive ratio indicates the percentage of total rates available to help fund proposed capital expenditure. If the relevant amount is not required for this purpose in a particular year, it can be held for future capital expenditure needs by either increasing financial assets or preferably, where possible, reducing debt.				Comments on Ratio Results.			
Net Financial Liabilities Ratio (Total Liabilities - Current Assets) / Total Operating Revenue	-8.3%	-32.1%	✓	The reported ratios are taken from the Department of Local Government guidelines on sustainable financial management. When looking at ratios it is important to acknowledge that they represent a snapshot in time and that anomalies in the reported results are not taken in isolation. The targets are those provided by the Department as a preferred range and results outside those ranges will require further consideration.			
Target Ratio Upper Limit (%)	<=60%	<=60%		Whilst changes to the legislation have amended the required ratios, the ratios listed will continue to be reported on.			
This is an indicator of the extent to which the net financial liabilities of a Council can be serviced by its operating revenues.				The Asset Sustainability Ratio is under the target lower limit as there has not been a full year of activity for assets.			
A positive value of less than 60 per cent is the benchmark as determined by the Department of Local Government. It indicates that Council has the capacity to fund liabilities and to have the capacity to increase its loan borrowings. A positive value greater than 60 per cent but less than a 100% indicates that Council has the capacity to fund liabilities but has limited capacity to increase its loan borrowings.							
A ratio less than zero (negative) indicates that current assets exceed total liabilities and; therefore, Council has the capacity to increase its loan borrowings.							

INVESTMENTS REGISTER

as at 30 April 2018

CASH MANAGEMENT

10.30am CALL ACCOUNT

LAST MONTH
(31 March 2018)

	GENERAL	QTC SDRC Acct
\$ 4,793,886.51	TOTAL	QTC

PRINCIPAL **INTEREST RATE**

\$ 5,407,381.51	2.48%
\$ 5,407,381.51	

BANK BILLS AND B/D

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST RATE</u>	<u>MATURITY DATE</u>	<u>DAYS</u>
15-Nov-17	WESTPAC	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.60%	16-May-18	182
15-Nov-17	BANK OF QLD	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.60%	17-May-18	183
15-Nov-17	BENDIGO	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.60%	17-May-18	183
29-Nov-17	BANK OF QLD	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.60%	30-May-18	182
14-Feb-18	WESTPAC	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.45%	17-May-18	92
14-Feb-18	BANK OF QLD	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.55%	14-Aug-18	181
21-Feb-18	NAB	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.45%	23-May-18	94
21-Feb-18	WESTPAC	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.60%	22-Aug-18	182
28-Feb-18	BANK OF QLD	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.60%	29-Aug-18	182
22-Mar-18	NAB	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.55%	20-Jun-18	90
28-Mar-18	QCCU	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.55%	27-Jun-18	91
12-Apr-18	QCCU	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.70%	10-Oct-18	181
24-Apr-18	QCCU	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.65%	25-Sep-18	154
26-Apr-18	NAB	\$ 3,000,000.00	2.65%	27-Sep-18	154
\$ 45,000,000.00	TOTAL	\$ 42,000,000.00			
\$ 49,793,886.51	GRAND TOTAL			\$ 47,407,381.51	
			Weighted Average	2.50%	
			BESW 90 day rate	2.04%	

FUNDS BREAKDOWN

<u>FUND</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
\$ 49,793,886.51	\$ 47,407,381.51
\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 49,793,886.51	\$ 47,407,381.51
GRAND TOTAL	


INSTITUTION BREAKDOWN

(30% MAXIMUM AT ANY ONE INSTITUTION EXCLUDING QTC)

<u>INSTITUTION</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ 3,000,000.00
\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ 9,000,000.00
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ 9,000,000.00
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ 12,000,000.00
\$ 4,793,886.51	\$ 5,407,381.51
\$ 9,000,000.00	\$ 9,000,000.00
\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -
\$ -	\$ -
\$ 49,793,886.51	\$ 47,407,381.51
GRAND TOTAL	

10.2 De-amalgamation 2018

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Chief Executive Officer	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council write to the Minister for Local Government advising:-

1. Council recognises the request for De-amalgamation proposed by the Granite Belt Community Association.
2. Council will wait until a comprehensive financial analysis on the financial impacts on the residents of the Southern Downs region before a decision to support or not support the proposal is made.

Report

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Councillors in relation to what is involved in de-amalgamation of the Southern Downs Council region, and generate discussion on Council's position in regard to it.

In 2008 a group within the Southern Downs community campaigned for de-amalgamation of the region and lodged a submission with the Minister for Local Government. That submission was not successful. Attached is a copy of a report considered by Council at a Special Council Meeting held 13 August 2012, and resolved as follows:

9.1 De-amalgamation

Resolution

THAT:-

1. *The Confidential Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer dated 9 August 2012 in relation to De-amalgamation be received and the contents be noted.*
2. *The Confidential Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer be made available on request.*
3. *A copy of the Confidential Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government and the Boundary Commissioner.*
4. *After consideration of the Confidential Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Council resolves to adopt a neutral position on the matter of De-amalgamation.*

Advice from the Director-General of the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs is that under the *Local Government Act 2009* the Minister may refer a request for a boundary change to the Local Government Change Commission, which may make recommendations on the referred matters to the Governor in Council for implementation.

In line with the Government's policy for significant boundary change proposals, the Department has advised that each of the following criteria must be met (in no particular order) before a referral by the Minister to the Change Commission is considered:

- A request from the local communities affected by the proposed change.
- Resolution supporting the proposed change from the affected local government.
- Assessments demonstrating the future financial sustainability of the proposed new local government areas, including an agreement on the transfer of assets, liabilities and the impacts on existing Council employees, if such a proposal was to go ahead.

The Government's policy also provides that if the Change Commission recommends the proposed boundary change occur, a referendum of all residents in the affected Council area will need to take place before the recommendation is implemented by Regulation.

Budget Implications

Nil

Policy Consideration

Nil

Community Engagement

Nil

Legislation/Local Law

Local Government Act 2009

Options


1. Council recognises the request for De-amalgamation proposed by the Granite Belt Community Association.
2. Council will wait until a comprehensive financial analysis on the financial impacts on the residents of the Southern Downs region before a decision to support or not support the proposal is made.
3. Council support the request for De-amalgamation of Southern Downs Regional Council.
4. Council not support the request for De-amalgamation of Southern Downs Regional Council

Attachments

1. Confidential Council Report 13 August 2012 (Confidential - Provided to Councillors only)[View](#)

10.3 Endorsement of Submission to the Senate Inquiry into the Indicators of, and Impact of Regional Inequality in Australia

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Manager Economic Development & Tourism	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council endorse the Senate Inquiry into the Indicators of, and Impact of, Regional Inequality in Australia.

Report

The Southern Downs Regional Council took the opportunity to submit to the Senate Inquiry into the Indicators of and Impact of, Regional Inequality in Australia. Due to the timing of the Submission dates it was not possible to bring the Submission to Council before the closing date. The draft Submission was circulated to Council prior to lodging but there were no amendments.

In the Submission, Council agrees that there are inequalities between Regional Australia and capital cities, but suggests that there are opportunities to assist Regional communities to revitalise.

The first of these is to redefine what is considered to be Regional. In the Submission Council explains that the City of the Gold Coast proudly espoused that it was the first Regional City to host the Commonwealth Games. The Gold Coast is the second largest local government in Australia behind Brisbane and is home to 576,918 people and yet it is considered Regional. Other large peri-urban local governments are also considered Regional, as are communities like the Southern Downs. Council submitted that because these large communities are competing for the same pools of funds available for communities such as the Southern Downs that they have an advantage and the smaller communities miss out.

The Council went on to submit that there are a number of actions and policy areas that can help to redress some of the inequalities experienced in Regional Communities; these include:

- Decentralisation
- Renewed funding models for local governments
- Immigration Policies, and
- Business and Industry Policies and Planning

The Submission concludes that Regional Australia is indeed a great place to live. With some careful consideration of the policies listed above, it may make it easier for Regional Australian communities to redress some of the trends that have led to the current situation.

The Council has invited the Senate Committee to come to the Southern Downs to conduct public hearings.

Budget Implications

Nil

Policy Consideration

This Strategy achieves outcomes in the Corporate Plan 2014 – 2019 Revised Edition under sections 4.1, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3

Community Engagement

Feedback was sought from Council

Legislation/Local Law

Nil

Options

1. Endorse the Senate Inquiry into the Indicators of, and Impact of, Regional Inequality in Australia.
2. Not endorse the Senate Inquiry into the Indicators of, and Impact of, Regional Inequality in Australia.

Attachments

1. Submission [View](#)



Senate Inquiry into the Indicators of and Impact of, Regional Inequality in Australia

The Southern Downs Regional Council is pleased to submit to this Senate Inquiry. The Southern Downs is a relatively new Local Government Area in Southern Queensland. It is two hours from Brisbane and one hour from Toowoomba. It has a population of 35,622, which has maintained relatively positive population growth until recently. The demographics in the Southern Downs are similar to most regional towns in Australia; it has a relatively low SEIFA score of 937 in 2016.

The Southern Downs does have compelling advantages, which the Council is promoting; it is very affordable, it is on three major highways and it is very close to Brisbane. While the Region does have many advantages it does experience relative disadvantage when compared to larger neighbouring centres.

It is noted that there are significant inequalities across Australia and particularly in Regional Australia. The gap appears to be widening with Rural and Regional Australia experiencing a rapidly ageing population, low levels of population growth and a decline in average wages.

"An analysis of the resident workers individual income levels in the Southern Downs Regional Council in 2016 compared to Australia shows that there was a lower proportion earning a high income (those earning \$1,750 per week or more) and a higher proportion of low income persons (those earning less than \$500 per week). Overall, 7.6% of the resident workers earned a high income, and 24.0% earned a low income, compared with 19.2% and 17.7% respectively for Australia." (id 2018)

One of the first comments the Southern Downs Regional Council wishes to pose is, "What is Regional?"

At the recent Commonwealth Games, the City of the Gold Coast proudly espoused that it was the first Regional City to host the Games. The Gold Coast is the second largest local government in Australia behind Brisbane and is home to 576,918 people and yet it is considered Regional. Similarly the Moreton Bay Region and Sunshine Coast, north of Brisbane are considered Regional, both with populations nearing 400,000. Finally Townsville at 190,000 and Toowoomba at 160,000 are also considered Regional. All of these wonderful cities compete in the same funding pools as communities such as the Southern Downs, which has 35,622 residents. By virtue of the size of the larger Regional centres, there is more capacity for these organisations to prepare competitive bids for funding. Smaller communities such as the Southern Downs do not have the capacity or available funds to prepare funding bids to match those of our larger colleagues, yet are in the same competition. This very fact creates inequality in the split of contestable funding and smaller communities are the losers.

It is submitted that certain aspects of Regional inequality must be recognized and where possible use these to the Region's advantage. Cities have grown, providing more experiences, more mobility and excitement. By virtue of their size, modern cities have become self-sustaining and have built diverse economic and social ecosystems that ensure their existence. The diversity of cities provides opportunities for employment and learning, which lures people away from Regional areas, thereby leaving the Regions with static or shrinking populations.

This is not a unique problem to Australia, much of the developed and developing world is experiencing inequality in the same way. It is a factor of globalisation and automation but there is no panacea to address it. There are some actions that can be taken to try to attract jobs and a younger population back to Regions, and these need to be given a higher priority but it will not redress nor reverse the migration trend to cities. What it will do is keep smaller communities viable for longer. Some of these priority areas include but are not limited to; decentralising some government functions, renewed funding models for financial assistance grants for community infrastructure, migration policies, and business and industry policies that encourage food processing closer to the point of production.

Decentralisation

The Southern Downs Regional Council submitted to the Inquiry into Regional Development and Decentralisation in August 2017. In this submission the Council asserted that the decentralisation of certain government functions into appropriate Regional Communities would generate much needed economic stimulus into these communities through wages and population increase. The Council stands by these assertions; certain government functions such as call centres and administration functions can easily be located in Regional communities, which will help to provide the well-paid population that will assist the community to grow. The figures listed above regarding the average wages earned in the Southern Downs community provide evidence that an injection of public service workers and wages will have a positive effect almost immediately because there will be more residents with more disposable income. This will be a similar outcome in many Regional Australian communities. In the submission in August, the Council conceded that not every community would be suitable to host a government function but for those that are suitable, it will have a very positive outcome.

Renewed Funding Models

The Southern Downs Regional Council submits that the Financial Assistance Grant system is inequitable. Council concedes that larger centres and cities will attract larger amounts of infrastructure spending because they service many more people, however the current system does not seem to consider the cost of doing business in Regional communities or the amount of external use our infrastructure supports.

An example of this is the Southern Downs back-packer population. Council knows that the Region hosts approximately 8000 back-packers each year, who help in the Region's horticultural sector. The back-packers are in the Region for approximately six months each year; they use the community's water and waste water, the libraries, parks and roads. In the latest census the estimated number of overseas visitors was 222 people (ABS Census of population and housing 2016). The Financial Assistance Grants are calculated on estimated residential population, which includes the number of overseas visitors.

The Southern Downs is a short-break holiday destination servicing South East Queensland, in 2016 the Region hosted more than 822,000 (TRA 2016), visitors, which is approximately 16,000 every week, and this extra demand is not included in the grant calculations either. What this means is that the Region's infrastructure is experiencing much higher demand than the estimated residential population suggests, and it also means that it is the residents who need to foot the bill for public infrastructure to support the visiting population.

This issue is not unique to the Southern Downs; other holiday destinations have the same problem. Fly-in-fly-out communities also experience inequities in grant calculations, this issue needs to be resolved to allow Regional communities better access to funds for vital infrastructure.

As mentioned earlier, the Southern Downs competes with much larger, better resourced local governments, for contestable funding. The Southern Downs has a good relationship with the State government and is grateful for the recent grants from the State under the Works for Queensland program, Building Our Regions and Local Government Subsidies Program. The Works for Queensland program has been particularly beneficial for Council because there was no need for matching funding. Council would like to see more funding like this, and have the funds available for projects in the current financial year and budget, rather than for projects that are planned for the next few financial years.

Funding in Regional communities is vital for the provision of basic services, which maintain livability and keeps residents living in the Regions. To help local governments in truly Regional areas, a reassessment of the way grant programs are calculated and/or administered. Truly Regional Councils must deliver services over greater distances, which adds to the cost and quality of delivery. A more equitable share of funding to the local government sector in Regional Australia will go some way to addressing inequities in Regions.

Immigration Policies

One of the main contributing factors to inequity in Regional Australia is a declining and ageing population. The Southern Downs Regional Council submits that immigration will make a difference to this trend, particularly for working-aged people with young families. Anecdotal evidence suggests that some African, Middle Eastern and European cultures that settle in Regional communities initially tend to stay there while some other cultures venture directly to capital cities. The Southern Downs has a small but well integrated migrant community dwelling here already. As mentioned earlier the Region hosts some 8000 back-packers each year, predominantly from South East Asia, and the Region grew in the 1950's and 60's through inbound migrants from Europe. The Southern Downs Region as an example would welcome more migrant settlement. The Council is aware that this concept has a number of issues within it and is willing to work with the Commonwealth to investigate immigration policies to help to grow Regional populations. If the population of Regions can be increased with younger, working-aged people, it will help to alleviate some of the inequity.

Business and Industry Policies and Planning

In past centuries and decades the Regions of Australia provided the lion-share of the contribution to GDP, through agriculture and mining. Many of the jobs that were in agriculture in the past have now been automated; farms have been consolidated to ensure economies of scale, and it has been the same in mining. This is coupled with a relative drop in the value of the produce. The Australian case study of becoming more efficient in agriculture and mining is well known but this has come to the detriment of Regional Australia.

The capital and peri-urban centres are struggling to accommodate growing populations and many of the traditional industries upon which the cities were founded. Port Botany and Port Melbourne are now site constrained and have experienced repurposed land use surrounding them. Australia is now seeing a land use and lifestyle conflict occurring around these traditional industrial lands. The solution to date has been to push the development further to the city fringes. New developments are expensive in terms of capital and social and environmental impact. The Southern Downs Regional Council submits that many Regional Communities are well placed to host industrial re-development rather than break new ground on the city fringes.

In a similar way to the Council's assertion regarding government decentralisation, not all communities will be suited to housing industrial redevelopment and not all industries will need to be relocated but those that can will contribute considerably to improvement in Regional communities.

The prime example of this argument in South East Queensland is in the intensive livestock sector. In Australia the consumption of chicken as a protein source is increasing, yet many Councils in South East Queensland no longer want chicken farms as they are incompatible with residential developments; this means that the chicken farmers are looking to more Regional locations for their establishments. The chicken processors prefer that the birds travel less than two hours to their processing plant; the question is "If the production of live chickens moves west, how will the processors get delivery of their birds in optimal condition?" One possible solution is to assist the processors to move closer to the chicken production. This is an over-simplified example but bringing large food processing plants to selected Regional Communities helps to bring jobs, investment and population back into these communities while freeing up valuable city land that can be repurposed for residential use. Many of the Regional centres that would host relocated food processing have much of the infrastructure in place to accommodate a population increase and the revitalisation of a traditional industry.

To deliver outcomes such as the example will require coordinated business and industry programs and policies. The Southern Downs Regional Council submits that there is little coordination of business and industry programs. Assistance is reactionary and patchy; business and industry agencies do not appear to coordinate and plan with the agencies that undertake land use planning, social planning or infrastructure planning. Agencies such as Regional Development Australia (RDA) that have been tasked to try to provide coordination, lack the imprimatur to actually make a difference.

To this end the Council submits that there is a strong need for better coordination of business and industry programs that link agencies and deliver real outcomes. Whichever agency is tasked or created to undertake this, needs to have the authority to plan for the future and demand the cooperation of all other agencies to achieve the outcomes needed. Agencies also need to have a focus on truly Regional Australia, not merely the development lobby centered on capital and peri-urban cities. If this were to come to fruition, the role would have innovation, manufacturing, land use planning, infrastructure planning, skill development and social infrastructure. The rebuilding of Regional Australia needs jobs in Regional areas but these Regional areas also need to be good places to live and attractive places for all members of the community.

Those living in Regional Australia know that it is a great place and worthy of more. For example; house prices in Regional Australia are significantly lower than those in capital cities. The median house price in Warwick is circa \$260,000, while the same house in peri-urban Brisbane is \$517,000, Sydney \$1.1M, and Melbourne \$847,000 (REIQ). This means that people can afford to live in Regional Australia.

Regional towns such as those in the Southern Downs have excellent educational facilities and generally smaller class sizes. There are two universities with presence in the Southern Downs, TAFE and agricultural research, which cater for higher learning. The Region has first-class sporting facilities, which were used by Team Cameroon in the lead up to the Commonwealth Games. Regional communities have active social activities, festivals and events, which is certainly the case for the Southern Downs and many of our neighbouring Councils. Living in Regional communities is very similar to living in a suburb of a capital city, residents get to know their local school community, the local shops and the neighbours; the advantage Regional communities have is a lower mortgage or rent, a shorter commute to work or school and generally a wider range of affordable housing. In summary, there is less mortgage stress and more time to live.


In conclusion, the Southern Downs Regional Council submits that inequality in Regional Australia exists, some of the causes cannot be overcome but there are proactive measures the Commonwealth can take to redress the inequality. These are: Decentralisation of government functions, revisiting the current funding arrangements for Regional communities, examining Immigration policies to assist with Regional population growth, and coordinated business and industry policies to assist industrial redevelopment of Regional communities.

The Southern Downs Regional Council is happy to provide further input into policy formulation regarding any of the points raised in this submission.

The Southern Downs Regional Council also wishes to extend an invitation to the Committee to hold its public hearings in either Warwick or Stanthorpe.

10.4 Submission - Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Chief Executive Officer	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council endorse the attached Submission to the Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce.

Report

As part of the zero tolerance by bullying and cyberbullying the Queensland Government established the Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce in February 2018. The Taskforce brings together a wide range of knowledge and expertise to develop proposals for Queensland to address the complex issue of cyberbullying.

The role of the Taskforce is to develop an anti-cyberbullying framework for Queensland and advise the State Government about the development of programs under the new framework.

The Taskforce has called for submissions from individuals and organisations for suggestions to prevent cyberbullying, and to support those affected if a young person is cyberbullied. Submissions close on 1 June 2018.

Attached is a draft Submission that has been prepared, with input from Councillors, for consideration and endorsement.

Budget Implications

Nil

Policy Consideration

Southern Downs 2030 Community Plan, in the section titled The Southern Downs Sense of Community under Goals and Directions, the following is noted;

1.9 Address social issues of equity and access, bullying, domestic violence, social isolation, mental health, disability and homelessness through education programs, policy debate and targeted services.

Community Engagement

Southern Downs Regional Council is responding to a consultation process being undertaken by the State Government.

Legislation/Local Law

Nil

Options

1. Council endorse the Submission to the Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce
2. Council not endorse the Submission to the Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce

Attachments

1. Submission [View](#)



Submission – Queensland Anti-Cyberbullying Taskforce

Council welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to this important review. It is recognised that bullying and specifically cyberbullying has a detrimental impact on the mental health of many members of the community. It is important to recognise that whilst bullying has been an issue for a long period of time, technology has made the immediacy and impact of bullying more significant, especially in relation to its reach and the use of fake names and false assertions.

To make an effective submission it is important to ascertain the key characteristics of a bully. In the simplest of terms a bully appears to be a person that takes pleasure in creating an environment which impacts on the mental health of another person or an organisation. A bully celebrates creating misery or conflict in the life of an individual, or in the case of an organisation seeks to highlight the failings of the organisation in all instances, usually focusing on elected officials or senior management.

The majority of people who can be classified as a "bully" usually are involved in the bullying of more than one individual or organisation. The average bully appears to be unhappy with their lot in life and is not prepared to better their situation, rather they seek to ensure that other people or organisations are not permitted to achieve or perform without criticism, derogatory comments or condemnation.

The average bully appears to have plenty of time on their hands, and is usually addicted to social media.

Southern Downs Regional Council has found that many of the individuals that target the Council and its staff are either providing the same level of commentary to other organisations and their staff, or have done so previously in the past. Other target organisations include State and Federal agencies, schools, hospitals and sporting clubs and the like.

The person undertaking the bullying often loses sight of what the original issue was with the organisation or individual, and delivers a broader agenda of criticism and humiliation, and often makes no, or a token, attempt to find out the truth, and in most cases manufactures information.

It is noted that many people involved in bullying seek to be condoned or endorsed by others. It is immaterial how this support is gained, whether it is from false information or other individuals who are only known by an "on line" name. The bully is often just seeking to be popular.

The level of bullying at times needs to be justified by the individual undertaking the bullying, a type of self-validation. As indicated, this is achieved by garnishing the support of others on line, or as is the consistent practice, looking for on line publications that will support the bullying being undertaken. The identification and emphasising of these documents can at times be used to



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develop conspiracy theories that then provide more “evidence” to support the level of bullying and undermining being undertaken by the bully. This can be very time consuming for the bullying and often results in obsessive behaviour.

The physical presence of the bully in the workplace has diminished somewhat, although it is still present and requires organisations to continue to provide education and training to staff, as well as maintaining strict policies and procedures.

