



**REGIONAL COUNCIL**

# **ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

## **AGENDA**

**26 FEBRUARY 2014**

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## 1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

### 1.1 Leave of Absence

**Date:** 21 February 2014  
**Author:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**File No:** Formal Papers

#### Officer's Recommendation

**THAT Leave of Absence be granted to Cr Pingel due to prior commitments.**

## 2. DEPUTATIONS

*No Deputations reports*

## 3. CONDOLENCES/GET WELL WISHES

### 3.1 Condolences/Get Well Wishes

**Date:** 19 February 2014  
**Author:** Susan Boland, Council Business Support Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance & Performance  
**File No:** Formal Papers

#### Officer's Recommendation

**THAT letters of condolence be forwarded to the families of the recently deceased persons in the Lockyer Valley Region.**



#### **4. DECLARATION OF ANY MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS/CONFLICTS OF INTEREST BY COUNCILLORS AND SENIOR COUNCIL OFFICERS**

##### **4.1 Declaration of Material Personal Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to Section 172 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a councillor who has a material personal interest in an issue to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must –

- (a) inform the meeting of the councillor's material personal interest in the matter; and
- (b) leave the meeting room (including any area set aside for the public), and stay out of the meeting room while the matter is being discussed and voted on.

##### **4.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest on any Item of Business**

Pursuant to Section 173 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, a councillor who has a real or perceived conflict of interest in a matter to be considered at a meeting of the local government, or any of its committees must inform the meeting about the councillor's personal interest the matter and if the councillor participates in the meeting in relation to the matter, how the councillor intends to deal with the real or perceived conflict of interest.

#### **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

##### **5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 29 January 2014**

**Date:** 19 February 2014  
**Author:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**File No:** Formal Papers

##### **Officer's Recommendation**

**THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on the 29 January 2014 be hereby confirmed.**

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## 6. MAYORAL MINUTE

### 6.1 Mayoral Minute

**Date:** 19 February 2014

**Author:** Jason Cubit, Executive Liaison Officer Mayor/CEO & Coordinator  
Mayor's Office

**Responsible Officer:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer

**File No:** Formal Papers

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#### Officer's Recommendation

That

## 7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

*No Receival of Committee Reports as Minutes reports*

## 8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

*No Business Arising from Minutes reports*

## 9. EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORTS

### 9.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

**Date:** 14 February 2014  
**Author:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**File No:** Formal Papers

#### Summary:

This report is to update Council on the key issues currently being actioned and on the significant items of information presently to hand.

#### Officer's Recommendation:

**THAT the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received and adopted.**

#### Report

##### 1. Introduction

This report provides an update on key matters arising and being addressed and on significant items of information since the last report.

##### 2. Background

The previous reports provide the background information in the case of matters ongoing and only progress is being reported during the current reporting period on those matters.

##### 3. Report

###### **2013 LGAQ Annual Conference**

The following provides an update on responses to LGAQ representations made with regard to the motions that were submitted by Lockyer Valley Regional Council and passed by the Conference.

###### Resolution Number 32 – Pest Management – Flying Foxes – Additional Powers to Local Government

“That Local Government Association of Queensland call on the State Government to legislate in order to provide additional powers to:

1. Remove flying fox colonies from urban areas (including the capacity to control flying fox populations to acceptable numbers); and
2. Enable the provision of buffer zones around vulnerable communities”.

The following background information was considered by the Conference in the adoption of this resolution.

*Flying foxes are known as hosts to two life threatening viruses: Hendra virus and Australian Bat Lyssa virus (ABL). Human deaths have been caused by ABL.*

*Clearly the species should not be eradicated. However, given the risk to communities, the flying foxes colonies should not be co-located with human populations. Hendra virus appears to be transmitted from bats to humans via horses. The co-location of humans, horses and flying fox populations in regional communities represents a clear risk.*

*At present local government powers to directly deal with this issue are limited. The existing legislation has not yet been amended to provide local governments with the capacity and tools to address the problem.*

Resolution Number 34 – Waste Management – Disposal of Tyres – Engagement with Tyre Stewardship Australia

“That Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Federal and State Governments, as well as Tyre Stewardship Australia, as soon as possible to seek and implement immediate, practical solutions to the reuse or disposal of car tyres”.

The following background information was considered by the Conference in the adoption of this resolution.

*Approximately 50 million tyres reach the end of their life each year in Australia. The issue of how to dispose of, or reuse, these tyres has been the subject of a range of studies and reports.*

*A large number of these tyres end up in stockpiles, illegally dumped or in council landfills. Alarming, it is simply unknown where more than 50% of the total number of these tyres can be found. As well as the costs to governments, there are serious health and environmental concerns associated with these tyres. Only a small proportion of tyres are currently recycled or used as fuel for energy. This represents a significant cost to local government, a risk to the community and a lost opportunity for reuse of a potential resource.*

*At the Commonwealth level, Tyre Stewardship Australia is expected to commence operation in 2013. Consultation with local governments is required to ensure that speedy and practical solutions to this problem can be formulated and implemented as soon as possible.*

A consolidated response to both matters is to hand from the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection.

In relation to Resolution 32, the Minister notes that the revised Flying Fox Management Framework came into effect at the end of November last year. In response to this motion and other representations from councils, the State Government will develop, in consultation with the Commonwealth, a framework for councils to apply in order to use lethal means for dispersal as a last resort. The Minister anticipates this will be finalised in the next 6 months.

With regard to Resolution 34, though dispersal of tyres and engagement with Tyre Stewardship Australia is the Commonwealth's responsibility, the State Government supports the work of the tyre industry in developing a voluntary industry scheme and supports the implementation of the scheme as soon as possible.

The LGAQ has already written to the Federal Minister for Environment in relation to this issue, and a response has been received advising that Tyre Stewardship Australia (TSA) has now been launched on 20 January 2014. The national tyre product stewardship scheme,

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administered by TSA, has been designed to allow for local government participation, though the Minister notes that regulation of the collection and disposal of end-of-life tyres remains the responsibility of the State and local governments.

Resolution Number 64 - Pest Management – Rabbit Proof Fence - Matching State Government Funding

“That Local Government Association of Queensland seek a matching contribution from the State Government towards the funding of the Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board in recognition of the broader State benefit that can be attributed to the rabbit fence.”

The following background information was considered by the Conference in the adoption of this resolution.

*The Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board maintains 555km of rabbit proof fencing on an alignment between Mount Gipps near Rathdowney and Goombi (near Miles). The rabbit fence creates an effective barrier to protect the North and East of the state from rabbit infestation.*

*The Board is wholly funded from local government precepts that are set and collected by the State Government from 8 member councils. In 2011/12, this amounted to \$1,329,755. The benefits of protection from this pest are accrued throughout the north and west of the State, yet the precepts are imposed on those local governments where the fence is located.*

*As funding for the Rabbit Board is presently limited to the 8 member councils in the immediate vicinity of the fence line, these councils are the front line for the defence of the remainder of the State and it is inequitable that they fund the entirety of the costs.*

The LGAQ raised this issue during the 2009-2011 review of the Wild Dog and Rabbit Fences. The previous administration had determined that the fences were to be brought together under one administrative body to achieve cost efficiencies, which would go towards increasing the standard of the rabbit fence.

The recent response from the Hon John McVeigh MP, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is to hand.

Though the Minister implies it is unlikely that the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry will provide any direct funding to the Darling Downs-Moreton Rabbit Board, as any funding allocation is likely to have a negative impact on other priority areas of support provided to local governments, the Minister acknowledges the collaboration between LGAQ, local governments and the Department in the development of a new approach for annual payments collected from local governments into the Land Protection Fund. As the Minister states, the draft model includes State and local government joint decision making and allows for potential investment by other parties, and guidelines will be drafted and provided to relevant governance groups such as the DDMRB.

The LGAQ will continue to work closely with local governments and the Department in finalising the co-investment model.

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Resolution Number 8 - Funding – Special Natural Disaster Payments

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the Federal Government to seek increased funding (and a change of Grants Commission methodology) in order to provide for special consideration of one off payments or loading for councils that have been significantly impacted by natural disaster”.

The following background information was considered by the Conference in the adoption of this resolution:

*Australia is witnessing increasingly variable weather events. While the nation has become somewhat accustomed to seasonal weather events, such as annual flooding, in recent years we have seen a number of quite “off the scale” disaster events.*

*The intention is to address only significant impacts where the existing council and community are not readily able to return to business as normal and are, in fact, faced with additional resourcing to manage the disaster recovery on top of normal business. It is to address the exceptional impacts not regular disaster events.*

*As an example, in the 2011 flood event, Council infrastructure was severely damaged with 77% of local roads and 40 bridges damaged. The recovery bill was over \$220 million. While the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery (NDRRA) funding can provide funding in specified situations, it is inadequate in these extreme events.*

*The existing Grants Commission methodology and the quantum of funding have not kept pace with these truly extraordinary events and needs revision to cover those events that are not adequately covered by NDRRA funding.*

*The funding of such payment is to be additional to existing funding allocations and only a small percentage of the existing quantum (<0.5%).*

In its correspondence to Ms Lyn McLaughlin, the Chair of the Local Government Grants Commission, the LGAQ noted that this resolution addressed two issues: firstly, provision of increased funding to councils significantly impacted by disasters, and secondly, a change of grants methodology. As is noted in the background, the State of Queensland, in particular, has been impacted by a number of extreme weather events over the past couple of years, and is still in the process of rebuilding after the severe floods and cyclone in 2011.