At the same time physical bullying has diminished somewhat in the workplace, the level of online or cyberbullying has increased significantly in an environment that is difficult to regulate or prosecute individuals that take joy in humiliating others. It would appear that those involved in cyberbullying have recognised the opportunities to undertake bullying in an environment where there are very few consequences and it is easy to partner up with other individuals or bullies to impact on the mental health of an individual or the culture of an organisation.

It is rare for a cyberbully to interact in a normal public social or work environment, rather the bully will say nothing or make no comment at the time, then detail online observations and criticism of the individual or organisation that is being subjected to bullying. Again in this case the bully will seek validation or “likes” for what is detailed online to build their own popularity and validate the actions they are undertaking.

Those involved in cyberbullying seek to promote their view widely and on a number of different social media platforms in order to humiliate the individual or organisation in a far reaching manner. This will often include Closed Facebook sites or specific websites.

Many cyberbullies have identified local newspapers as an ideal location to humiliate and bully individuals and organisations. Despite policies and procedures that are often in place, local newspapers do not enforce these policies or procedures unless requested. When requested, it often takes a few days for the material to be removed and in some instances local newspaper staff will argue for the merit of what is deemed offensive or bullying despite being proven as untrue, misleading, vexatious and defamatory.

It should be noted that many cyberbullies involve members of their direct family. It is the experience of Southern Downs Regional Council that it is not uncommon for cyberbullies to involve relatives. Disappointingly, this can often be parents setting a poor example for sons and daughters, which often leads to this behaviour being replicated in the school or sporting environments.

Some recommendations from Southern Downs Regional Council are as follows:

- Introduction of an Amendment Bill to review of the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Commonwealth) to introduce Cyberbullying as a criminal offence




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- Local government authorities need to acknowledge the need to meet directly with the community rather than react to bullying on social media
- Local government authorities need to be an exemplar in relation to using social media in a positive manner
- Parents should regularly check in with their children to understand the impact of cyberbullying
- Cyberbullies should be called out and identified, just as someone writing a letter to the editor would have been in the past
- Local newspapers should enforce their policies and procedures relating to Facebook and comments on websites - if they are unable to undertake this level of enforcement or monitoring then the sites should be closed.
- Persons operating websites or Facebook sites should be held legally responsible and liable for all content posted, after all this material remains on line in perpetuity, this would apply similar laws of defamation, libel and slander
- Education programs, including a values based education, needs to be introduced into school curriculums as well as regular education programs with the broader community, especially young people
- School based education programs, reinforced with appropriate legislation and guidelines that require appropriate standards of ethical behaviour in the online environment are critical to successfully reducing the growing prevalence and community damage that is occurring as a result of bullying

11. ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

11.1 Engineering Services May Monthly Report

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Manager Water & Wastewater	ECM Function No/s: 04.15.01

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the Engineering Services Department Monthly Report.

Report

The following is provided for the information of Councillors.

GENERAL

2017/18 PROJECT STATUS REPORT

The information tables for the 2017/18 Project Status Report for Community Services & Major Projects and Water & Wastewater are attached.

WORKS CONSTRUCTION, WORKSHOPS & ASSETS

Design

WORKS SECTION

Goomburra Rd & Clintonvale-Goomburra Rd Intersection

The alignment of both roads centre lines at the intersection were set out on site. A revised plan was prepared to cater for the turning movements of a 26m B-Double. Required widening was set out on site.

Blackspot Treatments, Warwick

Streetlight installation at the intersection of Wallace & Percy Streets has been completed. Ergon have completed connection of new infrastructure to the grid.

A site survey for the 2017-18 Blackspot project in Guy Street at the intersections of Grafton & Fitzroy will be carried out this month.

Sycamore Street Reconstruction, Killarney

Copy of preliminary plans issued to Project Officer for review and ordering of materials.

MAINTENANCE

Huston Street, Warwick

Design plans were prepared for the reconstruction of Huston Street. Proposed outcome will be bitumen road with mountable kerb & channel. The stormwater run-off from upstream properties will

be diverted along the new road to Rangers Road. The centerline alignment was set out on site for public consultation.

OTHER

Asset Management/Geographical Information System

- Levels were provided for concrete slab design at Jackie Howe Drive and levels checked at Tertiary Filter of Warwick WWTP.
- The as constructed information for the Applethorpe pipeline & Pump station have been processed
- The survey and processing of water & waste water house connections is ongoing.
- As constructed W&WW information for subdivision was processed.
- GIS mapping was updated with water-supply valve locations and alignments surveyed for pipes to Hope st Reservoir pump station and Tecoma Street pump stations.
- The W&WW Capex 2018 as constructed information is being collected and processed.
- GIS Technical officer supported the W&WW Hierarchy review, Water main break analyses, and prepared tender documents for W&WW condition assessment.
- GIS coordinator provided bridge and road maps for valuer's inspections.
- Completed design drafts of eastern and western campgrounds at Leyburn
- GIS road segments were updated with missing information after reseal entries
- Rates department was assisted with GIS audit of address data.
- Plans were compiled for Stanthorpe Library, YMCA and Admin building for proposed library relocation.
- We tested fixes for proposed IntraMaps version upgrade
- As-constructed road segment data for Boxs Road and Roache Street, Mt Colliery were updated.
- An extract of GIS data for proposed Texas Rd subdivision was provided.
- The LGIP stormwater plans were amended
- NDRRA Gravel re-sheeting excel template was provided to contractors and first data sampling submission reviewed.
- Several Building projects as constructed information were processed.
- The draft revaluation for Transportation assets was received.
- Tech One Asset Hierarchy first meeting was supported by GIS Asset officers.

Plant

Passenger Vehicles Due for Replacement for Next Three Months

Nil

Passenger Vehicles Replace this Month

Existing			New			
Description	Purchase Date	Kms	Contract Number	Description	Supplier	Cost to Council
Toyota Hilux Extra Cab	7/11/2012	99,890	18-054	Mazda 3 Maxx	SD Automotive	\$19,960
Ford Falcon Utility	12/12/2012	151,356	18-024	Ford Ranger Dual Cab	Warwick Auto Sales	\$34,257
Holden Colorado	24/10/2013	126,542	18-053	Ford Ranger Dual Cab	Pierpoint Motors	\$34,758
Ford Ranger	29/11/2011	130,431	18-055	Ford Ranger Extra Cab	Warwick Auto Sales	\$34,891

WATER & WASTEWATER

Water & Wastewater Report as at 30 April 2018

Number	Licence compliance Parameters		WARWICK WWTP.						STANTHORPE WWTP.				Parameter	WALLANGARRA		DALVEEN		KILLARNEY	
			Class A.		STP outlet.		IRG.4. Lyndhurst Stud.		Class B.		W1 release point. Quart pot creek.			CED Lagoon 7		IRG.1. CED		IRG.2.CED	
			Licence Target	Actual	Licence Target	Actual	Licence Target	Actual	Licence Target	Actual	Licence Target	Actual		Licence target	Actual	Licence Target	Actual	Licence Target	Actual
1	5 Day BOD. mg/L	Max	20	2	30	8			50	2	20		BOD						
2	TSS. mg/L	Max	5	5			30	M/S	100	9	30		TSS						
	TDS. mg/l				1000	547	1500	M/S	<1500	526	1000								
6	Turbidity NTU	Max	2	2.2				M/S					NTU						
7	pH	Min	6	7.5	6	7.2	6.5	M/S	6.5	7.3	6.5		pH	6.5	10.1	6.5	M/S	6.5	M/S
		Max	8.5	7.6	8.5	7.5	9.0	M/S	9.0	7.3	9.0			9	10.1	8.5	M/S	8.5	M/S
8	Free Chlorine Residual. mg/l	Min	0.2	0					0.3	0.1	0.3		Free Cl2						
		Max	5	1.5															
	E. coli. cfu/100 mL	Max	<10	110					<100	<10	<10		E.Coli						
3	Faecal Coliform (cfu/100 mL)	Max					1000	M/S					F. Cols	1000	160,000	1000	M/S	1000	M/S
	Elec. Cond. uS/cm	Max					3000	M/S					E.C.						
9	SAR. mg/l						15	M/S	<10	13.5									
10	Total N. mg/L	Max						M/S	125	29.1	0.75		Tot. N						
11	Total P. mg/L	Max						M/S	20	8.36	0.1		Tot.P						
12	Boron mg/L	Max						M/S	<2	0.08			Boron						
13	Chloride. mg/L	Max					800	M/S	<250	280			Chloride						
14	DO. mg/L	Min											DO						
15	Volume ML	ML		22.7		55.2				25.7	W1 release	NIL							
16	Odour Complaint	Yes	Warwick Inflow: ML				77.9		Stanthorpe inflow ML	25.7			Odour						
17	Other (Discharge to creek)	No											Other						
Legend																			
	Meeting Target																		
	Not Meeting Target																		
	M/S	Missed sample																	
	##	Lab Error																	

Recycled Water Tables

Supply Year 2017-18	Group 1		Group 2					Group 3		Urban	Receiving Environment	Monthly Total
	Eastern Colours	DPI	Hendrick sen/Baro nio	Visentin 1	Visentin 2	Pinata 1 Kelly rd	Pinata 2 Ellwoods	Taylor	Wren			
July	3.681	0	0	0	0.037	3.280	0	0.804	0		26.200	34.00
August	5.554	0	6.625	0.001	0.038	0.946	0.663	7.431	0			21.26
September	12.631	0	0	0.001	0.035	6.734	0.000	1.799	0.477			21.68
October	15.414	0	0.0022	0.001	0.036	4.149		12.9759	1.5571			34.14
November	14.635	0	3.534	0.004	0.036	0.000	0.000	17.022				35.23
December	17.007	0			0.0377	0.0087		2.1451	7.8147			27.01
January	14.1753	0	4.5009		0.0378	1.0014		5.3935	4.2697			29.38
February	12.8572	0	5.1822	0.00026	0.0341	3.0156		5.5167	2.7906			29.40
March	8.00047	0	5.9417	0.0001	0.029		7.5189	9.672.6	5.1984			26.69
April	9.0917		4.3276	0.0085	0.00347		3.3669	6.0297	2.8963			25.72
May												
June												
												284.50
Full Allocation (ML)	103	1	42	10	42	19	15	31	16			279
YTD Total (ML)	113.0	0.0	30.1	0.0	0.3	19.1	11.5	59.1	25.0			258
YTD Target (ML)	103.0	1.0	42.0	10.0	42.0	19.0	15.0	31.0	16.0			279
YTD Target (%)	110%	0%	72%	0%	1%	101%	77%	191%	156%			93%
Full Allocation (%)	110%	0%	72%	0%	1%	101%	77%	191%	156%			93%

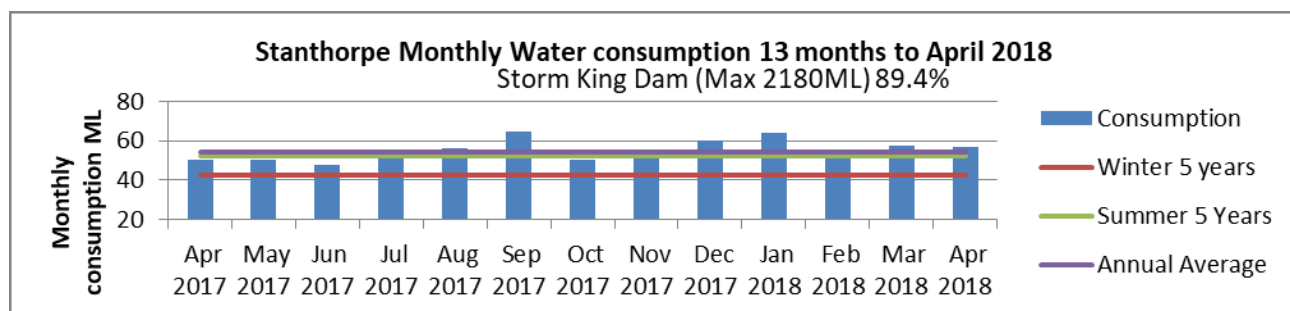
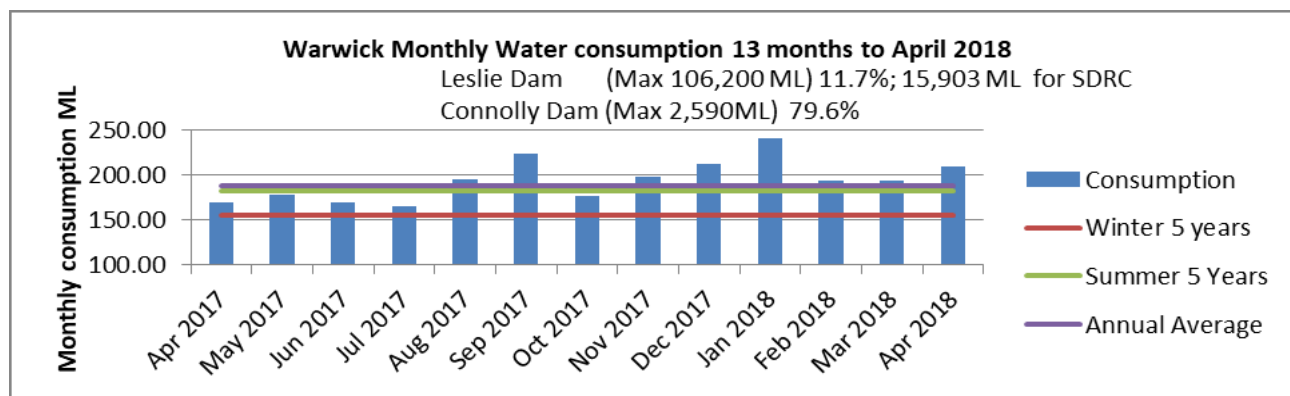
Notes: Treated effluent discharged to Quart Pot Creek as no capacity in farm storage dams

Irrigators are under expected targets
Discharges to the Quart Port Creek

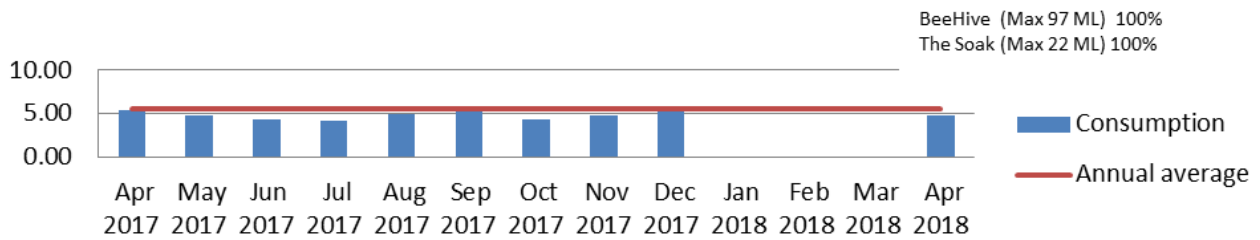
Potable Water Table

Table 2 Water Supply from Treatment Plants – Month of			April				
Number	Licence compliance Parameters		ADWG Standard	Warwick WTP	Stanthorpe WTP	Killarney WTP	Wallangarra WTP
				Status	Status	Status	Status
1	Physical	NTU	<1	0.27	0.15	0.17	0.22
		Taste Complaint		0	0	0	0
		Odour Complaint		0	0	0	0
2	pH	Minimum	6.5	6.87	7.21	7.57	7.44
		Maximum	8.5	7.46	7.52	7.88	7.69
3	Free Chlorine Residual (mg/L)	Maximum	<5.0	2.90	2.7	2.4	2.2
4	<i>E. coli</i> (cfu/100mL)	Nil		0	0	0	0
Legend							

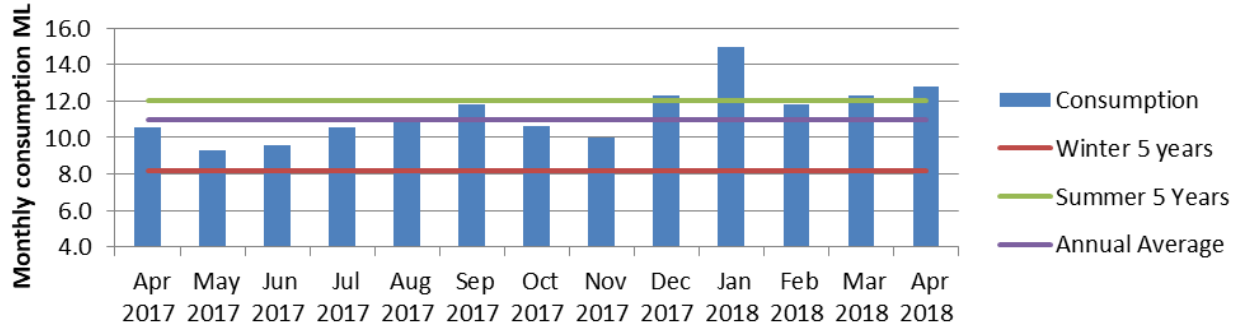
Monthly Water Consumptions Graphs



Wallangarra Monthly Water consumption 13 months to April 2018

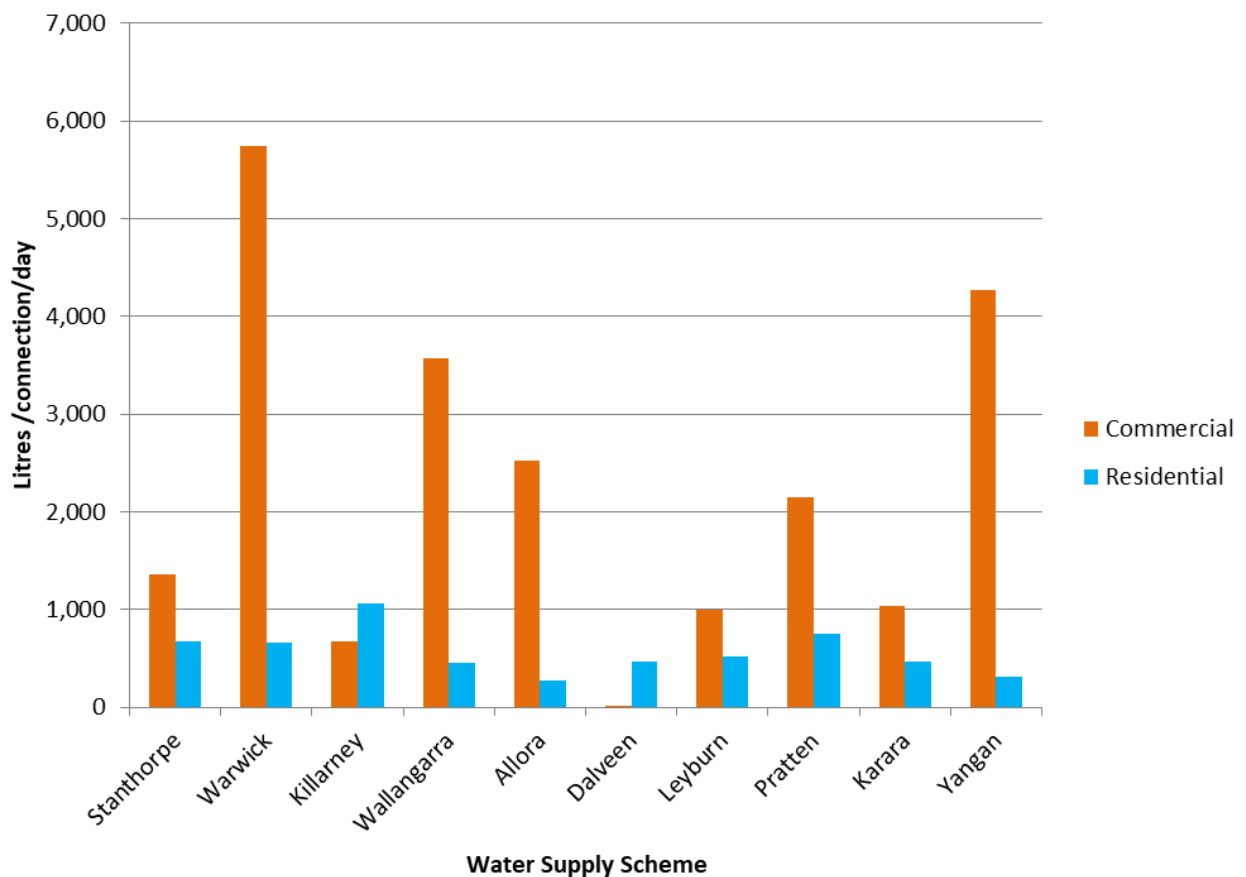


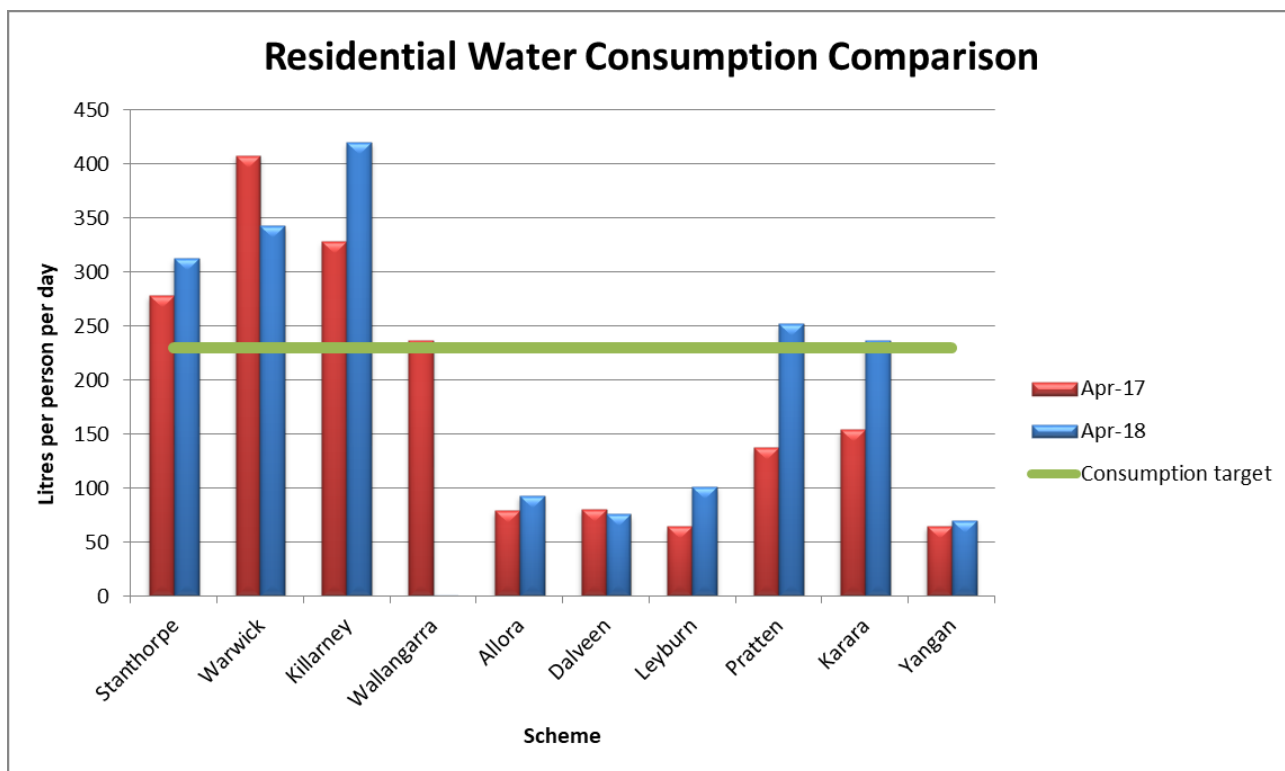
Killarney Monthly Water consumption 13 months to April 2018



Avg Daily Consumption per Connection March 2018

(based on October 2017 meter readings)





Budget Implications

Nil

Policy Consideration

Nil

Community Engagement

Nil

Legislation/Local Law

Nil

Options

1. Receive the Engineering Services Department Monthly Report; or
2. Do not receive the Engineering Services Department Monthly Report.

Attachments

1. Community Services & Major Projects 2017/18 Project Status Report [View](#)
2. Water & Wastewater Project Status Report [View](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND MAJOR PROJECTS 2017/18 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Communication Update No.: 44

Date of Issue: 11 May 2018

Community Services Projects	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking (Green – On Target) (Orange – Minor Slippage) (Red – Off Target)
Community Health & Wellbeing	Report has been received by Council October 17. Meeting held with Australian Drug Foundation regarding Good Sport program. Project Management Plan approved 7 Feb 2018. FFF program conducted at Stanthorpe Fitness Centre during the month of February.	Coordinate broader program across LGA, with dates to be confirmed by end of April 2018.	Jun 18	\$5k	Time: CSC put in place as PM to ensure project is maintained on track and budget.	KM	Broader program as identified by Milestone to get not met. Revised milestones to be established and implemented.
Stanthorpe Soldiers Memorial Restoration	Consultation with stakeholders to determine scope completed October 2017. Lasting Legacies grant funding application submitted January 2018. Heritage Exemption Certification Application lodged with DES 16 April 2018. 4 May 2018, DES has Issued an IR on a number of Items. Council as sixty (60) days to respond to the IR.	Ongoing consultation with stakeholders. Announcement of successful grant recipients May 2018.	Dec 18	\$46K		KM	

Community Services Projects	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking (Green – On Target) (Orange – Minor Slippage) (Red – Off Target)
Youth Council	SDYC met 3 Mat 2018 at St. Josephs School (Stanthorpe). A number of items and ideas were discussed, resulting in recommendations to Council.	SDYC Meeting No.1 minutes to be tabled at May General Council meeting for consideration of recommendations. SDYC meetings scheduled for, 2 August 2018 and 1 November 2018.	Apr 18	\$15k	Reputation: Closely managed process by CDO-Y&E to ensure clear objectives and outcomes.	GJ	
Grants to Community	Fast Grant applications are being submitted, assessed and processed. 16.2 2017/18 - Grants to Community - Round Three (3) Resolution (26 April 2018) THAT Council: 1. Approve to fund the 15 short listed applicants from the Grants to Community – Round Three (3) budget (Attachment 1). 2. Acknowledge that the funding required for Round Three (3) totals \$118,255.72. 3. Approve a budget allocation of \$20,254.12 during the next budget review to Grants to Community – Round Three (3). 4. Review the guidelines and present to Council before the end of the financial year.	G2C acquittals being received & processed for 16/17 & 17/18. Processing Fast Grant applications. Reviewing all processes for 18/19 funding rounds to begin 20 April 2018, with report drafted and tabled for May general meeting.	Jun 18	\$373k	Scope: Changes to approved process risk quality of outcome.	SH	

Community Services Projects	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking (Green – On Target) (Orange – Minor Slippage) (Red – Off Target)
Regional Arts Development Fund	<p>Round 2 to allocate remaining funding for 2017/18 of \$37,422 closed 6 April 2018. Eight applications received and checked for eligibility. One late application accepted.</p> <p>Quarterly report to Arts Queensland submitted 24/04/2018.</p> <p>RADF Reference Group met 02/05/18 to discuss application assessments and recommend projects for funding. Some applicants were required to provide additional information prior to a final recommendation being made.</p> <p>Recommendations by the RADF Reference Group Included In agenda for May Council meeting.</p>	Decision from Council meeting 23/05/2018	Jun 18	\$105k		ZD	

Community Services Projects	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking (Green – On Target) (Orange – Minor Slippage) (Red – Off Target)
NAIDOC Week 2018	Events will be conducted 8 th to 15 th July 2018. Approval of project management plan April 2018.	May – begin design process of the calendar once registrations have been received (including engaging the graphic designer) June – submit calendar and editorial to identified advertising outlets/media June – send out invitations to SDRC elected members, senior managers and local indigenous community leaders for the luncheon July - deliver the identified events in the calendar July – evaluate and debrief once events have been completed.	Jul 18	\$5K	Time: CSC put in place to PM project to ensure project is maintained on track and budget.	KM	Community Development Officer has resigned. The resignation has impacted ability to deliver project.

Community Services Projects	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking (Green – On Target) (Orange – Minor Slippage) (Red – Off Target)
Disability Action Week 2018	Events will be conducted 9 th to 15 th September 2018. Project management plan approved 12 April 2018. Variation to project plan approved 4 May 2018. Variation related to change in events date.	Late June - Send out reminder for calendar listings/expo stallholders registrations Engage graphic designer to create calendar of events, expo poster etc – provide timelines. June - Book venue for River Walk (Cricket soccer shed at Queens Park) – contact Warwick Wolves Soccer Club Confirm date with Warwick Lions to do the catering for River Walk Book DJ for the entertainment at the River Walk Book Pied Piper to lead the River Walk Book face painting at River Walk Book helium balloons and cylinder for River Walk Work with graphic designer to design DAW expo poster and banner for website/social media etc Confirm BBQ catering for expo.	Sep 18	\$5K	Time: CSC put in place to PM project to ensure project is maintained on track and budget.	KM	Community Development Officer has resigned. The resignation has impacted ability to deliver project.

Community Services Projects	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking (Green – On Target) (Orange – Minor Slippage) (Red – Off Target)
Seniors Week/Month 2018	Official Seniors Week 18th to 26th August 2018, but events will be conducted during the month of August 2018. Approval of project management plan April 2018.	End of June 2018 - Send reminder notices for event listings for calendar of events and expo stall holders and remind of closing date and invite new event hosts & stallholders to register Book the graphic designer for calendar & expo work Design expo poster/flyer for promotion and distribute through various media outlets, SDRC website, Facebook, Interagency network and other avenues as identified closing date for calendar of events listing form Commence negotiations with graphic designer for design of the calendar Identify dates and costs for media promotion Contact entertainers	Aug 18	\$12K	Time: CSC put in place to PM project to ensure project is maintained on track and budget.	KM	Community Development Officer has resigned. The resignation has impacted ability to deliver project.

Community Services Projects	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking (Green – On Target) (Orange – Minor Slippage) (Red – Off Target)
Warwick Interagency Group	Three (3) meeting conducted per year to develop collaboration between participating organisations Approval of project management plan April 2018.	Meetings held February, June and November with outcome below: <ul style="list-style-type: none">To provide an avenue for information to be shared across a wide range of service organisations and practitionersTo develop a coordinated village focused community strategy/action plan for the LGA.	Jul 18	\$3K	Time: CSC put in place to PM project to ensure project is maintained on track and budget.	KM	
Implementation of Council's community services strategic direction	The suite of Community Services documents (Community Development Policy, Community Services Strategic Plan and Community Services Action Plan) endorsed and adopted by Council 28 March 2018. 11 May 2018, CSAC met to discuss action plan and to develop priorities. Priority document to be presented to May general meeting.	Action plan priorities to be tabled to Council for endorsement at May general meeting. Implement actions as set out in adopted documents. PMP to be developed to track actions and milestones – June 18	Jul 19	\$5k		KM	

Disaster Management	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Risk Assessment Workshops– Development of Risk Management Plan	<p>Southern Downs LDMG Risk Assessment Action Plan has been received.</p> <p>Bushfire Risk Assessment has commenced – Complete mapping of all stakeholders relationships/arrangement and associated business continuity and/or disaster management plans.</p>	<p>Finalise Bushfire Risk Assessment as recommended – June 2018</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement workshops to be arranged.</p> <p>To be progressed – Severe Thunderstorm Event (including large hail) leading to Localised Flash Flooding & landslides – October 2018</p> <p>Tropical Low or Large Inland Trough Event leading to Major Creek Line Flooding & Major Riverine Flooding (Condamine River) & Landslides - December 2018</p>	Dec 18	\$5k	<p>Current Risk Register requires updating.</p> <p>To ensure Agencies and stakeholders are aware of the identified risk in the region.</p> <p>Ensure that the DDMG are notified of residual risks in the region.</p>	PF	

Disaster Management	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
LDMG Member Training	<p>QFES Training Needs Analysis issued.</p> <p>Training for LDMG Group members available through Face-to-Face sessions and /or online.</p> <p>QDMA QFES delivered Business Continuity Planning and Exercise Management delivered to key DM staff 17 April 2018.</p> <p>Meteorology Masterclass – BOM – LDC and DMO completed in Toowoomba, 8 May 2018</p>	<p>Guardian – end user training to be conducted – June 2018</p> <p>LDMG Exercise – June 2018 - Bushfire</p> <p>Additional Training to be booked in with QFES to conduct training in modules listed below (dated to be confirmed):</p> <p>Local Disaster Management Group Member Induction</p> <p>Module 1 - Introduction to Evacuation</p> <p>Module 1 - Introduction to Recovery</p> <p>Guardian Training - date to be confirmed.</p>	Jun 18	\$5k	<p>Risk of LDMG being under resourced in training areas.</p> <p>Ensure the LDMG and LDCC are trained and adequately resourced prior to an event occurring.</p> <p>LDMG/LDCC legislative compliance.</p>	PF	Project slightly off track due to number of members on group requiring training.
Recovery Sub-plan	DRAFT Sub-plan to be reviewed and stakeholder meeting to be arranged to progress this project.	Recovery Committee Meeting to be arranged – June 2018	Dec 18	\$1k	Risk of community recovery not being adequately addressed after an event.	PF	

Disaster Management	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Community Engagement – Disaster Preparedness and Get Ready	<p>Community Engagement Events held Warwick and Allora.</p> <p>Stanthorpe State Primary School and SCOTS college delivered Get Ready messages by LDC and DMO.</p> <p>Emergency Services pop up event held in Pratten 5 May.</p> <p>Presentation delivered to Youth Council 3 May 2018 resulting in recommendation that will be going to Council in May 2018.</p>	<p>Community Engagement Events arranged throughout the year.</p> <p>Booked in:</p> <p>Maryvale – 7 July 2018</p> <p>Leyburn – 1 September 18</p> <p>Get Ready QLD – October 2018</p> <p>Wallangarra – 3 Nov 2018</p> <p>Emergency Services Day 2019 Warwick – 9 Feb 2019</p> <p>Contact with Maryvale Primary School Made – School Presentation to tie in with ESD before 7 July to be confirmed.</p> <p>Have also reached out to both Leyburn and Wheatvale schools to discuss possibility of school presentation.</p> <p>Will contact Wallangarra School closer to ESD in Nov 18.</p> <p>Planning started on villages to be targeted during 2019. Likely Warwick, Stanthorpe, Ballandean, Killamey, Yangan.</p>	Dec 18	\$5k	<p>Community resilience is impacted by lack of communication of PPRR.</p> <p>Ensure engagement activities throughout the year include varied demographics and smaller communities outside of Stanthorpe & Warwick.</p>	PF	

Disaster Management	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Condamine River Road – Temporary Closure Gates.	<p>Procedure has been developed.</p> <p>Information Session held – Nov 2017</p> <p>Letter/Form sent to Property owners Nov 2017</p> <p>Follow-up letter sent to property owners regarding keys.</p> <p>Update to be sent to Property owners who have responded.</p> <p>Keys to be issued from April to June 18.</p> <p>Procedure to commence from 1 July 2018.</p> <p>50mm Alert can be set within Enviromon System. Contacted BOM Rep requesting Admin Training for Enviromon.</p>	<p>Administration Training to be arranged with BOM for Enviromon.</p> <p>Contacted BMT WBM regarding access to Remote Cameras.</p>	30 June 2018	\$1k	<p>Condamine River Rd Community impacted by flooding and road damage.</p> <p>Communication of process to be utilised during a flood event impacting Condamine River Road.</p>	PF	
Drought Sub-plan	<p>Mayor requested drought be considered as sub-plan to LDMP.</p>	<p>Meeting set up 2 May 2018 with Mayor to discuss has been rescheduled.</p> <p>Development of timelines and scope will take place after speaking to Mayor.</p>	Dec 18	\$1k	TBC	PF	

Initiation/Procurement Phase	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Leslie Park Cenotaph Dais	Awaiting outcome of Exemption Certificate refusal review. Meeting on site with DES (Heritage) 11 April 2018.	Exemption Certificate January - overdue. Contract Specification Draft – late Mar 18, now overdue. Committee to confirm funding late Jan 18, now overdue.	Nov 18	\$80k Committee plus in-kind support in officer time.	Budget: Committee 50% of the way to the estimated figure. Project cannot proceed until budget confirmed.	MB	Project currently progressing off track due to a number of uncertainties still left to resolve.
Connolly Dam Camping Reserve	Draft Bushfire Management Plan implementation commenced: Works Maintenance Crews to clear area for fire break and assembly point at Connolly Dam. RFT for Caretaker closed. Negotiations commenced. RFQ for Crash Gate at Connolly Dam closed. Firefighting water tank has been delivered to Connolly Dam. RFQ for Crash Gate been awarded. Fire assembly point to now be prepared by Works Team at the end of May.	Develop Priority Actions from Bushfire Management Plan Fire break and assembly point works to be carried out by the end of May 18. Awaiting recommendation from RFQ about possible caretaker - April 2018 General Council Meeting. Further briefing required – mid May 18. RFQ for Crash Gate been awarded.	June 18	\$30k	Safety: Evacuation of Campers in area with only one entry/exit point Time: Council decision about caretaker on hold. Risk that time delay could risk RFT outcome.	SO	

Initiation/Procurement Phase	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Killarney Multipurpose Facility and Willi Street Community Groups Relocation	<p>Feedback from Canning Park Community Consultation session collated and Council Report submitted to May General Meeting.</p> <p>Draft design received for Shared Community Facilities at Yangan Road Depot. Price for construction likely to exceed budget. Follow-up meeting held with stakeholders on 04/05/18. Council Report to be drafted for May General Meeting.</p>	Council Reports to May General Meeting for decisions.	Jun 19	\$695k	Multiple risks and their mitigation strategies identified in the PMP, however, biggest risk to the project is currently the ongoing scope creep and insufficient budget.	AJ	<p>Initial design for shared facilities returned, indicating a structure of at least 1500sqm. Concern that W4Q budget allocation will not cover project.</p> <p>Potential risk to proposed Killarney site with indication that Canning park previously service station (contaminated land issue) and community not in support of a building within the Park.</p>
Rest Area for Visitors and Travellers Incorporating New Entrance Signage	<p>Site visit 08/01/18 to inspect possible location for works.</p> <p>Final PMP signed off and distributed 18/01/18</p> <p>Meeting with Wallangarra Community 27/02/18.</p> <p>RFQ for design of Queenslander sign drafted.</p>	RFQ for structural design of Queenslander sign to be Issued 15/05/18	Dec 18	\$150k	Multiple risks and their mitigation strategies identified In the PMP, particularly with funding amounts. Issue previously raised.	ZD	

Initiation/Procurement Phase	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Regions Art Gallery Upgrade	<p>Project dependency: Awaiting results of Stanthorpe Library Feasibility Study before proceeding further with this project.</p> <p>Stanthorpe Library Feasibility Study scope has been expanded, with due date now for report May 2018.</p>	Decision on library feasibility June 2018.	Jun 19	\$150k	<p>Time: Project dependent on library feasibility study being conducted by Corporate Services, which is not due until end May 2018.</p> <p>Reputation: Media enquiry received about library feasibility.</p>	AJ	Project dependent on Library Feasibility study being completed by Corporate Services, which has now had a time extension.
Recreation Areas at Connolly Dam and Small Villages (BBQs and covered seats)	<p>Re-Issued RFQ for supply only of BBQs and shelters closed 27/04/18. Five responses received and evaluated.</p> <p>Evaluation meeting held 10/05/18.</p>	Notification to successful contractor for RFQ BBQs and Shelters 15/05/18	Dec 18	\$150k	Multiple risks and their mitigation strategies identified in the PMP.	ZD	
Burial Wall at Warwick Cemetery	<p>Preliminary design received. Feedback from Cemeteries Supervisor provided to designer. Onsite meeting scheduled for 08/05/2018.</p>	Construction Issue Plans 31/05/18	Jun 19	\$180k	<p>Time and Cost: Warwick Cemetery is heritage listed. Need Heritage Exemption Certificate to construct building on the site.</p>	AJ	

Initiation/Procurement Phase	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Dungaree Memorial Project	<p>Met with landscape architect 10/04/18 to discuss preliminary drawings and updated wording for plaques.</p> <p>Meeting on site with DES (Heritage) 11/04/18 to discuss heritage exemption request. Further information supplied to clarify area of works. Response from DES expected within 20 business days.</p> <p>Final construction drawings from landscape architect received. Draft wording of plaques being reviewed.</p>	<p>Heritage Exemption Certificate May 2018.</p> <p>RFT for construction to be developed. Estimated completion early June 2018.</p>	Dec 18	\$135k	Multiple risks and their mitigation strategies identified in the PMP.	ZD	
John Simpson - Equestrian Sculpture	PMP amended and signed off 27 March 2018.	<p>Council site preparation – May 2018</p> <p>Chute Relocation – June 2018</p> <p>Sculpture Installation – October 2018</p>	Dec 18	\$60k	<p>Budget: Unclear what funding is in place? Proponent requested to meet with all key stakeholders</p> <p>Reputation: Managed process closely and align to agreed PMP objectives and outcomes.</p> <p>Time: Likely to slip due to a lack of stakeholder engagement by proponent.</p>	MB	

Initiation/Procurement Phase	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Mini Golf (WIRAC Facility)	Contractor confirmed and engaged.	Contractor to commence early May 18.	June 18	Design - \$30k Construction - TBC	Budget: Quarterly review to pick up potential future capital works.	MB	
Warwick Library Air Conditioning Replacement	<p>Further asbestos testing results received. Confirmed asbestos exists.</p> <p>Information obtained from builder indicates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinking foundations • Box guttering in need of repair/ replacement • Plate glass windows on North East wall need replacing due to safety risk • Roof leaks condition caused by age and design • Ceiling insulation has possibly old style fibreglass matting • Doors on Northern side for electrical box need replacing <p>Director Planning, Environment and Corporate Services requested project to be placed on hold until discussions with CEO.</p> <p>CEO instructed RFQ to proceed on basis of like for like for AC.</p>	Initial quote received exceeds budget. Negotiations to be commenced with contractors to clarify.	Jun 18	\$60k	<p>Safety: Asbestos control measures during installation of new system</p> <p>Time: Procurement delay</p> <p>Quality: Temporary air con units installed to ensure comfortable environment for staff and users</p> <p>Quality: Ensure sufficient air con system installed – Engineer's recommendations obtained</p> <p>Reputation: Media enquiry about potential impact on additional works on operations raised.</p>	VS	<p>Additional asbestos testing has delayed the issuing of the RFQ.</p> <p>Findings from builder indicate potential for far greater work required than that initially identified in report to Council by Corporate Services.</p>

Construction/Implementation Phase	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Big Thermometer (Stanthorpe)	Granite pieces being attached to the Big Thermometer's façade.	Complete stonework 30/06/18.	Jun 18	\$95k	Location: Footings of structure have been built in flood zone. Chamber of Commerce have been made aware of risk to structure from flooding. Chamber of Commerce are willing to accept this risk.	AJ	
Stanthorpe Fitness Centre – Building Compliance Rectifications	Building rectifications works continuing. Contract awarded for structural engineering of additional work to accommodate OSHC. Council requested briefing on OSHC 9 April 2018, resulting in contact to schools and other day care centres. Limited response received to request at time, which was forwarded to Councillors.	Structural engineered designs by 18/05/2018.	Jun 18	\$180K	Disruption to fitness activities – contractor aware of need to work with users	AJ	Timing for PC an issue.
Stanthorpe Lions Park Toilets – Underpinning	Quotes for minor stormwater works including replacement downpipes closed 27/04/18. Two responses received and contract awarded. Awaiting confirmation from contractor for start date.	Minor stormwater works including replacement downpipes 31/05/18	Jun 18	\$8k	Works in a public place – install temporary fencing to protect public Budget insufficient to carry out all recommended remediation works.	ZD	

Initiation/Procurement Phase	Status	Next Milestone Target Date	PC Date	Cost	Risk & Mitigation	PM	Project Tracking
Warwick Town Hall – Fire Detection System	Main Auditorium works and system commissioning from 08/05/18	Practical completion 11/05/18	Jun 18	\$75k	Timing: schedule works around Town Hall bookings Quality: ensure works comply with Heritage Exemption Certificate	AJ	
Warwick Town Hall – Termite Damage Repairs	New backstage flooring being sanded and oiled in accordance with conditions of the Heritage Exemption Certificate.	Practical Completion 13/05/18	Jun 18	\$60k	Heritage Listed Building – works to comply with Heritage conditions	AJ	

Completed Projects
Allora Streetscape
Building Asset and Services Management Plan
Child Safety Week 17
Connolly Dam Toilets
Construction of Warwick Water Treatment Plant Clarifier
Disability Action Week 17
Emu Swamp Dam Feasibility (NWIDF)
Flood Mitigation Gauges
Girls Empowerment Project – Partnership project between SDRC & SDIEA
Karara Water Supply Community Engagement
Local Level Alliance – Southern Downs
Pioneer Park Swanfels Shelter Rebuild
Seniors Month and Seniors Expo 17
Short Street Shed Relocation
Southern Downs Water Security Options Business Case
Southern Downs Youth Network (SDYN) 17
Talc Street Facility Transition
Town Hall Toilets Decommissioning
Young Leaders Program 17
Building Asset and Services Management Plan Improvement Actions

Completed Projects
Say No to Violence (SNTV)
Youth Week and Event 2018
Deferred Projects
Stanthorpe Admin Building – Equitable Access
Stanthorpe Admin Building – Underpinning
Warwick Aerodrome – Construct Glider Strip


Item 11.1 Engineering Services May Monthly Report
Attachment 2: Water & Wastewater Project Status Report