Referencing the second issue, as the Local Government Grants Commission methodology operates under equalisation principles and employs “disability” factors to assess revenue raising and expenditure impacts, the LGAQ believes that the Commission could potentially consider how “natural disasters” could be incorporated as a disability in the provision of council services.

This resolution was also provided to the Hon Joe Hockey MP, Treasurer for Australia; the Hon. Tim Nicholls MP, Queensland Treasurer and Minister for Trade; and the Hon. David Crisafulli MP, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience, for their information and consideration.

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Responses are not yet to hand although the Commission has confirmed that the matter will be considered at its next meeting on 11 February 2014 and that it will notify the LGAQ of the outcomes of the discussion.

Resolution Number 16 – Land Management (Re-establishing Property Boundaries After Flooding Events)

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to the State Government to support the introduction, in exceptional circumstances, of multiple lot declarations where the flood events of 2011 and 2013 have created confusion over property boundaries, and to fund these declarations through flood recovery or other specific funding.”

The following background information was considered by the Conference in the adoption of this resolution.

*Following the extraordinary flood events in Queensland in recent years, a range of watercourses have significantly changed their path. This creates confusion over property boundaries where the “top of the bank” had previously formed the riparian boundary of the land.*

*Where a watercourse alignment is suddenly and significantly changed by a flood event, the legal riparian boundary remains where it previously was located. This leads to confusion and concern over identifying individual block boundaries when there have been major realignments. This confusion is exacerbated when emergency infrastructure and other works have (understandably) taken place quickly following the flood event to reinstate access and services.*

*This may be a substantial survey costs imposed on individual land holders already facing ongoing hardship from flood events. If these surveys are uncoordinated, there may well be ongoing confusion and dispute with other land holders, local governments, State agencies and service providers.*

*The Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003 contains provisions that may be utilised to address such circumstances. The Act provides the head of power, and the process, for a multiple lot declaration (non-tidal) to re-establish a definitive property boundary.*

The LGAQ have recently received a response from the Honourable Andrew Cripps MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines.

Though the Minister believes that multiple lot declaration provisions contained within the *Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003* are not appropriate resolution for the situations described above, the Minister acknowledges that other mechanisms exist that could be considered on a case by case basis. Further, the Minister has confirmed that the Department of Natural Resources and Mines’ surveying staff are best able to provide advice on how boundary problems can be systematically addressed, with the consent of affected owners.

Resolution Number 33 Pest Management - Fire Ants – Increased Eradication Funding

“That the Local Government Association of Queensland make representations to both Federal and State Governments to increase funding to eradicate the fire ant while that outcome remains achievable and before such a program becomes financially viable”.



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The LGAQ have written to both Minister Powell and Senator Joyce in relation to the resolution on fire ants but have not yet had a response.

*The following background information was considered by the Conference in the adoption of this resolution.*

*Fire ants, a species originally from South America, were first detected in the Brisbane area in 2001. Since that time, despite the introduction of the Commonwealth eradication program and the efforts of Biosecurity Queensland, the spread of the fire ant has been relentless.*

*The “at risk” areas now cover a large part of South East Queensland including the Lockyer Valley where fire ant nests have been discovered, threatening the future of agricultural production in the region. It is imperative that this species be eradicated before it spreads further within the agricultural areas of south east Queensland.*

*If fire ants continue to spread in those areas, the economic impacts for the region and state would be devastating.*

#### **LGAQ 2013 Community Satisfaction Tracking Study**

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) has just released the latest results from a statewide survey which was performed on community attitudes toward local government services.

These findings give an indication of what is important to residents and how well Council is performing. The role of basic services such as roads, waste and water supply are seen as being of crucial importance to residents. The overall performance was half way between ‘good’ and ‘fair only’ which is a rise from the previous survey.

In terms of services provided by Councils, community safety is the highest while shopping facilities and heritage protection was the lowest. Successful initiatives in community safety, environmental controls, protection and conservation would help lift the overall performance in this area.

Customer service was seen as highly important to residents. The performance was only fair with the LGAQ recommending Councils put more work in to successful initiatives in relation to consulting with, responding to, and informing the community.

Overall LGAQ President Margaret de Wit commented on how these results were among the best she had seen since the LGAQ began undertaking this survey 17 years ago. Public satisfaction continues to increase with residents pleased with the job local Councils do for their communities.

In particular, Councils which experienced natural disaster events, were given positive feedback from the community. There was also great feedback on the work performed by Councils located on the fringe of Queensland’s metropolitan southeast corner.