	Project Name	Project Description	Status	Project Manager	Project Status
WATER					
Water trunk main- Storm King to WTP	Grant funding has been announced. Tender drawings have been issued. Initial procurement meeting has been held	Tender for procurement of pipe and construction contractors has been delayed due to additional funding applications	30-Jun-19	Excavation in granite rock / inclement weather over an extended period of time Availability of a suitable contractor River crossings - permits required from Fisheries, DESP, DESM to undertake works in Clontarf Pot Creek	
SCADA/Telemetry & Electrical Renewals	All sites have been assessed - Capital project concept approval prepared for upgrade of telemetry at SP's for 2018/19 FY	Additional 10 switchboards will be ordered this financial year. Installation 2018/19	Jun-18		
Wellington WTP renewal	High PRIORITY civil works complete. Slab has been cured with the DAF tank arriving Monday 21/5. Concrete tanks have been poured. Permanent fencing is being erected 18/5. Electrical switchboard has been manufactured. The pump house shed is being erected 23/5.		Jun-18	Health based targets have not yet been prescribed. Scope and budget creep - clarification of evolutions prior to awarding tender	Some delays have been experienced due to availability of civil contractors and construction of concrete slab. Project is expected to be delivered within two months of laying of concrete slab
Leyburn bore (water quality) -Design RFO for design for increased treatment of water in progress	RFO for improvements to Leyburn treatment processed. No submissions received. Contractors on the LocalBuy panel have been contacted to provide alternative proposal	Proposals expected to be received by 19 May 2018	Jun-18		
Trunk Distribution Manifold Replacement Stage 1 (Design) - Warrick WTP	Pump sizes to be determined - connection of rawflow water (to SCOA) to be undertaken - analysis of results	completion of design June 2018	Jun-18	no design risks identified - design only	
Valves & Hydraulics Renewals - Northern - Alton St	valves and hydraulics along Alton St to be renewed. GIS pickup of existing valves to be undertaken. TMP to be prepared. MR application. Police special application. final date to be confirmed	Alton St valve replacement planning in progress - anticipated May 2018	Mar-18	Main Roads approvals availability of staff and contractors	
Millarney (Hope St) and Mr Tebor pumps	Mr Tebor pump controller considered. The gear for the Hope street pump station has been procured with the job being commenced once PSA 18_094 - Electrical Contractors has been finalised (May 2018)	Hope St pump controller - May 2018	Jun-18		
Connolly Dam and Morgan Park - gates to access easement	contract has been awarded	Install gates (qty 15) prior to June 2018	Jun-18		

WASTEWATER					
Princes Rd Wastewater pump station - Golf Links Warwick (Design)	80% design in progress	completion of design	Jun-18		
Oldbury reservoir link to improve demand connection	Awaiting confirmation of installation date from Contractor		Jun-18		
Stanthorpe repeater station - improve communication quality for remote monitoring	The repeater station has been installed and the SCADA alarm server has been moved to Stanthorpe. W&WW Department is working with IT to create a link between the SCADA network in Warwick and Stanthorpe before the repeater stations is deemed fully operational.		Jul-18		
Wastewater Renewals - Inflow and Infiltration Rectifications and DSP deliverables	Sampling of manholes to be undertaken by Stanthorpe water crew Risk of stormwater discharges to be addressed by compliance team with assistance from W&WW team Investigate RV dump point and Stanthorpe Depot and truck wash for infiltration	additional resources (Meter and Wastewater Engineer) commenced in January 2018	Jun-18	relocation of RV dump point - community consultation required Budget allocation for rectification of depot infiltration issues	
Sewer main relining (3.5km Stanthorpe, 1.5km Warwick)	3.5km of sewer gravity main within Stanthorpe has been relined. Works have commenced in Warwick		30-Jun-18	There are currently sewer gravity mains under buildings that pose a high risk to Council if they collapse	
Stanthorpe STP - switchboard renewal	Electrical rectification is under way with the above flood zone conduit installed. Process engineers were on site on the 16/5 to develop a function description specification for the control system engineers to develop the PLC and SCADA systems. This design for the switchboard is nearly finalised.		Jun-18	Scope creep Interference of STP process during switchboard installation	Due to delays in awarding contract, project is likely to be completed in early 2018/19 FY
Completed Projects					
Score Wells Rehabilitation - Leyburn	complete				
John Dee water main - 150m Rosehill Rd	complete				
Wastewater Pump Station - Jack's Horse Drive Warwick	complete				
Wastewater Pump Station Renewal - Tyndal St Stanthorpe	Complete				

11.2 Killarney Multipurpose Centre

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Manager Community Services and Major Projects Major Projects Officer	ECM Function No/s: 02.06.01 & 05.68

Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Give consideration to those submissions received; and based on those findings, provide direction to Council officers on the preferred option to be implemented; and
2. Note that following feedback received from the local community about the perceived land use of the corner block in Canning Park as a service station, that Council now has a duty to notify the Department of Environment and Science that the land is reasonably likely to be contaminated.

Report

At its General Meeting held on 28 September 2016, without the provision of a report in the Agenda, Council resolved to submit an expression of interest for grant/subsidy funding for various projects. In order of priority, the Killarney Multi-purpose Centre was placed in fourth position.

On 19 September 2017, the Queensland Government announced that Council was successful in obtaining funding through the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program to "Complete refurbishment of existing Scout Building into a multipurpose facility", with the project location identified as 13 Ailanthus Street, Killarney Qld 4373.

Based on this limited information, Council officers proceeded to engage a Heritage Consultant to provide a heritage impact report for the proposed relocation of the Killarney Scout Hall to Canning Park, Killarney. Part of the heritage impact report process was to conduct a community consultation session. The heritage impact report process has been placed on hold while Council gathers the feedback regarding the use of Canning Park.

As anticipation grew regarding the proposed relocation of the Killarney Scout Hall into Canning Park, concerns were raised by the community that this was not a desired outcome for Killarney. In order to gather community sentiment, the matter was discussed at the combined Canning Park Community Consultation and Draft 2018/2019 Budget Presentation Meeting on 10 April 2018. Members of the community were invited to provide their feedback to Council by 20 April 2018. The comments received have been compiled, verbatim, into a spreadsheet (see Attachment 1). Various suggestions and recollections of the history of Canning Park have been gratefully received during the feedback period.

The Killarney community is divided as to whether a multipurpose centre is needed in Killarney. The community is also divided as to where it should be located, if at all.

From some of the comments, it would appear that there is confusion as to the intention of the multipurpose centre. The building is not intended to be hired out to the public, but is intended to be used as a Council customer service desk, small library, Wi-Fi Hotspot, tourist information and disaster coordination centre.

Some members of the community would prefer to see funding spent on other projects within Killarney, such as the provision of footpaths along the river.

Some of the recollections noted were that a service station was situated on the corner of Ailanthus and Willow Streets. Under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* Council now has a duty to notify the Department of Environment and Science that the land is reasonably likely to be contaminated.

In relation to the use of the back block in Canning Park (Lot 2 RP122016), some members of the community were not in favour of the installation of a building as this area is used by families and for the markets. From the feedback provided, the basketball court is used by a limited number of the community and these ones and some others were mostly not in favour of relocating the basketball court.

Suggestions were also made that Council should approach the owners of the land where the Heritage Centre is currently situated with a view to purchasing the land and buildings and also relocating the Scout Hall to this parcel of land to serve as the Multipurpose Centre.

Budget Implications

Council has obtained \$275,000 from the Queensland Government's Works for Queensland program to relocate the Killarney Scout Hall into Canning Park and refit it as a Killarney Multipurpose Centre.

Policy Consideration

Community Plan 2030 Southern Downs Sense of Community

1.14 Ensure community facilities, infrastructure, information and engagement activities are accessible, equitable, inclusive and safe for all.

Community Plan 2030 The Well-governed Southern Downs

8.2 Provide a range of opportunities for the wider community to be engaged and get involved in issues that are important to them.

8.3 Continue community participation and engagement as a genuine, ongoing process to assist with Southern Downs Regional Council's decision making.

Community Engagement

Community consultation meeting held on 10 April 2018 with written feedback by 20 April 2018.

Legislation/Local Law

The Killarney Scout Hall is listed on the Local Heritage Register. Any development associated with the Killarney Scout Hall requires a heritage impact study to be conducted.

The Killarney Scout Hall is currently situated on a block of land that is zoned as Industry. This limits the potential uses for the building in its current location.

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Options

1. Proceed with the relocation of the Killarney Scout Hall into Canning Park on the corner of Ailanthus Street and Willow Street (Lot 8 RP15684).

Pros:

- Works for Queensland funding is approved to undertake these works.
- Council owns the land.
- Council owns the Killarney Scout Hall.
- Canning Park is situated above the flood line and would therefore be a suitable location as a disaster management centre.
- On-street parking availability.
- Corner block exposure.
- The existing public toilet block can be utilised as the washroom facilities if a building is situated on the same parcel of land as the toilet block.

Cons:

- Community is mostly not in favour of locating a building within Canning Park.
- Land likely to be contaminated due to previous use as a service station. Decontaminating the land would increase costs.

2. Proceed with the relocation of the Killarney Scout Hall into Canning Park on the back block, with the possibility of relocating the basketball court.

Pros:

- Works for Queensland funding is approved to relocate the Scout Hall on the front block of Canning Park. It would be a small project variation to locate it onto the back block.
- Council owns the land.
- Council owns the Killarney Scout Hall.
- Canning Park is situated above the flood line and would therefore be a suitable location as a disaster management centre.

Cons:

- Community is mostly not in favour of locating a building within Canning Park.
- Community is mostly not in favour of relocating the basketball court.
- This area of land is utilised by the monthly markets.
- Additional costs associated with relocating the basketball court.

3. Negotiate with the owner of the property occupied by the Heritage Centre with a view to purchasing the property.

Pros:

- Community seems in favour of Council purchasing the Heritage Centre.

Cons:

- Works for Queensland project variation would need to be approved by Queensland Government.
- Works for Queensland funding is likely to be insufficient. Additional funding would be required. Council is unlikely to recover funding invested in the purchase of this block if it is to be leased to the Killarney & District Historical Society as it may be considered as a community lease and therefore result in little cost recovery to Council.
- Relocating the Killarney Scout Hall to this location would still require a Heritage Impact Report.
- The Killarney Scout Hall building would still need to be made compliant.
- If the Killarney Scout Hall building cannot be relocated to this location – Council may choose to set up the Customer Service Counter, Library, Tourist Information, Wi-Fi Hotspot and Disaster Coordination Centre into the existing building, which may be not to the liking of the Historical Society.

4. Convert the Killarney Scout Hall into a multipurpose centre in its current location.

Pros:

- Council owns the land and building.
- Works for Queensland funding is likely to be sufficient to upgrade the building into a multipurpose centre.

Cons:

- The block of land where the Killarney Scout Hall is currently situated is zoned “Industry”. This may preclude setting up a Customer Service Counter, Library, Tourist Information, Wi-Fi Hotspot at this location.
- The block of land where the Killarney Scout Hall is currently situated is subject to flooding and therefore not an ideal location for a Disaster Coordination Centre.
- Works for Queensland project variation would need to be approved by Queensland Government.
- Building would need to be made compliant.

5. Purchase an alternative building within Killarney CBD, i.e. 20 Willow Street

Pros:

- Building already established.
- Property not in the flood zone.
- Utilise one of the unoccupied buildings within the CBD.

Cons:

- Although the property is above the flood line, the property may be inaccessible due to flood waters blocking street access from both directions.
- Works for Queensland project variation would need to be approved by Queensland Government.

6. Abandon the project and hand the Works for Queensland funding back to the Queensland Government or allocate it to another project.

Pros:

- Community would not need to adjust to any changes.

Cons:


- No benefits to Killarney community.

Attachments

1. Community Consultation Feedback Received - Confidential (Confidential - Provided to Councillors only)[View](#)

11.3 Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2018

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Community Services Officer	ECM Function No/s: 13.52.01

Recommendation

THAT Council receive the minutes of the Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2018.

Report

The Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) met on 20 April 2018. Attached to this report are the minutes of that meeting.

Budget Implications

Nil

Policy Consideration

Advisory Committees Policy

Community Engagement

Nil

Legislation/Local Law

Local Government Act 2009

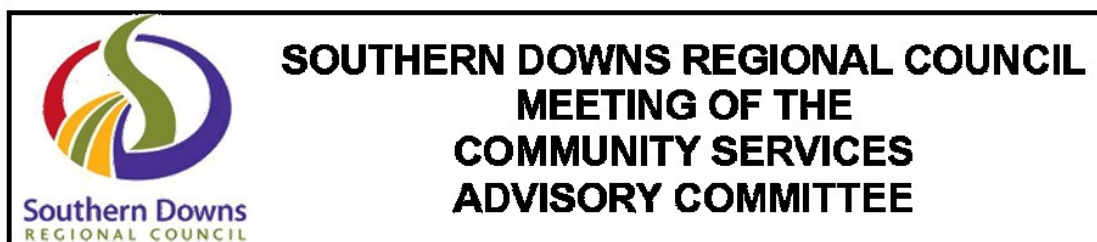
Local Government Regulation 2012

Options

1. Receive the minutes of the Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2018 including the recommendations.
2. Do not receive the minutes of the Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting held on 20 April 2018.

Attachments

1. CSAC Minutes [View](#)



MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CSAC)

Held in the Council Chambers, Stanthorpe & Warwick Video Conferencing Room on

Friday, 20 April 2018 at 9:30am

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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1. PRESENT

Cr Sheryl Windle, Cr Neil Meiklejohn, Gary Kelly, Thomas Upton, Flori Cruz and Anthony Rixon.

Observers

Michael Bell (Manager Community Services and Major Projects) and Sue Harrold (Minute Secretary).

2. APOLOGIES

Mayor Tracy Dobie, Cr Rod Kelly, Cr Yve Stocks, Cr Cameron Gow, David Keenan, John Bylicki, Ann Bourke, Zoe Dunlop (Major Projects Officer), Kerry Marsden (Community Services Co-Ordinator).

3. READING AND CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 CSAC Meeting – 16 February 2018

Recommendation

THAT the minutes of the CSAC Meeting held on Friday, 16 February 2018 be adopted.

Moved: Cr Sheryl Windle

Seconded: Cr Neil Meiklejohn

Carried

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

5. REINSTATEMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER

It was noted that with the change of President of the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce, John Bylicki could be re-instated as a CSAC member and would be attending future CSAC meetings.

6. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

7. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

8. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Council adopted the suite of Community Services documents (Community Development Policy, Community Services Strategic Plan and Community Services Advisory Committee Action Plan) allowing these to become a framework for Council, the Community Services Advisory Committee and the community at the General Council Meeting 28 March 2018.

The CSAC agreed for the following actions to take place:

- Council to circulate the CSAC Action Plan to the committee members for them to review and prioritise.
- Council to circulate the Community Services weekly Project Status Update Reports to the CSAC members to be aware of the projects Council is currently working on.
- The CSAC members to meet in person in two (2) weeks' time on Friday, 11 May 2018 from 8:00am for approximately 3-4 hours to workshop their review of the Action Plan priorities.
- Catering will be provided during the workshop.
- The CSAC members acknowledged that Council Officers will compile the Project Management Plan relevant to the Action Plan priorities which will include how the Action Plan will be implemented, milestones, outputs, timeframes, framework and responsibilities.
- The aim of the above process is to have an agenda report reflecting the CSAC Action Plan Priorities in time for the May 2018 General Council Meeting.

The CSAC was provided with an update on the Youth Council's induction, their introduction and involvement with Council, the Mayor will kick-off the facilitation, gaining a level of support from school Principals to get the schools more involved and to take some ownership of the program.

Discussion took place around the Park Beat events, including the disappointing numbers in attendance, how this has historically been a problem, for the first time KPI's were linked to a youth event to provide measureable indicators that can be used to improve future events. A de-brief will take place with the Youth Council to obtain their input and suggestions on how to improve youth events and to find out where the network is to get youth involved.

It was suggested that the existing CSAC members could consider compiling a list of people to be considered as future CSAC members so when a member leaves CSAC, there is always someone on the stand-by list who could be approached to join. It was noted that any new member of CSAC would need to be approved by Council.

Council was thanked for the seamless and interactive way it managed the lead-up to, and during, the Commonwealth Games. It was noted the Cameroons did win some medals. It was also felt Council should put out a media release as a follow-up about the Cameroons success at the games.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETING / WORKSHOP


Friday, 11 May 2018 at 8:00am for 3-4 hours. The Warwick Committee Meeting Room has been booked for the workshop.

11. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 10:35am.

11.4 Community Services Advisory Committee Action Plan Priorities

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Manager Community Services and Major Projects	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council Council adopts the recommendation of the Community Services Advisory Committee for the top eight (8) actions to be the focus for Community Services over the next two (2) years.

Report

At the Community Services Advisory Committee meeting of 20 April 2018, the members agreed to meet on Friday, 11 May 2018 to workshop their review of the Action Plan priorities.

On 11 May 2018 the Community Services Advisory Committee met and workshopped the Action Plan priorities and identified each priority type as; facilitation, advocacy or service delivery.

- Eight (8) actions were identified as priority one (1)
- Four (4) actions were identified as priority two (2)
- Fifteen (15) actions were identified as priority three (3) [Business as usual]

The Committee recommends that the eight (8) priority one (1) actions become the focus of the Community Services Section over the next two (2) years.

The attached document represents the priorities and priority types for each action, as identified by committee members present at this workshop.

Budget Implications

Nil

Policy Consideration

Advisory Committee Policy
Community Development Policy
Community Services Strategic Plan
Community Services Advisory Committee Action Plan

Community Engagement

Nil

Legislation/Local Law

Local Government Act 2009
Local Government Regulation 2012

Options

1. Council adopts the recommendation of the Community Services Advisory Committee for the top eight (8) actions to be the focus for Community Services over the next two (2) years.
2. Council does not adopt the recommendation of the Community Services Advisory Committee for the top eight (8) actions to be the focus for Community Services over the next two (2) years.

Attachments

1. Community Services Advisory Committee Action Plan Priorities [View](#)

Southern Downs Regional Council
Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) – Action Plan

Strategy	Objective	Actions	Priority
Leadership and Skill Development	Provide opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities to share and celebrate their cultural identity with the wider community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ongoing participation in NAIDOC celebrations ▪ Participate in agencies groups such as Warwick Indigenous Network ▪ Support Murri Schools Initiative ▪ Participate in Reconciliation Week activities e.g. Red Dust 	▪ One (1) Facilitation.
	Develop programs for life skills learning including communication, networking, people skills, leadership, budgeting, first aid, volunteering, health and nutrition.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue with Youth Council Program ▪ Health & Wellbeing ▪ Sport & Recreation – Health & Nutrition 	▪ Two (2) Facilitation.
	Build governance capacity in volunteers and community organisations by providing professional development opportunities in funding management, grant and submission writing and up-skilling of community volunteers to share this knowledge.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop Community Organisation skill development program focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Meetings • Record Keeping • Accounting • Risk • Succession Planning 	▪ Two (2) Facilitation.
	Provide opportunities for the community to learn about Council processes to increase understanding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a Youth Council ▪ Continue the Cuppa with Councillor Program 	▪ Business as usual.
Community Action	Encourage intergenerational mentoring opportunities for the sharing of knowledge and skills between people of all ages and interests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promote linkages between youth and seniors through shared activities, including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth Council Program ▪ Engage other youth focused community organisations ▪ Senior Citizens groups 	▪ Business as usual.
	Ensure community facilities, infrastructure, information and engagement activities are accessible,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Accessibility Audit of Council facilities (physical and cultural) – Sport & Recreation Committee Community Service Committee should partner. ▪ Consider Multicultural Morning Teas – Migrant Refugee Group, 	▪ Business as usual.

Southern Downs Regional Council
Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) – Action Plan

Strategy	Objective	Actions	Priority
	equitable, inclusive and safe for all.	Citizenships.	
	Promote the use of a range of mobile services that provide for people in smaller townships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate the expansion of the role of Mobile Library services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
Strengthening Community Connectedness	Develop community hubs as central meeting places that are driven by the community and used for community activities where a sense of community is fostered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an audit of community halls and the level of utilisation. Create Hubs in Warwick & Stanthorpe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
	Increase the sustainability of sporting organisations by building capacity of support volunteers and maximising their skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage off above skills classes for community organisations to improve governance and sustainability in local community organisations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
	Develop stronger connections between the community and our schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage off mobile libraries. My History/Our History – an Art Gallery/ Library project where senior students pick an elder from the community and write a short history on them – possible partnership with the Chronicle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
	Build partnerships with all levels of government. Increase the involvement of state and federal government projects.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
Building Service Networks and Organisational Infrastructure	Strengthen communication networks within communities and across the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Programming Committee and undertake an audit of event timing. Maintain Website & Facebook – Calendar of Events on Website. Southern Downs Community Directory – Online Portal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) Facilitation.
	Encourage mentoring and the sharing of knowledge and skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leverage off My History/Our History Develop a visiting program for schools to senior citizens centres, old age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.

Southern Downs Regional Council
Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) – Action Plan

Strategy	Objective	Actions	Priority
	between generations of the community by developing stronger supportive social connections	homes	
Community Building through Community Services Partnerships	Improve disaster preparation, planning, response and recovery practices of Southern Downs Regional Council, community organisations, landowners, industry and the wider community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct an emergency services Field Day for the Community Seek advice from Council on the role of the local disaster recovery committee Seek advice from Council on the Council framework for managing disasters Maintain disaster portal. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) Advocacy.
	Create and sustain community learning hubs that share resources and skills.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Library based program on learning how to use the internet, different applications and programs. Consider using school children or youth as tutors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
Economic Development	Promote the advantages of the Southern Downs as a place to work and live.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local ambassadors/welcomers program to introduce new people to the community – Economic Development. Seek and update from Council on the Regional Branding Process (for Advisory Committee). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
	Ensure a variety of affordable and accessible tourism opportunities are available for all including: people with disabilities, families, pet-friendly experiences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access and equity audit to be undertaken 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) Advocacy.
Social Planning	Recognise and respond to the different social needs and influences on various communities within the Southern Downs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multicultural Morning teas for developing LOTE community Needs assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business as usual.
	Address social issues of equity and access, bullying, domestic violence, social isolation, mental health,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council to participate in agency meetings in respect to a broad range of social issues such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One (1) Advocacy.

Southern Downs Regional Council
Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) – Action Plan


Strategy	Objective	Actions	Priority
	disability and homelessness through education programs, policy debate and targeted services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disability ▪ Homelessness ▪ Youth Action Plan ▪ Mental Health ▪ Drugs and Alcohol 	
	Promote the value of physical and social well-being by increasing provision of preventative health programs for target groups and diseases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue Health and Wellbeing Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two (2) Facilitation.
	Promote an increase in physical activity, social connectedness and education about nutritional eating through programs such as the establishment of community gardens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Health & Wellbeing Program ▪ Support Community Garden ▪ Promote Stanthorpe Fitness Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two (2) Facilitation.
Service Planning and Development	Establish collaborative health service planning and provision that is responsive to the needs of the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to participate in the interagency network groups across the region. Council officers to brief the Community Services Advisory Committee on the function and activities of the Warwick Interagency Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One (1) Facilitation.
Building Service Networks	Improve partnerships between local government, community providers, state agencies and funding bodies to support better health outcomes for the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Southern Downs Community Directory – Online Portal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business as usual.
Policy Development and Advocacy	Increase awareness of environmentally sustainable practice through community education		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business as usual.

Southern Downs Regional Council
Community Services Advisory Committee (CSAC) – Action Plan

Strategy	Objective	Actions	Priority
	campaigns		
Community Consultation and Engagement	Explore transport options for moving visitors throughout the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible audit of available transport options and alignment with existing and likely future demand – Engineering currently arranging meetings. Committee to be briefed on the outcomes. ▪ Explore leverage marketing opportunities for different attractions and events 	▪ Business as usual.
	Continue community participation and engagement as a genuine, ongoing process to assist with Southern Downs Regional Council's decision making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Meetings ▪ WING (Warwick Indigenous Network Group) ▪ Small Community ▪ Inter-agency Warwick and Stanthorpe ▪ Southern Downs Youth Network ▪ Young Leaders 	▪ One (1) Advocacy.
	Establish an ongoing mechanism for community engagement to strengthen the partnership between local government and the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Programming Team ▪ Community Facility User Groups ▪ Small Community Facebook ▪ Southern Downs Community Hub ▪ Inter-agency Warwick & Stanthorpe ▪ WING (Warwick Indigenous Network Group) ▪ Southern Downs Youth Network ▪ Youth Leaders ▪ Progress/Hall Committees 	▪ One (1) Advocacy.

11.5 Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Manager Community Services and Major Projects	ECM Function No/s: 03.55.02

Recommendation

THAT Council:

1. Note the minutes from the first meeting of the Southern Downs Youth Council 2018 held Thursday 3 May 2018;
2. Note the recommendations made by the Youth Council; and in particular, Council approve the following recommendations made by the Youth Council:
 - a) For the 2019 Youth Week:
 - i. Investigate the opportunity to hold a more socially focused event that brings young people (aged 13-17) together. The investigation will involve the development of a proposed event plan, including an indicative budget, with the proposal being presented to the Youth Council at the next meeting.
 - b) With respect to the 2018 Get Ready Week and Disaster Management program:
 - i. work closely with the local schools on those core messages that need to be circulated through the area's Youth;
 - ii. develop short, "catchy" messages in conjunction with the Youth Council that can be used to provide targeted get ready messaging to the region's Youth; and
 - iii. bring those developed messages back to the Youth Council for its consideration at the next Youth Council meeting.
 - c) With respect to Domestic Violence, Housing & Homelessness:
 - i. Develop a communication plan that will assist, educate and communicate to the community those services/organisations that currently exist to meet this need. The plan will also identify the most appropriate methods for targeting the communication to ensure greatest benefit and traction. The developed draft communication plan will be presented at the next Youth Council meeting for their consideration and final comments.
 - d) Establish a Facebook messenger group of Youth Council members, the Mayor and other Councillors to enable greater collaboration of ideas.

Report

On 3 May 2018, the Southern Downs Youth Council held its first meeting for 2018 at St. Josephs School. The Southern Downs Youth Council discussed many items, with many leading to recommendations that are now before Council for its consideration.

Budget Implications

A number of the recommendations will require Council to consider a budget allocation, which will be further developed on approval of those recommendations put forward by the Youth Council.

Policy Consideration

Southern Downs Youth Policy

Community Engagement

Southern Downs Youth Council

Legislation/Local Law

Nil

Options

1. That Council note the minutes of the Southern Downs Youth Council 2018 and approve the recommendations;
2. That Council note the minutes of the Southern Downs Youth Council 2018 and not approve the recommendations;
3. That Council do not note the minutes or approved the recommendations of the Southern Downs Youth Council 2018.

Attachments

1. Youth Council Minutes [View](#)



MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DOWNS YOUTH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN DOWNS YOUTH COUNCIL

Held at the St Joseph's School, Stanthorpe, on

Thursday, 3 May 2018 at 9:30am

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1. HOST SCHOOL TOUR

St Joseph's School's Deputy Principal, Mrs Megan Mahoney, provided a brief presentation to the Youth gave an overview of the rich history of the school, including its links to the Sisters of Mercy.

2. WELCOME AND OPEN

Southern Downs Mayor, Cr Tracy Doble, welcomed all Youth Council student members, school representatives, Councillors and Council staff to the first official meeting of the 2018 Southern Downs Youth Council and declared the meeting open at 09:30 am.

3. PRESENT

Youth Council Membership

Mayor, Cr Tracy Doble, SDRC
Chloe O'Halloran, Allora P-10 State School
Charli Wolff, Allora P-10 State School
Tori Abood, Assumption College
Rhys Jeffery, Assumption College
Xsanthia Frith, School of Total Education
Bennett McLaren, School of Total Education
Kira Holmes, Scots PGC College
Renée Lack, Scots PGC College
Alessia Harris, Stanthorpe State High School
Ryan Holly, St Joseph's School (**Minute Secretary**)
Amanda Hanna, Warwick Christian College
Shaun Kelly, Warwick State High School.
Rani Towson, Warwick State High School.

Observers

Cr Rod Kelly, SDRC
Cr Sheryl Windle, SDRC
Christine Peterson, Scots PGC College
Vicki Buttrose, Warwick State High School
Michael Bell, SDRC
Kerry Marsden, SDRC
Pia Fletcher, SDRC

4. APOLOGIES

Henry Sommerlad, Warwick Christian College
Gwen Jones, SDRC
Cr Jo McNally, Deputy Mayor, SDRC
Cr Cameron Gow, SDRC
Cr Neil Meiklejohn, SDRC

5. MAYOR'S UPDATE

5.1 Presentation of SDYC Badges

The Mayor formally presented name badges to Southern Downs Youth Council members, Xsanthia Frith and Bennett McLaren from the School of Total Education.

The Mayor welcomed all attending Youth Council members and encouraged their participation and input.

The Mayor reflected on a number of visionary items that the Youth Council had developed at induction the week before, indicating that the Youth Council should be looking to leave a legacy in what they do this year.

The Mayor indicated that the Youth Council was a forum for our region's Youth to have a voice. The Mayor provided each member with a business card, which provided members with a direct line of communication to the Mayor at any time.

6. PRESENTATIONS

6.1 2018 Youth Week

A presentation was provided by the Coordinator Community Services about the 2018 event and sought feedback from the Youth Council on how Council could improve the event in 2019.

In response to the presentation, the Youth Council indicated that Council should explore a more socially focused event that collaborated with schools to bring the event together. Activities discussed included music based events, water slides and temporary adventure parks, which were centrally located.

The Youth Council recognised that Council needed to modify its approach to youth engagement, through the use of social media, such as Instagram, snapchat and Facebook.

Recommendation

THAT Council investigate the opportunity to hold a more socially focused event that brings young people (aged 13-17) together. The Investigation will involve the development of a proposed event plan, including an indicative budget, with the proposal being presented to the Youth Council at the next meeting.

Carried

6.2 2018 Get Ready Week & Disaster Management

The Disaster Management Coordinator provided a presentation about Get Ready Week and Disaster Management. The presentation resulted in discussion by the Youth Council about improved techniques for engaging with the Youth around these programs.

Ideas discussed for future promotion included improved communication through schools, movie nights, emergency service days etc. The Youth Council said any marketing needs to be "catchy" and be based around short messaging that included an element of humour.

The Mayor encouraged the Youth Council to text the Mayor when they see anything about Get Ready to assist Council understand when and how the messages are being received.

Recommendation

THAT Council

- a. work closely with the local schools on those core messages that need to be circulated through the area's Youth;
 - 1.
- b. develop short, "catchy" messages in conjunction with the Youth Council that can be used to provide targeted get ready messaging to the region's Youth;
and
 - 2.
- c. Bring those developed messages back to the Youth Council for its consideration at the next Youth Council meeting.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10.30am for morning tea.

The meeting resumed at 10.45am.

7. HOST SCHOOL AND YOUTH COUNCIL ITEMS

7.1 Youth Council Item – Domestic Violence, Housing & Homelessness

The Youth Council spoke about domestic violence, housing and homelessness and concern about the perceived lack of support in the smaller villages. The Youth Council suggested that a program should be developed that could be delivered by the Youth to their peers, as it would more likely result in positive outcomes.

The Youth Council also spoke about having welfare councillors in sporting clubs and more events, similar to the peace walk that was coordinated by Warwick's Safe Haven on Wednesday 2 May 2018.

There was also discussion around food vans and temporary places of accommodation.

Recommendation

THAT Council develop a communication plan that will assist, educate and communicate to the community those services/organisations that currently exist to meet this need. The plan will also identify the most appropriate methods for targeting the communication to ensure greatest benefit and traction. The developed draft communication plan will be presented at the next Youth Council meeting for their consideration and final comments.

Carried

7.3 Youth Council Item – Water Conservation

The Youth Council had a general discussion about the current conditions in the Southern Downs and the fact that those who use town water are on permanent water restrictions.

The Mayor requested that the Youth Council over the next month think about what Council could do in this area, including Waste Management.

Recommendation

THAT prior to the next meeting, the Youth Council will consider those options available to Council and bring these back to the next meeting for general discussion.

Carried

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

8.1 Youth Council Legacy

The Mayor spoke generally about the Youth Council and the need for the Youth Council to leave a legacy.

8.2 Future Agenda Items

The Mayor spoke about the need to develop short and medium term projects, with a number of projects to be developed out of those recommendations made from this meeting.

8.3 General

The Mayor and Youth Council spoke about what it would take for Youth to stay in the region, with the Youth Council indicating that greater job opportunities, including the knowledge of those opportunities, would create that environment.

There was also discussion around ensuring issues and items raised and discussed at the Youth Council meeting were circulated beyond the group, through the schools and peers.

Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council report back to schools, family and peers on those items discussed and the outcomes identified.

Carried

Recommendation

THAT Council establish a Facebook messenger group of Youth Council members, the Mayor and other Councillors to enable greater collaboration of ideas.

Carried

8.4 Item on Notice

The Youth Council discussed holding a social event where all schools would be invited. It was recognised that some planning would be required for this event to take shape and succeed, with the Youth Council to further develop the concept for tabling at the July meeting.

Recommendation

THAT prior to the next meeting, the Youth Council will explore the opportunity of holding a social event for all school Year 9 and 10 students. The feasibility of holding such event, including the requirements will be brought back to the July meeting.

Carried

9. CIVIC OR COUNCIL EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

- NAIDOC Week (8 – 15 July 2018)
- Seniors Month (August 2018 | Qld Seniors Week 18 – 26 August 2018)
- Disability Action Week (9 – 15 September 2018)
- Australia Day (26 January 2019)

Recommendation

THAT Youth Council members will nominate those events that they would like to attend and/or be involved in. Nominations are to be provided to the Community Development Officer – Youth and Engagement

Carried

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled to be held from 9:30am – 11:30am at the Warwick State High School on Thursday, 2 August 2018.


Details of the venue location will be sent out with the agenda closer to the meeting.

11. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11.42am.

11.6 Submission to Border Rivers and Moonie Draft Water Management Plan and Condamine and Balonne Draft Water Management Plan

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Manager Water & Wastewater	ECM Function No/s:

Recommendation

THAT Council resolve to endorse the following Submissions for the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy:

- Border Rivers and Moonie Draft Water Management Plan
- Condamine and Balonne Draft Water Management Plan

Report

The Minister for Natural Resources Mines and Energy released the Draft Water Plan for the Condamine and Balonne, and Border Rivers and Moonie management areas.

The Department of Natural Resources, Mine and Energy (DNRME) representatives Steve Goudie (Manager Water Services – South Region), Wally Kearnan (Regional Executive Director), David Wiskar (Executive Director Water Policy) and Audrey Van Beusichem (Director Water Policy) presented an overview of the plan and statutory documents (water entitlement notice, water management protocol, resource operations licences and distributions operations licences and operations manuals) to Council on 19 April 2018 highlighting changes from the previous water management framework contained in the resource operations plan (ROP).

Council engaged consultant GHD to complete the Border Rivers and Moonie submission, summarising officer's feedback and highlighting findings from the recently completed Emu Swamp Dam Feasibility Study.

The Condamine and Balonne submission reflects on the security of water supply from Leslie Dam for future years seeking to increase the allocation of high priority water which sustains the towns of Warwick, Allora and Yangan during successive dry periods.

Submissions for the Draft Water Management Plan close 5pm, 1 June 2018.

DNRME have indicated that the Water Plans will be published February 2019 with Commonwealth accreditation June 2019.

Budget Implications

Nil

Policy Consideration

Corporate Plan – The Environmentally Sustainable Southern Downs - 6.7 *Secure a sustainable, reliable water supply to support industry and population growth*
Drought Management Plan

Community Engagement

Nil

Legislation/Local Law

Water Act 2000 and Water Regulations 2016

Options

1. Council resolve to endorse the following Submissions for the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy:
 - Border Rivers and Moonie Draft Water Management Plan
 - Condamine and Balonne Draft Water Management Plan
2. Council resolve not to endorse the following Submissions for the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy:
 - Border Rivers and Moonie Draft Water Management Plan
 - Condamine and Balonne Draft Water Management Plan

Attachments

1. SDRC Submission - Border Rivers and Moonie Draft Water Management Plan [View](#)
2. SDRC Submission - Condamine and Balonne Draft Water Management Plan [View](#)
3. Department of Natural Resources, Mines & Energy Presentation Draft Water Plan - 19 April 2018 [View](#)

Attachment 1: How to make a submission—Submission form

Border Rivers and Moonie

We appreciate your interest in the planning process and value your input. This form will help you to identify concerns you would like addressed. We ask that you identify yourself so that we may respond to your submission and contact you for further consultation, if required.

Properly made submissions must be made to the Chief Executive and received on or before 5pm Friday, 1 June 2018.

Email and internet submissions will also be accepted.

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Signature 1* _____ Date _____

Signature 2* _____ Date _____ if necessary, e.g. for an organisation

** These fields are mandatory to be considered a properly made submission.*

Which interest group (if any) do you primarily represent? (You may tick more than one box)

- ☐ Aboriginal community
- ☐ Grazier
- ☐ Irrigator
- ☐ Environmental interests
- ☐ Dryland farmer
- ☐ Tourism
- ☐ Small business
- ☒ Local government
- ☐ Mining/petroleum industry
- ☐ NRM Board/Catchment
- ☐ Industry group (please specify)
- ☐ Community group (please specify)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

In which Local Government Area is your property/ business/ interest located?
Southern Downs Regional Council.

Part A—General

What aspects of current or proposed Border Rivers and Moonie water management do you support?

Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) supports the conversion of water licences to a volumetric basis and the incorporation of latest data/information and best available science in the management of the water resources across the catchment. This would further support updating the modelling platforms (and their calibration) to assist decision making.

SDRC supports the creation of tradable groundwater allocations between states. This is consistent with other initiatives, such as Boonoo Boonoo and Bookacarrara that SDRC has supported. This is also consistent with the proposal by Toowoomba City Council to bring water from New South Wales into Queensland.

Do you have any other suggestions about how surface water could be better managed in the Border Rivers and Moonie water plan area?

SDRC recommends:

- The release of surface water reserves with the purpose classification of 'any' as soon as possible to assist drive economic activity and align with Government's *Bulk water opportunity statement*
- Monitor the latest climate change modelling outputs on implications for the catchment for consideration in subsequent reviews

Do you have any other suggestions about how groundwater could be better managed in the Border Rivers and Moonie water plan area?

SDRC supports the intent of managing near surface groundwater with surface water to ensure the sustainability of the resource and not erode existing investments and entitlements. SDRC recommends the release of groundwater reserves with the purpose classification of 'any' as soon as possible to assist drive economic activity and align with Government's *Bulk water opportunity statement*.

Do you have any comments about how the proposals could be implemented?

The proposals could be implemented and rolled out as part of the adoption of the revised Water Plan through close engagement and participation of industry sectors.

Are you submitting on the draft water plan, the draft water management protocol and/or the draft water entitlement notice? (You may tick more than one box)

- ☒ Draft water plan (refer to Part B)
- ☒ Draft water management protocol (refer to Part C)
- ☒ Draft water entitlement notice (refer to Part D)

Part B—Draft water plan

What features of the draft water plan do you agree with?

SDRC supports the broad intent of the revised Draft Water Plan, particularly features providing; greater access to trading and capacity for market mechanisms to allow water to move to the best/highest value use, simplifying processes and increasing flexibility. SDRC fully supports the separation of the 'Town water supply' reserve from that of the 'Strategic water infrastructure' reserve, as appears to be the case as identified in Table 1, Attachment 8 of the Draft Water Management Protocol. It would be useful to have this clearly articulated throughout all documents (including Technical Assessments etc) to increase clarity / avoid confusion e.g. as per the covering letter associated with the most recent survey by the Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce for potential water supply from Emu Swamp Dam.

How do you think the draft water plan could be improved?

The Statement of Intent and Supporting Technical Assessments (e.g. Border Rivers Socio-economic report and reference to the Darling Downs Regional Plan) do not consistently reference the latest available data e.g. with regard to population growth and industrial water demand in the Stanthorpe Water Management Area. (Refer to Attachment A, Forecast urban water demand and industrial water demand). SDRC believes the slow rate of increasing urban and industrial water demand presents

opportunities to support further economic growth in the agricultural sector through the release of Water Infrastructure Reserve allocation. This would also facilitate the lifting of the moratorium on overland flow. (Refer to Attachment A, Town water supply reserve opportunities, Water infrastructure reserve opportunities).

Southern Downs Regional Council is disappointed that a number of studies and reports are neither referenced nor referred to in the draft Water Plan. For example there is no reference to the Stanthorpe Regional Water Supply Security Assessment undertaken by the Department in conjunction with Council. This report revised the consumption levels for Stanthorpe, based on reduced population growth and the absence of any major industrial users.

Additionally, it is noted that there is no reference in the draft water plan to the GHD Report on Emu Swamp Dam that was adopted by Southern Downs Regional Council and endorsed by the Queensland State Government and the Australian Federal Government.

Council would be keen to understand if the Department has dismissed this important study or demoted the status of this work. It is noted that the Department appears to be waiting for the feasibility study to be completed by the Stanthorpe Chamber of Commerce, which will not be completed within the timeframes of this review.

Part C—Draft water management protocol

What features of the draft water management protocol do you agree with?

SDRC fully supports the separation of the 'Town water supply' reserve (1,500 ML) from that of 'Strategic water infrastructure' reserve (1,740 ML), as appears to be the case as identified in Table 1, Attachment 8 of the Draft Water Management Protocol.

How do you think the draft water management protocol could be improved?

SDRC believes the slow rate of increasing urban and industrial water demand presents opportunities to support further economic growth in the agricultural sector through the release of Water Infrastructure Reserve allocation. This would also facilitate the lifting of the moratorium on overland flow. (Refer to Attachment A, Town water supply reserve opportunities, Water Infrastructure reserve opportunities).

We do not believe a case exists to retain a Water infrastructure reserve – refer to Attachment A, No Case for a water infrastructure reserve.

SDRC recommends that the 1,740 ML of Strategic water infrastructure reserve allocation be reassigned to the purpose of 'Any' in Table 1, Attachment 8 of the Draft Water Management Protocol.

SDRC also recommends that surface and groundwater reserve with the classification 'Any' purpose be released as soon as possible through appropriate market mechanisms to assist drive economic activity – consistent with Government's *Bulk water opportunity statement*.

Part D—Draft water entitlement notice

What is your authorisation number? 836 (Proposed) OR 406700 and 406702 (existing authorisation reference number)

Please identify any details associated with your water entitlement that you believe are incorrect.

Proposed other conditions state - *Water taken under the authority must not be stored.*

The current licenses:

- 406700 - authorisation type is *Licence to take water* and
- 406702- authorisation type is *Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall*.

This water allocation is located at Council's (owned) Beshive Dam. As it is a dam, Council requires that it can store this water. SDRC request that the proposed condition to be amended to allow water storage.

What is your authorisation number? 916 (Proposed water allocation number) OR 406703 and 406704 (existing authorisation reference number)

Please identify any details associated with your water entitlement that you believe are incorrect.

Proposed other conditions state - *Water taken under the authority must not be stored.*

The current licenses:

- 406703 - authorisation type is *Licence to take water and*
- 406704- authorisation type is *Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall.*

This water allocation is located at Council's (owned) Storm King Dam. As it is a dam Council requires that it can store this water. SDRC request that the proposed condition to be amended to allow water storage.

SDRC are also keen to understand the implications of the volumetric conversion and take of 1,150 ML/annum as compared to 600 ML/annum on performance/reliability and the implications in meeting future town water supply needs.

What is your authorisation number? 896 (Proposed water allocation number) OR 407799 and 14918T (existing authorisation reference number)

Please identify any details associated with your water entitlement that you believe are incorrect.

Proposed Flow condition state – *Permitted to take when there is visible flow immediately downstream of the point of take.*

The current licenses:

- 407799 - authorisation type is *Licence to take water and* – Lot 1 & 2 SP265371
- 14918T - authorisation type is *Licence to interfere by impounding-excavation.* – Lot 1 SP265371.

This water allocation is located at Council leased properties where there is an overland flow storage dam pumped to a ring tank. Council would like to confirm whether under the proposed condition the Department requires the existing infrastructure to be altered?



What is your authorisation number? 1055 (Proposed water allocation number) OR 54812T and 45934T AND 46090T AND 54813T (existing authorisation reference number)

Please identify any details associated with your water entitlement that you believe are incorrect.

Proposed Flow condition state – Permitted to take when there is visible flow immediately downstream of the point of take.

The current licences:

- 54812T - authorisation type is *Licence to take water* and – Rotary Park
- 54813T - authorisation type is *Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall.* – Heritage Park Weir
- 46090T - authorisation type is *Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall.* – Gleasons Park Weir
- 45934T - authorisation type is *Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall.* – Rotary Park Weir

The proposed water allocation is for the take of water at Rotary Park Weir. Council's current licences include impoundment at three weirs and take at Rotary Park. Council would like to confirm whether under the proposed conditions the Department requires the existing infrastructure ie weirs to be removed as there is no impounding licences?

What is your authorisation number? NEW Refer to Part 2 Schedule 1 Granting Water licences to Interfere with water (Border Rivers and Moonie catchments) – The Soak

Please identify any details associated with your water entitlement that you believe are incorrect.

The Soak under Part 2 Schedule 1 Granting Water licences to interfere with water (border Rivers and Moonie catchments) states the *authorised purpose* as *Impounding water*. SDRC has been in discussions with DNRME regarding the location to take allocation between Beehive Dam (836 OR 406700) and The Soak. The proposed licence to Interfere does not appear to allow take of water from The Soak.

SDRC is seeking clarification from DNRME with regard to all of the above matters and meet at the earliest opportunity.

Please attach any additional supporting information, if required.

NOTE: All submissions will be treated as confidential wherever possible. However, submissions may be viewed by other parties under the provisions of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

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Submission No:

Date Received:

Issue Category/ies:

Attachment A

Forecast urban water demand

SDRC fully supports the forecasts as determined by the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME/DEWS) as articulated in the *Stanthorpe regional water supply security assessment* (2016) and independently reviewed by GHD in undertaking feasibility studies to support Stage 1 of the Business Case for Emu Swamp Dam¹. Overall water demand for Stanthorpe has been far less than predicted in previous studies i.e. 1,246 ML/a predicted for 2015 versus 590 ML/a actual).

These recent reports identified that assumptions made in earlier reports are not valid and flag:

- Consumption has dropped from 500 L/c/d to 324 L/c/d
- Actual population growth for Stanthorpe is significantly less than forecast (e.g. projected population in 2015 32% higher than actual, forecast growth 1.5%, actual 0.4%).

This latest more detailed analysis indicates that urban demand will outstrip supply from Storm King Dam by 2036 with a 250 ML shortfall by 2050. Based on this latest data SDRC supports the position articulated by DEWS and referenced in the Border Rivers Socio-economic Report which, *found that once water demand reaches the level projected in 2036 (740 ML/year), and with water restrictions in place, Stanthorpe will experience water supply shortfalls about once every 350 years (Department of Energy and Water Supply 2016)*².

Note that SDRC has requested that the Darling Downs Regional Plan be rewritten as soon as possible to reflect the above.

Urban water supply options

SDRC endorsed the findings of the GHD studies as mentioned above which identified a range of augmentation options including Integrated Water Supply Management (IWSM) opportunities to defer the requirement for capital expenditure to meet urban demand.

SDRC does not want any perceived link with Emu Swamp Dam as a potential/perceived source of town water supply.

Town water supply reserve opportunities

Given the forecast timeframe to draw on additional town water supply reserves, SDRC supports the concept of Government leasing out up to 90% of the reserve town water supply reserve allocation for the near to medium term (i.e. 10 years plus) through market mechanisms such that it assists drive economic development in the agriculture sector.

Earlier studies supported by Council and specific representations have clearly demonstrated an interest in securing additional irrigation water supplies.

Industrial water demand

Previous industrial water demand assessments have reached significantly different conclusions to those of more recent and rigorous studies regarding the future industrial water demand in the Stanthorpe region. Estimates developed for the EIS for Emu Swamp Dam forecast that industrial demand would outstrip residential demand by 2020. However more the recent assessment by DEWS³ assumed that industrial water demand would grow in proportion to population growth.

It is however noted that some parties are promoting Emu Swamp Dam as its number one priority for promoting industrial development in Stanthorpe and consider:

- Access to high reliability water a significant constraint on industrial output

¹ *Southern Downs Regional Council, Emu Swamp Dam Business Case Stage 1, Final Report*, GHD, June 2017.

² *Socio-economic Report: Profile of Socio-economic Change and Evaluation of Water Plan Outcomes*, DNRME, March 2018, P16

³ *Stanthorpe Regional Water Supply Security Assessment*, DEWS, 2016

- Agrifood processing operations as the primary source of growth.

However the more recent studies undertaken as part of the development of the Emu Swamp Dam Business Case Stage 1 found that:

- Few producers consulted with for irrigation demand assessment raised any interest in shifting into agrifood processing. Their focus was on maximising returns from fresh produce
- Producers currently have the option of transporting produce to Warwick for processing prior to supplying to market noting that Warwick has better access to labour and infrastructure and no water constraint. This further supports a position of little water demand for industrial use.

There is insufficient evidence to support a forecast that would have industrial demand outstripping residential demand in the foreseeable future or exhibiting a 'step change' in economic development if a new bulk water supply was developed. As a consequence, SDRC support the DEWS position and encourage this to be reflected consistently through documentation associated with the revised Water Plan.

No Case for a water infrastructure reserve

Feasibility studies undertaken by GHD in preparing the Emu Swamp Dam Business Case Stage 1 report have been the most comprehensive undertaken to date and demonstrated that:

- Producers are reliant upon on-farm storages and harvesting of overland flows and near-surface groundwater
- Water availability is a significant constraint on the expansion of crop production, particularly for tomatoes, strawberries and strawberry runners
- Market factors are the other key constraint, particularly for apples, other tree fruits, wine grapes and a range of vegetable crops
- Consistent with the results of the 2013 Agricultural Land Audit, producers have access to additional land for the expansion of crop production
- Additional irrigation water would be used to supplement existing irrigation water supply sources (i.e. on-farm storages) rather than to underpin greenfield developments. Noting the additional water that may potentially be made available from Emu Swamp Dam is less than 15% of that currently used
- Strong demand for additional irrigation water for a wide range of crops (apples, tomatoes, strawberries, wine grapes, strawberry runners, green vegetables and specialty crops)
- Water shortages resulting in reduced application of irrigation water negatively impacts on crop yields, particularly for apples and wine grapes
- Significant variability in irrigation application rates across crops produced in the region (3 to 12 ML per hectare)
- Emu Swamp Dam would result in relatively marginal increase (estimated at <10%) in total irrigation water use (See Figure A1 below)
- Volume of water from the proposed Emu Swamp Dam is relatively small and unlikely to underpin an increase in crop production sufficient to drive a local food processing hub. As such, there is insufficient evidence to support a forecast that would have industrial demand outstripping residential demand in the foreseeable future or exhibiting a 'step change' in economic development if a new bulk water supply was developed.

GHD also found that it was apparent that many of the earlier regional water augmentation reports were developed with an emphasis on one potential solution, Emu Swamp Dam. Only this option has been analysed in detail, including with respect to design concepts. All other options were considered at a superficial level. There are also significant inconsistencies between the different reports in terms of assessment criteria, such as potential yield from different options, making it difficult to compare options directly to draw definitive conclusions as to a preferred option.

In particular, GHD finds that the yield analysis and assessment has generally not been in keeping with contemporary good practice. Equally, GHD considers that the basis and techniques used for development of cost estimates in many of the reports has not adhered to good practice.

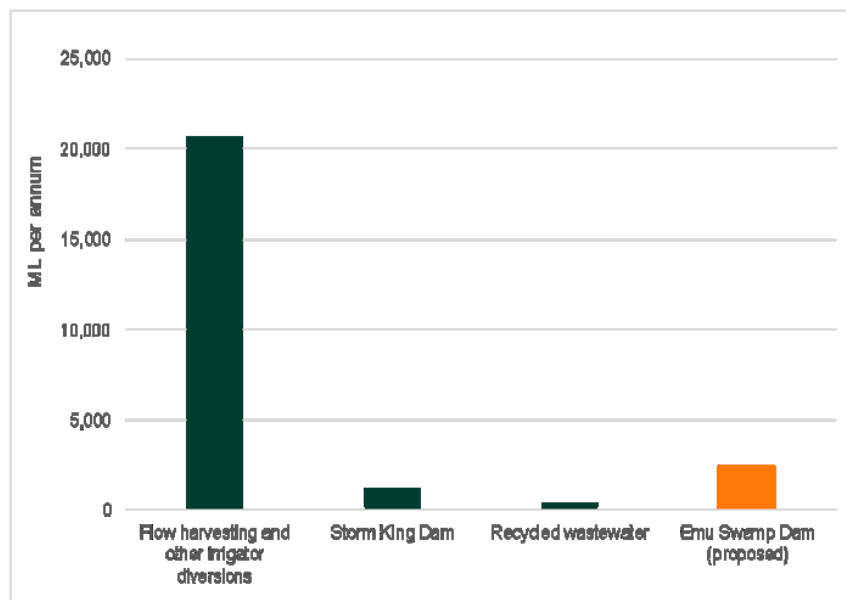


Figure A1 – Emu Swamp Dam comparator to existing sources of water supply

GHD also undertook sensitivity analysis on the financial and economic implications of key parameter changes on the viability of Emu Swamp Dam. These included the discount rate, crop prices and the incidence of dry years. Key findings from this analysis included:

- Changes to all three parameters results in significant changes to average return per ML of applied irrigation water
- Impact of a reduction in crop prices is significant e.g. a 10% reduction in prices results in a reduction to average return per ML of over 40%
- Demonstrates the impact of crop price fluctuations on both profitability and the return to irrigation water use
- Multiple parameters can vary under the same scenario
- Significant government funding (up to \$120 million) required for Emu Swamp Dam to be economically viable.

SDRC does not support Emu Swamp Dam as the only preferred viable option to meet future regional water needs. In addition, Emu Swamp Dam would not meet any of the principles for State Government investment in proposed bulk water supply infrastructure as shown in the *Queensland bulk water opportunity statement*.⁴ As such we recommend that the Strategic water infrastructure reserve's purpose be reclassified as 'Any' purpose.

As a minimum SDRC would support the insertion of a 'sunset clause' into the final Border Rivers Water Management Protocol that stipulates if Emu Swamp Dam is not approved by Government as a viable project by October 2018 (on the expiration of the Coordinator General's approval) that the 1,740 ML of Strategic Water Infrastructure Reserve is reallocated as the purpose of 'Any' in Table 1, Attachment 8 of the Draft Water Management Protocol and released as discussed below.

⁴ *Queensland Bulk Water Opportunity Statement*, DEWS/Queensland Government, July 2017, P6.

Water infrastructure reserve opportunities

The ongoing promotion of Emu Swamp Dam as a serious water augmentation option and its link to the Strategic Water Infrastructure Reserve has created a high level of uncertainty which is unhelpful for attracting private sector investment and is placing a brake on the local economy. It is also fragmenting the community and diverting the effective and efficient use of resources.

SDRC supports the release of the Strategic Water Infrastructure Reserve via market mechanisms. The supply of this additional water for irrigation supply coupled with on-farm storage offers the lowest cost option to meet identified irrigation water demand (to supplement the existing 20,700 ML of surface water harvesting). However we do note that this may not fully meet the requirement for high reliability water during times of drought. This would also facilitate the lifting of the moratorium placed on overland flow until the resource was fully allocated.

Studies undertaken by GHD found significant support for the above position from existing irrigators, many of whom were 'fed up' with the ongoing promotion of an unviable water augmentation option (Emu Swamp Dam). Council has also received representations to this effect.

The above position also aligns with the State Government's policy position as articulated in the *Queensland bulk water opportunity statement* which amongst other things flags the following objectives:

- *Use existing water resources more efficiently—Significant volumes of uncommitted and under-utilised water are currently available in Queensland that could be used for economic development without the need to construct new bulk water supply infrastructure. Governments at every level are experiencing fiscal constraints, and a prudent response is to fully and better use the substantial water resources and bulk water supply infrastructure already available before investing in new infrastructure.*
- *Consider projects that will provide regional economic benefits—These projects would be identified on a case-by-case basis through a standardised best practice assessment process.*

The Statement goes on to note that *the hierarchy of the objectives are driven by safety and efficiency first, followed by the need for further investment.*⁶ SDRC acknowledge that the market mechanisms adopted by Government should as a minimum cover the administrative costs of the release of this water i.e. net zero cost to Government as compared to the need for a direct Government grant of up to \$120 M and the potential need for an ongoing subsidy to cover operating costs of an Emu Swamp Dam development option.

⁶ *Queensland Bulk Water Opportunity Statement*, DEWS/Queensland Government, July 2017, P2

Attachment 1: How to make a submission—Submission form Condamine and Balonne

We appreciate your interest in the planning process and value your input. This form will help you to identify concerns you would like addressed. We ask that you identify yourself so that we may respond to your submission and contact you for further consultation, if required.

Properly made submissions must be made to the Chief Executive and received on or before **5pm Friday, 1 June 2018**.

Email and internet submissions will also be accepted.

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Signature 1* _____ Date _____

Signature 2* _____ Date _____ if necessary, e.g. for an organisation

** These fields are mandatory to be considered a properly made submission.*

Which interest group (if any) do you primarily represent? (You may tick more than one box)

- ☐ Aboriginal community
- ☐ Grazier
- ☐ Irrigator
- ☐ Environmental interests
- ☐ Dryland farmer
- ☐ Tourism
- ☐ Small business
- ☒ Local government
- ☐ Mining/petroleum industry
- ☐ NRM Board/Catchment
- ☐ Industry group (please specify)
- ☐ Community group (please specify)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

In which Local Government Area is your property/ business/ interest located?

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Part A—General

What aspects of current or proposed Condamine and Balonne water management do you support?

Southern Downs Regional Council (SDRC) supports the conversion of water licences to a volumetric basis and the creation of tradable groundwater allocations between states. This is consistent with other initiatives, such as Boonoo Boonoo and Bookacarrara that SDRC has supported. This is also consistent with the proposal by Toowoomba City Council to bring water from New South Wales into Queensland.

Do you have any other suggestions about how surface water could be better managed in the Condamine and Balonne water plan area?

As a drought declared region, SDRC believes that the Council's 15,000ML high priority water allocation at Leslie Dam needs to be increased to sustain the towns of Warwick, Allora and Yangan into the future during successive dry periods.

Do you have any other suggestions about how groundwater could be better managed in the Condamine and Balonne water plan area?

That DNRME maintain a register of water allocation owners willing to seasonally allocate or sell their allocation to make it easier for customers looking an allocation.

Do you have any comments about how the proposals could be implemented?

The proposals could be implemented and rolled out as part of the adoption of the revised Water Plan through close engagement and participation of industry sectors.

Are you submitting on the draft water plan, the draft water management protocol and/or the draft water entitlement notice? (You may tick more than one box)

- ☒ Draft water plan (refer to Part B)
- ☐ Draft water management protocol (refer to Part C)
- ☒ Draft water entitlement notice (refer to Part D)

Part B—Draft water plan

What features of the draft water plan do you agree with?

SDRC supports the broad intent of the revised Draft Water Plan, particularly features providing; greater access to trading and capacity for market mechanisms to allow water to move to the best/highest value use, simplifying processes and increasing flexibility.

How do you think the draft water plan could be improved?

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Part C—Draft water management protocol

What features of the draft water management protocol do you agree with?

How do you think the draft water management protocol could be improved?

Part D—Draft water entitlement notice

What is your authorisation number? 1142AP7585 AND 5001AP7585 (Existing authorisation reference) – Leslie Dam

Please identify if any details associated with your water entitlement that you believe are incorrect.

As a drought declared region, SDRC believes that the Council's 15,000ML high priority water allocation at Leslie Dam needs to be increased to sustain the towns of Warwick, Allora and Yangan into the future during successive dry periods.

What is your authorisation number? Existing authorisation reference tabled below

Authorisation reference	Authorisation Type	Allocation Megalitres	Purpose	Management Subgroup	Water Source Name
1142AP7585	Supplemented Water Allocation	2,707.0	Urban	Upper Condamine Zone UCS-01	Leslie Dam Storage
5001AP7585	Supplemented Water Allocation	500.0	Any	Upper Condamine Zone UCS-01	Leslie Dam Storage
100079	Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall		Impound Water	Condamine Balonne Tributaries Zone 7	Canal Creek
661AP7585	Unsupplemented Water Allocation	5.0	Any	Condamine Balonne Tributaries Zone 7	Canal Creek
105304	Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall		Impound Water	Condamine Balonne Tributaries Zone 7	Dalrymple Creek

Authorisation reference	Authorisation Type	Allocation Megalitres	Purpose	Management Subgroup	Water Source Name
902AP7585	Unsupplemented Water Allocation	160.0	Urban	Condamine Balonne Tributaries Zone 9	Spring Creek
1621AP7585	Unsupplemented Water Allocation	2,727.0	Urban	Condamine Balonne Tributaries Zone 9	Rosenthal Creek
100077	Licence to interfere by impounding-Embankment or Wall		Impound Water	Condamine Balonne Tributaries Zone 9	Spring Creek
1620AP7585	Unsupplemented Water Allocation	141.0	Urban	Condamine Balonne Tributaries Zone 9	Spring Creek
406410	Licence to take	10	Town Water Supply	Eastern Downs 1 Management Unit	Walloon Coal Measures
406442	Licence to take	60	Town Water Supply	Eastern Downs 2 Management Unit	Marburg Sandstone
406422	Licence to take	10	Town Water Supply	Eastern Downs 2 Management Unit	Marburg Sandstone
71921T	Licence to take	30	Urban	Eastern Downs 2 Management Unit	Marburg Sandstone
00037T	Licence to Interfere by Impounding-Embankment or Wall		Impound Water	Upper Condamine Zone UCU-02	Condamine River
30491T	Licence to Interfere by Impounding-Embankment or Wall		Impound Water	Upper Condamine Zone UCU-02	Condamine River
353AP7585	Unsupplemented Water Allocation	6	Any	Upper Condamine Zone UCU-02	Condamine River
56890T	Licence to take	2	Educational Facility, Stock	Canal Creek (War) Groundwater	Canal Creek Alluvium
64521T	Licence to take	30	Urban	Canal Creek (War) Groundwater	Canal Creek Alluvium
61895T	Licence to take	29	Irrigation	Condamine R Alumn Upstream Of Murrays Bridge	Condamine River Alluvium
86314T	Licence to take	40	Urban	Swan Creek (War) Groundwater	Swan Creek Alluvium
64557T	Licence to take	2	Amenities	Warwick Basalts Groundwater	Main Range Volcanics

Please identify if any details associated with your water entitlement that you believe are incorrect.

These existing allocations have not been reflected in the Draft Water Entitlement

SDRC is seeking clarification from DNRME with regard to the above matters and meet at the earliest opportunity.

Please attach any additional supporting information, if required.

NOTE: All submissions will be treated as confidential wherever possible. However, submissions may be viewed by other parties under the provisions of the *Right to Information Act 2009*.

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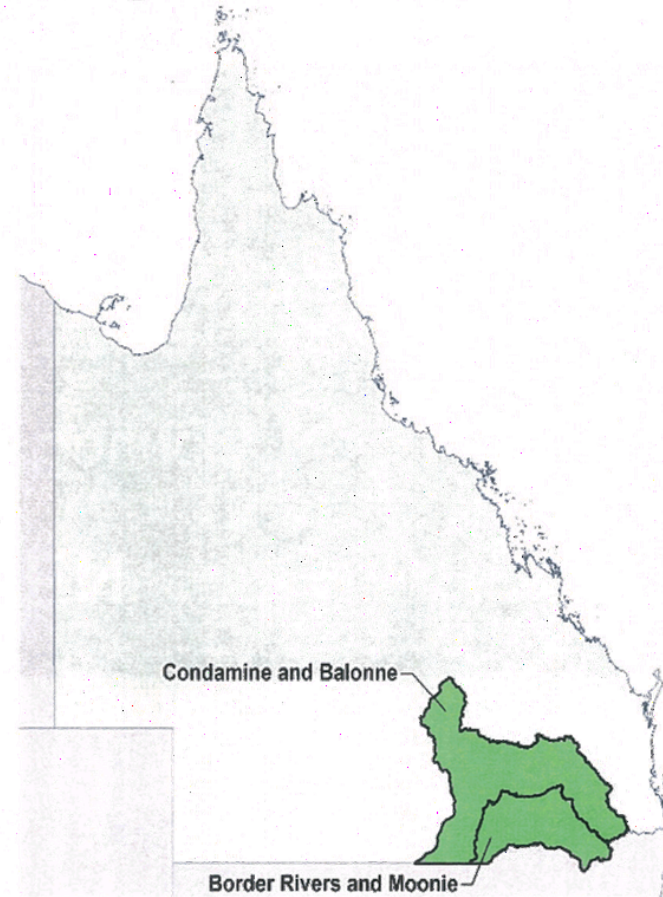
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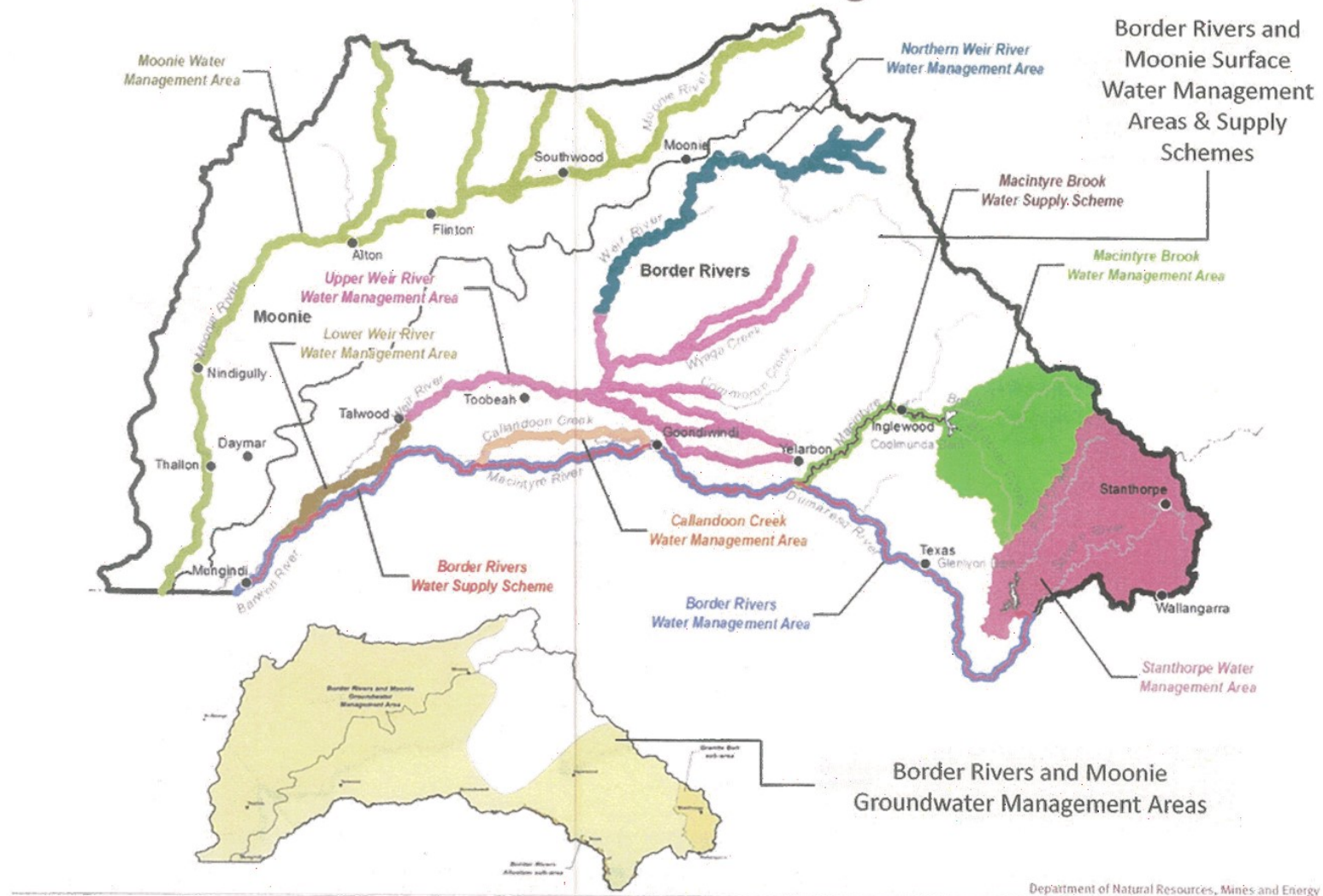
drafts released - 11th April 2018

- **public notices:** incl. Queensland Country Life, Warwick Daily News, Stanthorpe Border Post
- **phoned key contacts:** incl. peak bodies, councils, consultation groups
- **media:** media release, social media
- **letters:** incl. key contacts, SoP submitters, entitlement holders
- **contractor:** HB Group contacting all Stanthorpe WMA entitlement holders in the WEN
- **meetings:** incl. SDRC & SWMA stakeholders today, information & drop-in sessions in May

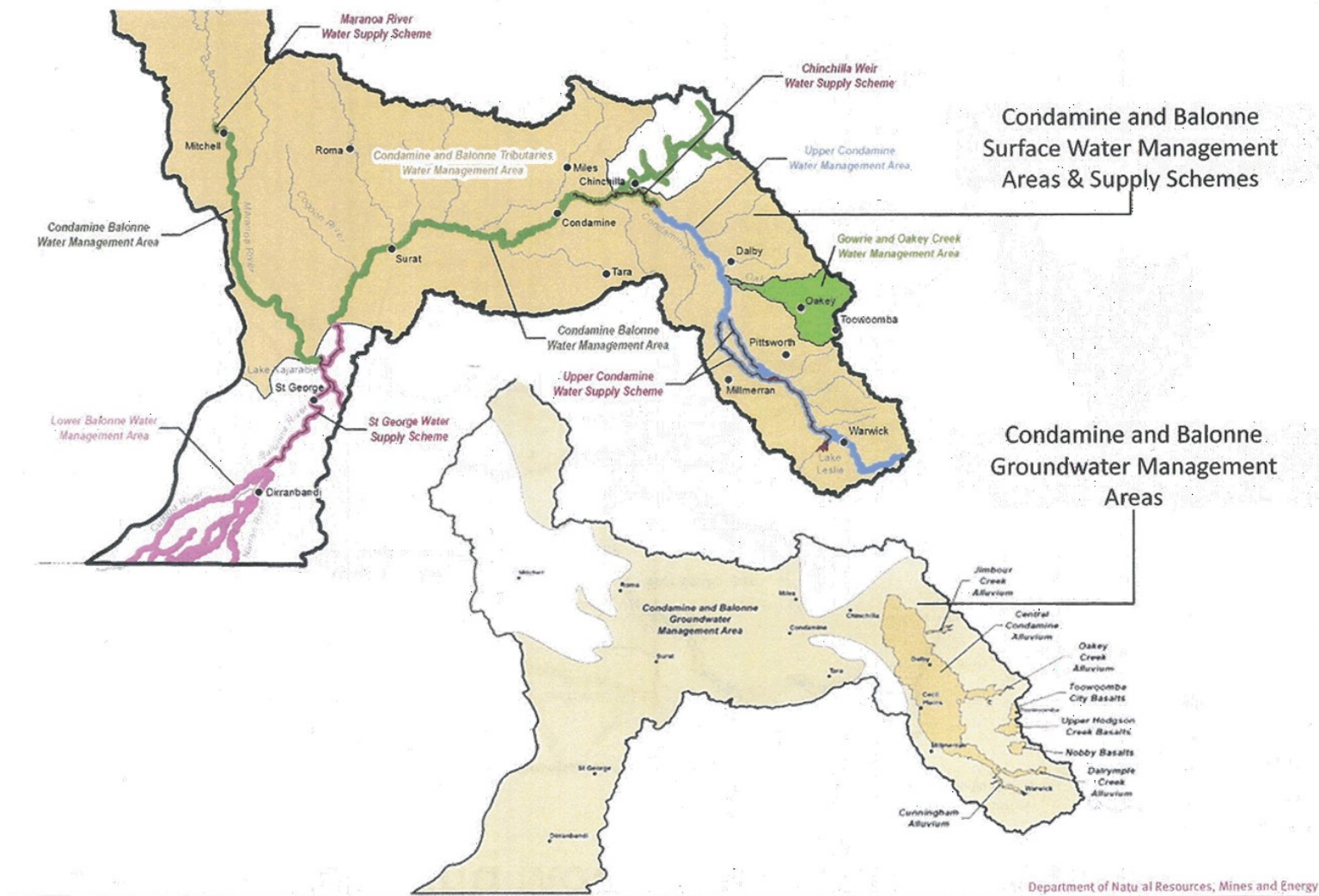


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Border Rivers and Moonie management areas



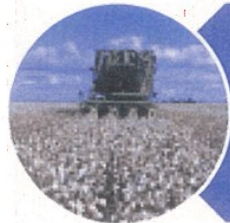
Condamine and Balonne management areas



Process for drafting Water Plans



New science



Risk assessments



Consultation

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Key identified risks

Risk to	Risk
Water users	Increased floodplain harvesting
	Lack of access to water markets- Condamine Balonne Tributaries and Stanthorpe
	Shallow groundwater take in Stanthorpe
	Over allocation in Upper Condamine Alluvium and Border Rivers Alluvium
Environment	Dam operations, take of groundwater and take in-channel and overland flow
	Groundwater dependent ecosystems through lowering of water tables
Aboriginal	Availability of water for cultural purposes and economic development
	Access to waterways
	Lack of input in management and decision-making
	Declining water quality and aquatic ecosystems

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Key changes to both plans

- Outcomes - social, economic environmental and cultural
- Environmental flow objectives
- Water allocation security objectives
- Measures for metering, monitoring, reporting and unallocated water
- Unallocated water for Aboriginal and community purposes
- New water sharing and trading rules for groundwater



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Measures to improve transparency and accountability

Overland flow water is measured by 30 June 2022

Water allocations and groundwater licences over 10ML are measured by 31 December 2022

Identify works in Granite Belt area for taking overland flow by 30 June 2024

Annual publication of a water use report

Record and publish flow management decisions in the Lower Balonne



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Changes to the Stanthorpe area



- Converting area-based licences to water allocations
- Recognition of access for weir owners
- Unallocated water release within 5 years
- Groundwater regulated
- Declare shallow groundwater as overland flow

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unallocated water

- 4,500ML in Stanthorpe water management area, 387ML in Border Rivers Fractured Rock (s44)

draft
Water Plan
(WP)

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Water
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Protocol
(WMP)

- further defines surface water reserve based on purpose (s13)

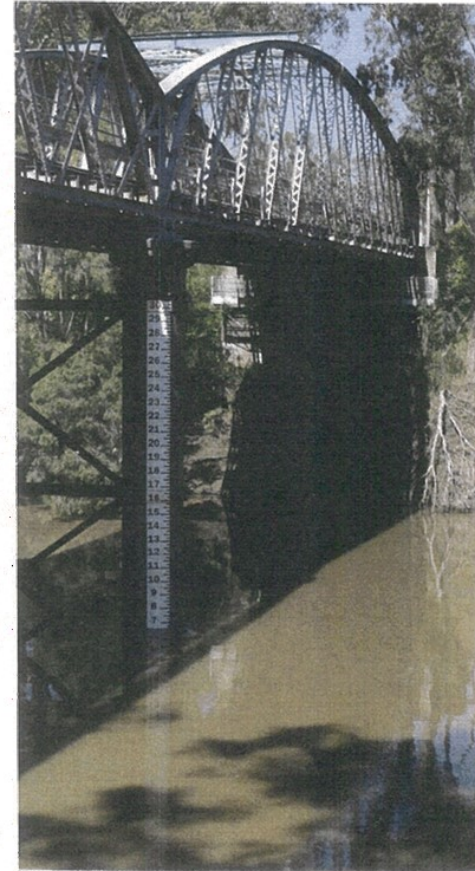
Schedule 10 Unallocated water	
section 44	
Part 1 Surface water	
Column 1 Water management area	Column 2 Average annual volume (ML)
Stanthorpe water management area	4,500
Moonie water management area	100

Attachment 8 Availability of unallocated water		
Table 1 Unallocated water reserves of surface water		
Water management area	Average annual volume (ML)	Purpose
Stanthorpe Water management area	1740	Strategic water infrastructure
Stanthorpe Water management area	1500	Town water supply
Stanthorpe Water management area	1060	Any
Stanthorpe Water management area	200	Community or Aboriginal
Moonie Water management area	100	Community or Aboriginal

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Border Rivers and Moonie

- Tradeable water allocations
 - Upper Weir and Traprock
 - Border Rivers Alluvium
- Process for overland flow licencing
- Multiyear accounting (surface water)
- Unallocated water
 - Surface
 - Stanthorpe (4500ML) Moonie (100ML)
 - Groundwater
 - Border Rivers Fractured Rock (387ML)
 - Sediments above the GAB (Moonie 4800ML)
– (Border 6200ML)
 - Qld MDB Deep (500ML)



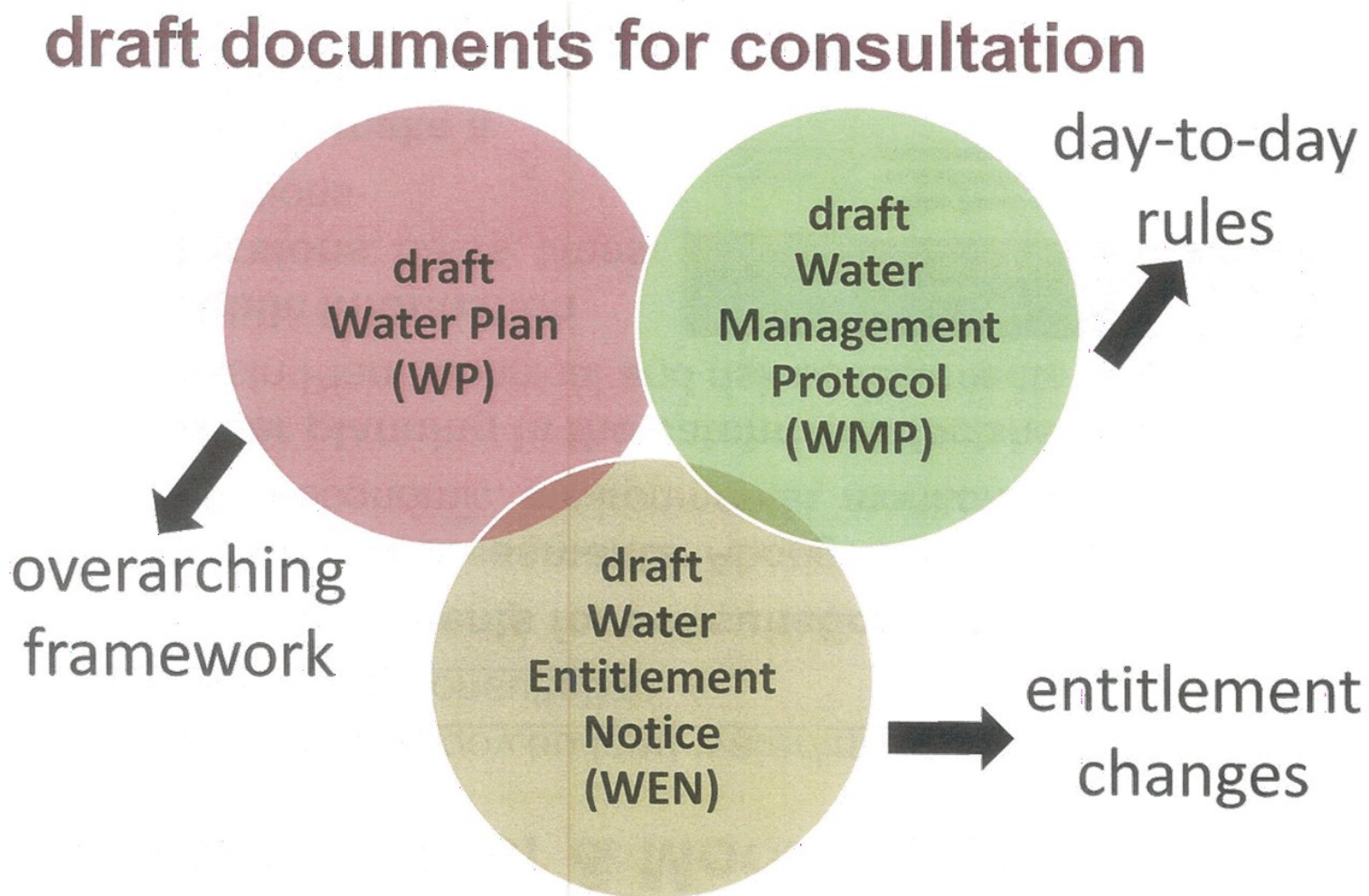
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Condamine and Balonne

- Protecting Commonwealth water
- Revised Narran Rule
- Groundwater licences to allocations
- Amend licences in the Central Condamine Alluvium
- Multiyear accounting – groundwater
- Unallocated water
 - Groundwater
 - Condamine Fractured rock (660ML)
 - Sediments above the GAB (4500ML)
 - Qld MDB Deep (15000ML)



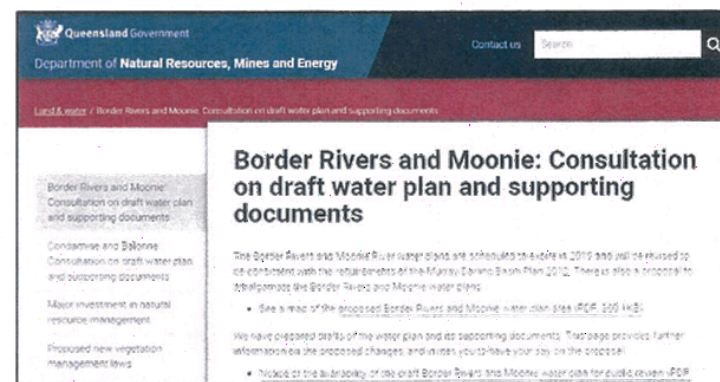
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DNRME Border & Moonie website

- www.dnrme.qld.gov.au/land-water/initiatives/border-rivers-moonie-consultation
 - **draft documents for consultation:** WP, WMP, WEN
 - **technical assessments:** Aboriginal water needs, socio-economic, environmental, monitoring
 - **water planning in the catchment:** factsheets on the Basin Plan, technical and risk assessments etc
 - **public information sessions:** dates, times, locations
 - **how to make a submission:** online, email and post details



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where to from here


- consultation:
 - information session: 2 to 4pm, 1st May 2018
 - drop-in sessions, **by appointment only**: 9am to 5pm, 2nd & 3rd May 2018
- key due dates:
 - submission & consent forms: **5pm, 1st June 2018**
 - certified reports: **28th September 2018**
- upcoming project work:
 - submission analysis, additional engagement?
 - referral panel, policy decisions
 - finalise & publish documents → **February 2019**
 - Commonwealth accreditation → **June 2019**

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12. PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT & CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPORTS

12.1 Material Change of Use – SD & TJ Collins, 74 Craikes Road, Murrays Bridge

Document Information

 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: General Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer:	Meeting Date: 23 May 2018
	Acting Development Assessment Coordinator	ECM Function No/s: MCU\01937

APPLICANT:	SD & TJ Collins
OWNER:	Zinjag Investments Pty Ltd As Ttee, Stephen D Collins, Tracey J Collins
ADDRESS:	74 Craikes Road, Murrays Bridge
RPD:	Lot 3 SP200547, Parish of Cunningham, County of Merivale
ZONE:	Rural
PROPOSAL:	Lot 3 on SP 200547, Parish of Cunningham, County of Merivale
LEVEL OF ASSESSMENT:	Impact
SUBMITTERS:	Three
REFERRALS:	Nil
FILE NUMBER:	MCU\01937

Recommendation Summary

THAT the application for Material Change of Use, Function facility, Short-term accommodation on land at 74 Craikes Road MURRAYS BRIDGE QLD 4370, described as Lot 3 on SP 200547, Parish of Cunningham, County of Merivale, be approved subject to conditions.

The map displays the Murreys Bridge area, showing various land parcels and their associated codes and areas. The central parcel, outlined in red, is labeled 'Murreys Bridge' in pink. Other parcels are labeled with codes and areas, such as SP23010 (92.2Ha), SP200517 (92.4Ha), and SP200518 (65.6Ha). The map also shows roads like Craikes Rd and Murrumbidgee Rd, and a bridge labeled 'Murreys Bridge'.

The proposal aims to provide a venue for wedding ceremonies and reception in a rustic country setting. The applicant proposes a choice of locations within the property for wedding ceremonies and receptions that include 'Hill Top', 'Riverside' and 'Homestead Gardens' as shown on the site plan below. This applicant proposes to hold twelve weddings in first year of operation, with a view to increase this to forty weddings annually within three years. The ultimate aim as part of this application is to include a bed and breakfast cabin in a future stage (approximately five years).

Access to the property will be via the existing easement (Easement A in Lot 3 on SP200547) from Craikes Road, via Cullendore Road, being a formed gravel road, with gated entry to the venue (Glenbridge Country Weddings). The average number of wedding guests and other attendees is estimated to be between 60 to 80 guests, which could reasonably equate to 30 to 40 vehicles per event. A designated car parking area will be provided and signposted upon entry; the applicant intends to continue to maintain the Easement for their benefit.

Refuse and waste management

General Council Meeting - 23 May 2018

Catering and public liability

The applicant will not be providing any food or drinks. Clients will be able to choose to self-cater or engage a private caterer of their choice for the events. Access to the venue will be allowed prior to the event to prepare the wedding site and after the event to clean the area. Public liability insurance will be provided for the venue, with all outside vendors securing their own insurance for their part in each event.

Outdoor lighting

Outdoor lighting will be provided to aid guests and other attendees in the safe access and egress to and from the carpark area and ceremony/reception sites. Consideration will be given to impacts to neighbouring properties.

Emergency procedures and assembly areas

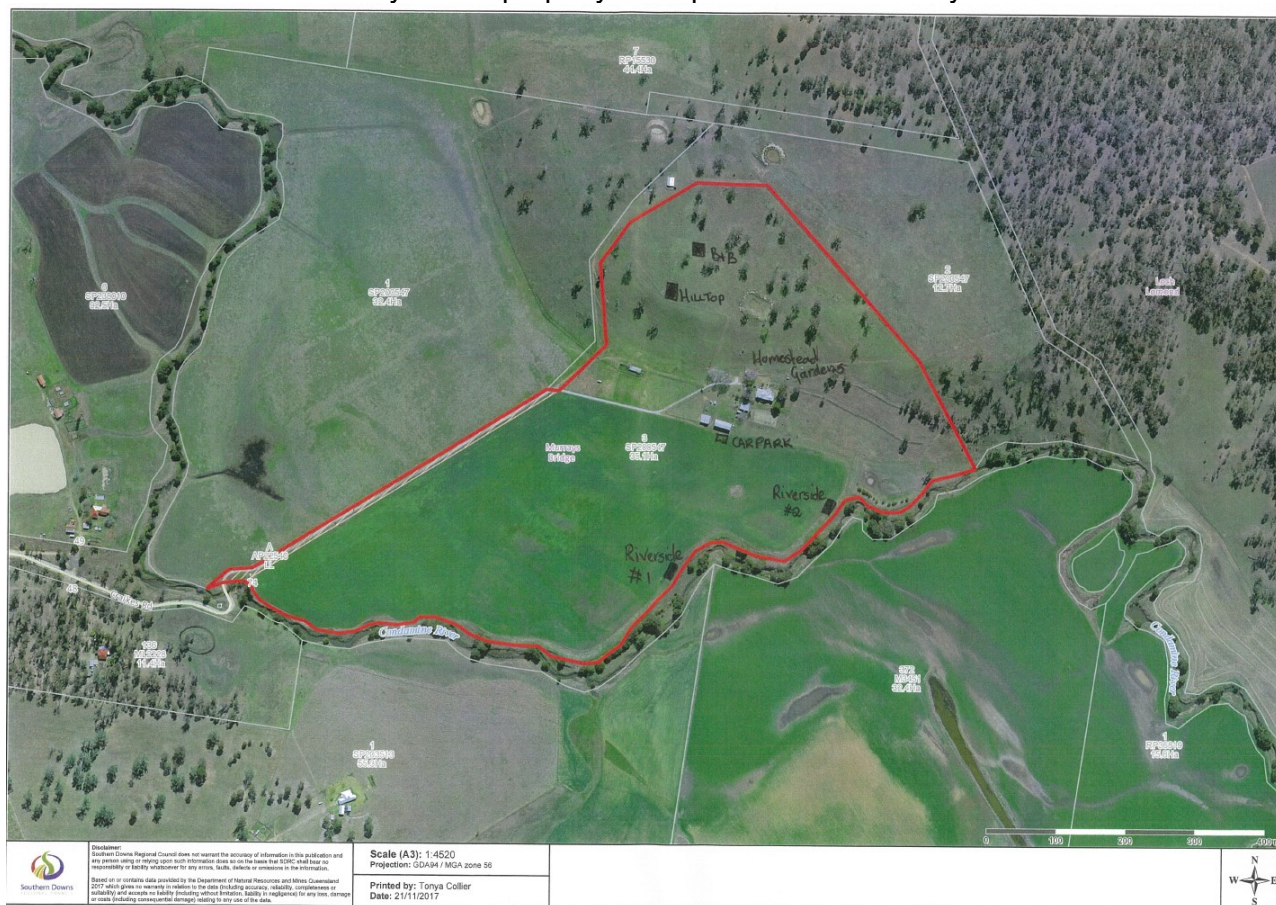
Assembly areas indicated on map as ceremony/reception sites and emergency phone numbers will be part of part of housekeeping information for guests.

Bushfire and flood controls

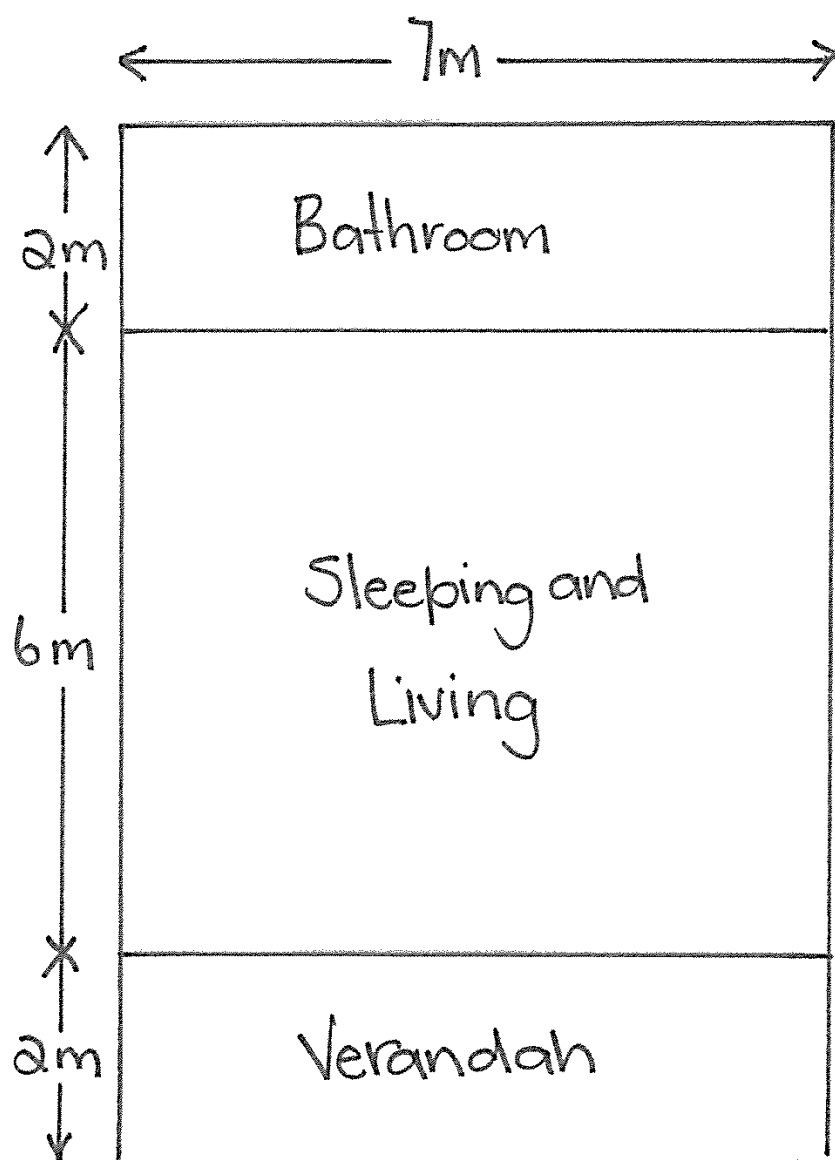
Areas used for ceremonies and receptions will be slashed and mowed to reduce risk of fire. The Rural fire brigade will have access to water on the property from the Condamine River. The applicant will utilise various weather prediction and monitoring internet sites including flood and river height data from http://www.bom.gov.au/qld/flood/rain_river.shtml

Accommodation

Initial accommodation requests will utilise the various tourist accommodation facilities located throughout the Southern Downs Region, including bed and breakfasts, motels and caravan parks, with an accommodation facility on the property to be provided within five years.







Proposed 70m² B+B
for illustrative purposes only

Proposed Bed and Breakfast Facility

Referral

Nil

Submissions

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
<i>Concerns regarding the impacts to the ambiance and serenity of the adjoining properties and well as considerably devaluing those properties.</i>	Conditions will be placed on the frequency of events to reduce the impact to amenity of adjoining property owners. There is no evidence provided regarding de-valuation of property.

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
<i>Concerns expressed that the proposal and the siting of the proposed accommodation facility would impact on privacy of neighbouring properties and devalue the properties.</i>	Conditions regard landscaping to screen from direct views to neighbouring residential buildings will be imposed.
<i>Concerns of flood risks.</i>	The applicant proposes to utilise data from the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology Website to provide real time data which enables predictability of river rises. They have also provided data confirming at least a 36 hour window between river rises reaching the proposed Function facility.
<i>Traffic and loading of the wooden bridge used to access the Easement.</i>	The applicant has responded to this submission by providing the following details: Lots 1 and 3 have utilised the bridge in association with intensive hay and cattle production and subsequent transport of hay and livestock from both property by means of trucks and semi-trailers. In addition concrete trucks for Lot 2. Further advice provided included that the bridge continues to support a vast array of heavy vehicles and equipment, including low loaders carrying a Cat D6 dozer, a Cat 617 Scraper on several occasions, and also JJ Richards' monthly industrial bin service. Council semi tippers and truck and dog configurations have also utilised the bridge delivering gravel from SDRC and other Vendors. While the Function Facility would produce a higher volume of light traffic, the load bearing capability for the bridge to support that higher volume of light traffic appears to be sound.
<i>Concerns regarding the access via the Easement to Lot 3 SP200547.</i>	Concerns regarding the Easement maintenance, alignment and boundaries is a Civil matter, the applicant has confirmed that they will work with both adjoining landholders to come to a resolution.
<i>Concerns regarding noise pollution in the form of amplified music late in the evenings.</i>	The applicant has provided a noise impact assessment from Noise Measurement Services Pty Ltd and further conditions in regard to additional information (noise assessment) and restrictions to timing and frequency of events will be attached to mitigate possible impacts.
<i>Concerns regarding a lack of security at the functions.</i>	Guests will be provided with clear directions to the property. Gated entry is to be provided for events, all farm assets will remain locked for the period of all events.
<i>Concern regarding reverse amenity impacts to a poultry farm that might generate complaints from the applicant.</i>	The applicant's property and the locations of the proposed Function facility sites are well outside any prescribed intensive animal industry buffers.

Assessment against the Planning Scheme

This application required assessment against the following benchmarks:

- Rural zone code
- Carparking and loading code
- Landscaping code
- Outdoor lighting code
- Bushfire hazard overlay
- Flood hazard overlay

Rural zone code

The proposal complies with all assessable benchmarks for this Code.

The proposal does not conflict with the rural land uses currently being undertaken and involves a minimal visual addition of the accommodation building, not out of place in a rural setting.

There is no proposed or foreseeable reduction to the productive capacity, or intrusive impact to the scenic values of the land. The proposed accommodation facility is located on cleared land with no requirements for clearing of remnant vegetation. The position of this facility takes advantage of the area of least productive value of the property.

The property is large enough to provide adequate buffers between the use and existing or potential agricultural activity on adjacent lands. As the predominant activity proposed (Function facility activities) is of a temporary nature, imposing no permanent structure (apart from the accommodation component) the existing degree of scenic amenity is retained.

Short term accommodation code

The proposal complies with all assessment benchmarks for this Code.

The property is of sufficient size to accommodate the proposed building and the location of the proposed accommodation facility falls outside the Bushfire and Flood hazard overlays. The existing farming activities are located separate to the proposed uses and provide a complimentary association with the proposal.

As the proposed uses and the accommodation facility will be conditioned in frequency, i.e. 12 events per year, the associated waste production and services required are minimised.

Carparking and loading code

The proposal complies with all assessment benchmarks for this Code.

Conditions will be imposed to ensure the surface for the car parking proposed is maintained.

Landscaping code

The proposal complies with all assessment benchmarks for this Code.

A condition will be included to ensure views to the event areas identified on the plan are provided with landscape treatment to ensure amenity and privacy concerns from neighbouring properties are met.

Outdoor lighting code

The proposal complies with all assessment benchmarks for this Code.

Outdoor lighting is proposed to be positioned to provide safe access to parking areas and venue sites. Standard conditions will be imposed to ensure outdoor lighting does not impact on neighbouring properties.

Bushfire hazard overlay

All event sites identified for the proposed use fall outside the buffer areas for this overlay.

Flood hazard overlay

All event sites identified for the proposed use fall outside the buffer areas for this overlay.

Access and egress in times of flood has been adequately addressed by the applicant.

Infrastructure Charges

Development Type	Network	Charge Rate	Proposed	Credit	Charge
Accommodation short term	All	\$5000/cabin of dwelling	\$1,250		\$1,250
					\$1,250

Office use only			
Network	Proportion of Charge	Charge/ Network	Receipt Code
Roads	20%	\$1,187.50	RC241
Parks	5%	\$62.50	RC243

In accordance with Section 122 of the *Planning Act 2016*, the infrastructure charge is payable when the change of use happens.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Assessment benchmarks

The following are the benchmarks applying for this development:

Benchmarks applying for the development
<p>The following codes of the Southern Downs Planning Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 6.2.10 Rural zone code – 8.2.3 Bushfire hazard overlay code – 8.2.5 Flood hazard overlay code – 9.3.10 Short term accommodation code – 9.4.2 Carparking and loading code – 9.4.4 Landscaping code – 9.4.6 Outdoor lighting Code – Bushfire hazard overlay – Flood hazard overlay <p>Darling Downs Regional Plan State Planning Policy Local Government Infrastructure Plan <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i></p>

Reasons for the decision

The application has been approved as appropriate details regarding the development were provided and compliance with the Southern Downs Planning Scheme is achieved.

Matters Raised in Submissions

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
<i>Concerns regarding the impacts to the ambiance and serenity of the adjoining properties and well as considerably devaluing those properties.</i>	Conditions will be placed on the frequency of events to reduce the impact to amenity of adjoining property owners. There is no evidence provided regarding de-valuation of property.

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
<i>Concerns expressed that the proposal and the siting of the proposed accommodation facility would impact on privacy of neighbouring properties and devalue the properties.</i>	Conditions regard landscaping to screen from direct views to neighbouring residential buildings will be imposed.
<i>Concerns of flood risks.</i>	<p>The applicant proposes to utilise data from the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology Website to provide real time data which enables predictability of river rises.</p> <p>They have also provided data confirming at least a 36 hour window between river rises reaching the proposed Function facility.</p>
<i>Traffic and loading of the wooden bridge used to access the Easement.</i>	<p>The applicant has responded to this submission by providing the following details: Lots 1 and 3 have utilised the bridge in association with intensive hay and cattle production and subsequent transport of hay and livestock from both property by means of trucks and semi-trailers. In addition concrete trucks for Lot 2. Further advice provided included that the bridge continues to support a vast array of heavy vehicles and equipment, including low loaders carrying a Cat D6 dozer, a Cat 617 Scraper on several occasions, and also JJ Richards' monthly industrial bin service. Council semi tippers and truck and dog configurations have also utilised the bridge delivering gravel from SDRC and other Vendors.</p> <p>While the Function Facility would produce a higher volume of light traffic, the load bearing capability for the bridge to support that higher volume of light traffic appears to be sound.</p>
<i>Concerns regarding the access via the Easement to Lot 3 SP200547.</i>	Concerns regarding the Easement maintenance, alignment and boundaries is a Civil matter, the applicant has confirmed that they will work with both adjoining landholders to come to a resolution.
<i>Concerns regarding noise pollution in the form of amplified music late in the evenings.</i>	The applicant has provided a noise impact assessment from Noise Measurement Services Pty Ltd and further conditions in regard to additional information (noise assessment) and restrictions to timing and frequency of events will be attached to mitigate possible impacts.
<i>Concerns regarding a lack of security at the functions.</i>	Guests will be provided with clear directions to the property. Gated entry is to be provided for events, all farm assets will remain locked for the period of all events.

Matters raised in any submissions	Description of how matters were dealt with in reaching the decision
<i>Concern regarding reverse amenity impacts to a poultry farm that might generate complaints from the applicant.</i>	The applicant's property and the locations of the proposed Function facility sites are well outside any prescribed intensive animal industry buffers.

Matters Prescribed by the *Planning Regulation 2017*

Not applicable

Options

Council:

1. Approve the application subject to conditions as recommended.
2. Approve the application subject to conditions other than as recommended.
3. Refuse the application giving reasons for the refusal.

Recommendation

THAT the application for Material Change of Use, Function facility, Short-term accommodation on Lot 3 on SP 200547, located at 74 Craikes Road, Murrays Bridge, be approved subject to the following conditions:

Schedule 1 - Southern Downs Regional Council Conditions

Approved Plans

1. The development of the site is to be generally in accordance with the following proposal plans submitted with the application, and subject to the final development being amended in accordance with the conditions of this approval.

Plan Name	Plan No.	Date
Location Plan	N/A	21/11/17
Site Plan	N/A	N/A
Proposed Bed and Breakfast Facility	N/A	N/A

2. Where there is any conflict between the conditions of this approval and the details shown on the approved plans and documents, the conditions of approval prevail.

Land Use and Planning Controls

3. This approval allows for the use of the site for the following uses only:
 - Function facility; and
 - Short term accommodation
4. The Function facility shall generally operate a maximum number of twelve events per year to be conducted within the hours of 8.00am to 12.00pm. The applicant may apply to Council to change this approval, at no cost, to increase the number of events the Function facility and Short term accommodation conducts. In deciding this request and reviewing conditions of approval, Council will consider the level of compliance with the conditions of this approval, and the level of nuisance created by the Function facility and Short term accommodation.
5. The maximum number of guests attending the Function facility at any one time must not exceed 100 persons.
6. No person is to reside in any building identified for short term accommodation for more than 45 days consecutively, or more than 90 days in any 12 month period.

The approved accommodation must not be occupied by persons for the purpose of permanent accommodation, excluding those persons in a manager's residence for the premises.
7. The short term accommodation building is to be rented as a whole, not as individual rooms

Building and Site Design

8. A copy of the Form 21 (Final Inspection Certificate) issued for the building works is to be provided to Council prior to the use commencing. (See advisory note below.)

Amenity and Environmental Controls

9. During the construction phase of the development, all wastes must be separated into recyclables (where possible) and landfill wastes, and disposed of at a registered waste disposal facility.
10. Any food stall holders (except non-profit organisations) must have a food business licence under the Food Act 2006.
11. Any food supplied to people attending the event must be prepared by a food business licensed under the Food Act 2006.
12. Food stall holders that are non-profit organisations are exempt from the licensing

requirements of the Food Act 2006, however these organisations must still ensure they prepare and sell only safe and suitable food and comply with the Food Act 2006 and the Food Standards Code.

13. The applicant shall comply with the Acoustic Quality Objective stated in Schedule 1 to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2008. The cumulative noise from the function venue and any amplified devices shall not exceed the following criteria.

Sensitive receptor	Time of day	Acoustic quality objectives (measured at the receptor) dB(A)			Environmental value
		L _{Aeq,adj,1hr}	L _{A10,adj,1hr}	L _{A1,adj,1hr}	
Dwelling (for outdoors)	Daytime and evening	50	55	65	Health and wellbeing
Dwelling (for indoors)	Daytime and evening	35	40	45	Health and wellbeing

14. The applicant must provide to Council an amended noise assessment report stating the Rating Background Noise Level (RBL) to be used for determining the default noise criteria under section 440X(C) - Open-air events of the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
15. The applicant shall carry out noise monitoring during amplified entertainment as outlined in the Noise Assessment Report prepared by Noise Measurements Services dated 27 April 2018. The applicant shall submit to the Director Planning and Environment a noise monitoring record upon request by Council to confirm compliance with the conditions set in this consent.
16. The applicant must not operate any amplified device between the hours of 10pm and midnight until the intrusiveness criteria under condition 2 is determined to the satisfaction of the Council.
17. All wastes are to be suitably collected and disposed of so as not to adversely impact on the environment.
18. The portable toilets brought onto the site for the events must be water-flush, have hand basins provided, and be serviced by a regulated waste transporter currently licensed by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. Waste tracking receipts are to be kept by the organiser of the event and available for viewing by an authorised officer.
19. Any external lighting must be installed so that light shines down and away from adjacent properties and roads, and does not exceed 8 lux at the property boundary.

Fencing, Landscaping and Buffers

20. Areas to be used for events and ceremonies are to be planted with trees and shrubs so as to minimise the visual impact of the development from adjoining properties and roads.

Car Parking and Vehicle Access

21. Car parking shall be provided on site in accordance the Location Plan dated 21/11/17. The carpark may remain grass, provided it is appropriately maintained and does not cause a dust nuisance. If complaints are received (which in the opinion of an authorised person is not frivolous, vexatious nor based on mistaken belief) or the vehicle entrance and driveway become eroded with material becoming deposited outside of the site or potholes form that would increase noise associated with vehicle movements, the carpark shall be constructed in gravel to Council's standards.
22. All loading and unloading of goods related to the development must be carried out within the confines of the allotment's boundary. Under no circumstances will the loading or unloading of goods on the public roadway system or footpath be permitted.

Infrastructure Charges Notice

23. Payment of \$1,250 is to be made to Council in accordance with the Infrastructure Charges Notice attached to the decision notice. If payment is made more than two years after the date of the Infrastructure Charges Notice, the charge will increase in line with the Road and Bridge Construction Index for Queensland.

Advisory Notes

- (i) Unless otherwise stated, all conditions of this approval are to be complied with to the satisfaction of the Director Planning, Environment and Corporate Services, prior to the use commencing, and then compliance maintained at all times while the use continues.
- (ii) Any proposal to increase the scale or intensity of the use on the subject land, that is assessable development under the Planning Scheme, would be subject to a separate application for assessment in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* and would have to comply with the requirements of the Planning Scheme.
- (iii) The General Environmental Duty under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* prohibits unlawful environmental nuisance caused by noise, aerosols, particles dust, ash, fumes, light, odour or smoke, beyond the boundaries of the property during all stages of the development including earthworks, construction and operation.
- (iv) **Building Approval is to be obtained** for a Class 1b building in accordance with the *Planning Act 2016* for the proposed building work. The building application must be submitted to a Building Certifier with the appropriate **forms, plans and fees** associated with this application. The building plans are to accord with the plans approved in this approval. The building is to be constructed in accordance with the Building Approval prior to the commencement of the use. **A Form 21 (Final Inspection Certificate) must be issued for the building works prior to the use commencing.**
- (v) The applicant is to permit Council officers access to the site in accordance with the powers of entry provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009*, subject to 48 hours' notice and reasonable security and health restrictions on access, so as to ensure the use is being conducted in accordance with the conditions of the approval.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

- (vi) All reasonable and practicable measures must be taken to ensure that no harm is caused to Aboriginal cultural heritage (the "cultural heritage duty of care"). The cultural heritage duty of care is met if the development is conducted in accordance with gazetted cultural heritage duty of care guidelines. Further information on cultural heritage, together with a copy of the duty of care guidelines and cultural heritage search forms, may be obtained from www.datsima.qld.gov.au

Approval Times

- (vii) In accordance with the *Planning Act 2016*, this approval will lapse six years from the day the approval takes effect.

Attachments

- 1. Submissions [View](#)



9th February 2018

Objection Submission

Subject – Development Application for 74 Craikes Rd Murry Bridge – Application Ref: MCU\01937

Dear Sir/ Madam,

'The Carr Farming Entity' objects to the above application for above development for the following reasons.

- 'The Carr Farming Entity' has over recent years continually developed and grown their poultry production business.
- To do this there has been numerous applications through correct channels to develop various lot holdings (farms).
- These have been approved with conditions which 'The Carr Farming Entity' adhere to with diligence and respect for correct process, procedure and compliance.
- 'The Carr Farming Entity' engages in Best Management Practices (BMP) at all levels of their operation, which includes their upmost sensitivity to the impact on the environment and animal welfare.
- Noise and odour is also very much part of our BMP, knowing the importance of co-existing with neighbours and the several staff homes that are located on the farms.

To support the above points and endorse our objection to the above application, 'The Carr Farming Entity' have had at times complaints from neighbours for odour hence we feel the potential for more complaints if this application was approved.

NB: There are numerous intensive farming operations in the immediate area which should be considered.

Therefore 'The Carr Farming Entity' objects to the above development application being approved.

Your Sincerely

Brett

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**Attention: Ms Tonya Collier
Development Assessment Co-ordinator
Southern Downs Regional Council
Email: mall@sdrc.qld.gov.au**

Re: MCU/01937

It was with great disappointment that I read the application by Mr and Mrs Collins for a wedding function facility and several short-term accommodation facilities. I am in the process of organising to build a dwelling on Lot 2 and am much afraid that the ambience and peace not to mention privacy of this tucked-away corner is in jeopardy.

I have a number of concerns –

- Severe noise pollution in the form of amplified music until mid-night, in particular. At several other country wedding venues I have attended, amplified music strictly ceases at 10pm at the latest.
- There appears to be a lack of security at the hoped-for functions. I request information regarding the positioning of the gate at the entry to 'Glenbridge Country Weddings' which, as stated, would be locked for the duration of the wedding and question whether the security undertakings, as stated, are adequate.
- The old rural bridge, used for entry and exit is a concern. After a decent storm in the ranges, at the source of the river, and within a short period of time, the bridge can be covered with water and remain so for a number of days. The volatility of the bridge and the river is a definite concern due to there being no other access.
- Wear and tear on Craikes Road could be a problem with a more than substantial traffic increase on this thoroughfare including catering trucks, Porta Loo delivery and return, not to mention the myriad of guest's vehicles and the amount of dust and debris not to mention fumes that will be chummed up into residences along the road. Will the extra traffic require an upgrade to Craikes Road and will it mean an increase in Council rates?
- With regard to the shared private road and the offer by the applicant to undertake the entire responsibility for maintenance of same, the legal document which exists would need to be altered, legally, to reflect this. With regard to the so-called negligence of Lots 1 and 2 to contribute to the maintenance of said road, prior to the Collins family purchasing Lot 3, the original owner, after a major flooding of the road, had the road graded and 23 tons of gravel spread for an approximate cost of \$750. However, after a subsequent flood occurring after Lot 3 had changed hands and work on the road was carried out, a bill for \$13,000 each was forwarded to both Lot 1 and myself (Lot 2). When I queried the very large sum I was met with a barrage of unpleasantness which continued for months until I discovered by chance that the account of \$39,000.00, which included an upgrade, had been completely paid by the Queensland State Government. Since then I have never been requested to contribute to the maintenance of the road and have no idea if/when any further work has been carried out. During this debacle I offered, after researching and obtaining a quote from the previous roadworks operator, to pay one third of a similar amount - the costs had dropped slightly due to a decrease in the cost per ton of gravel. My offer was ignored. Up to the present time I usually only visit the property on average, perhaps once per month, to undertake mowing work around my shed and driveway and to enjoy the ambience and peace and quiet.
- Regarding the siting of B&B and 2 bedroom cabins and hilltop ceremony placement, I would appreciate more information as to access and accurate position.

After almost 10 years of searching the Southern Downs, I chose this particular block, due to its isolation and privacy, long before it had been officially surveyed and had become Lot 2 and have held onto it for almost 12 years for the purpose of living on the property after retiring and building a dwelling. After many curved balls in my life, 2018 is the year and I have consulted a local draftsman to scan my plans and advise their suitability for the area and the changes I will need to make for Council to approve. After so many years of toiling towards my dream of living in this quiet, peaceful pocket of the Southern Downs, I would be broken-hearted to have to sell the block and start looking all over again due to the commercialism of a rural area.

Robyn Mackay
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Lot 2 74 Craikes Road, Murrays Bridge 4370

From: Christopher Anderson [mailto:croc49@bigpond.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 14 February 2018 4:47 PM
To: General Enquiries
Cc: ujrobynjean@yahoo.com.au
Subject: MCJ/01937 74 Craikes road Murrays bridge

To Whom It May Concern,

I have just been made aware of the change of use proposal for Lot 3 on SP200547

I wish to lodge an objection in the strongest terms to such a proposal.

I am the current owner of lot 1 SP200547.

I previously owned lots 1,2 and 3 where I lived and farmed for many years and subdivided it 10 years ago and retained lot 1.

In my opinion to proposed change of use would be completely destroy the ambience and serenity of the adjoining properties and well as considerably devaluing those properties.

Lots 1,2&3 are unique in that that are located at the end of Craikes Road and accessed by a low level aging timber bridge across the Condamine River. There are 80 acres of fertile river flats with irrigation on both sides of the access road which runs up the middle of the river flats.

Lots 1&2 have elevated building sites which adjoin the proposed wedding sites. The proposal would completely destroy the privacy of those building sites, which is one of their most unique and appealing features and devalue the properties.

In addition there are a number of other factors that need to be taken into account.

The whole of the 80 acres floods including the road. The water rises very quickly within a few hours of heavy rainfall in the Ranges above Killarney covering the bridge and completely cutting off the property for days.

The proposed operating hours of 10am till midnight, 7 days a week including amplified music would completely destroy the ambience and tranquillity of the adjoining properties,

I understand they are seeking to have up to 250 people at these functions, the current road would never cope with that sort of traffic, it would need major upgrading as would the bridge.

There is a registered easement providing access to all lots running through the middle of the river flats which, I created as part of the subdivision.

This easement finishes just short of the last telegraph pole on the road before it turns right to provide access to Lot 3. The road from the telegraph pole onwards belongs to lot 2 owned by M/S Robyn Mackay and thus cuts off current access to lot 3.

In the event that the SDRC was to approve this application then a road to access lot 3 would have to be built from before the Telegraph pole to join up with the road to access lot 3 and the easement document would have to be legally altered to guarantee that Mr & Mrs Collins would be fully responsible for maintaining the road and the bridge.

Yours Sincerely,
Christopher Anderson

13. REPORTS OF DEPUTATION OR CONFERENCE & REPORTS FROM DELEGATES APPOINTED BY COUNCIL TO OTHER BODIES

Nil

14. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

15. GENERAL BUSINESS

16. 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:

16.1 Stormwater Culverts Data Collection

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.

16.2 Warwick Regional Water Supply Security Assessment

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.

16.3 Stanthorpe Aquatic Centre - Management Agreement

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

16.4 Management of Camping Area at Connolly Dam and Washpool Reserve

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.

16.5 Willi Street Depot Relocation to Yangan Road Depot

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.

16.6 Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Applications - Round Two 2017/2018

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.

16.7 Council Land for Sale by Public Tender

Reason for Confidentiality

This item is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by Southern Downs Regional Council.