#### **Toowoomba Second Range Crossing**

Correspondence has been received from the Hon. Tim Nicholls MP, Queensland Treasurer and Minister for Trade advising that a significant milestone for Queensland has been achieved



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in that the Queensland Government, alongside the Commonwealth Government, has commenced the procurement phase for the delivery of the \$1.7 billion Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (TSRC).

The letter goes on to say as follows:-

*“The TSRC is the largest Commonwealth Government commitment to a single regional road project in Queensland history and is one of the Queensland Government’s top three infrastructure priorities.*

*Registrations of Interest (ROI) are being sought from the private sector to design, construct, finance (where needed), operate and maintain the new road, including the collection of tolls.*

*The TSRC is a 41 kilometre toll road which is a vital link for the freight, resources and agricultural industries that surround Toowoomba and the Surat Basin.*

*The TSRC will:*

- Provide heavy and super heavy commercial vehicles with a purpose-built road avoiding Toowoomba’s CBD and 16 sets of traffic lights;*
- Reduce travel time across the range by up to 54 per cent, representing a saving of 30 to 40 minutes for heavy and super heavy commercial vehicles; and*
- Decrease vehicle operating costs by up to 25 per cent.*

*To cover the operation and maintenance of the road, the TSRC will be a mandated toll road for heavy and super heavy vehicles that do not have a Toowoomba destination.*

*Although the final toll cost is to be determined through the procurement process, initial modelling shows it will be less than, or equivalent to, other tolled routes in Queensland. The cost will be offset by the reduced travel time and operating costs experienced by users”.*

Council may wish to formally affirm its support for the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing subject to a reasonable toll imposition on users and to satisfactory arrangements regarding the minimisation of impacts on the Lockyer Valley road network before, during and after construction. Council’s concerns with the current Toowoomba Range works and the associated impacts on the Lockyer Valley road network remain unsatisfied despite ongoing representations.

### **Emergency Management Fire & Rescue Levy**

Council’s campaign against the collection of the State Government’s Emergency Management Fire and Rescue Levy, as unanimously voted upon by Council at the 18 December 2013 meeting, has received strong community support.

Council has received numerous complaints from the community in relation to the State Levy, which although being stated publicly is an average of \$90 per year per levy, is in many cases costing residents much more.

As an example, Council has received correspondence from a resident where their total rates bill has increased by more than 40 per cent, an extra \$1,300 per year, as a direct result of the State Government’s Emergency Management Fire and Rescue Levy.

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Council has received more than 300 complaints with regard to the State's levy, mostly related to property categorisation. Council is assisting these complainants to lodge their objections with the State.

The general sentiment is that it is a "grab for money" for "nothing in return" and that it is making Council look the "baddie" for collecting it.  
It should be noted that many Councils across Queensland continue to oppose the implementation of the State levy.

Council will continue to lobby the government regarding the levy, its multiple hit per each parcel of land on a rate assessment notice and in particular that local governments should not be used as the collection agency for the levy.

Council maintains that the amount of the levy brings residents into line with what people in the cities are paying for emergency services but the level of emergency services in this region are far inferior compared with urban areas.

**Council of Mayors**

The CoMSEQ Board Meeting held on Friday 14/02/14 in Ipswich and the Strategy Workshop of the Mayors held on Saturday 15/02/14 in Ipswich were attended by Mayor Jones. The Mayor is to provide a report.

**Evolve Technologyone User Conference**

I had the privilege and the pleasure to attend the gala opening of the Evolve 2014 Technology One User Conference at the Gold Coast Convention Centre together with the Executive Luncheon with former Prime Minister John Howard as guest speaker. The Technology One software package has been professionally and spectacularly marketed but is proven to be leading edge and the number of users growing significantly will ensure practical solutions as well.

**4. Policy and Legal Implications**

Policy and legal implications will be addressed in future on matters that arise before Council.

**5. Financial and Resource Implications**

Budget implications will continue to be addressed through existing allocation and re-prioritisation as required.

**6. Delegations/Authorisations**

Where further decisions are required with respect to the submission of this plan, the Chief Executive Officer will be delegated the authority to make those decisions.

**7. Communication**

The matters arising from this report that require further communication will be addressed through existing communication channels.

**8. Conclusion**

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That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received and adopted.

**Attachments**

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Hon Andrew Powell MP  
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

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Dear Mr Hallam

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2013 concerning flying-fox and waste management related resolutions passed by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) at its 2013 annual conference. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Resolution 28 concerns assistance to help local governments develop a regional waste management strategy.

I would like to congratulate those councils in North Queensland who are working together on a regional waste reduction and recycling plan. I believe that there are many opportunities to be realised in working collaboratively in this area.

As you would be aware, the Queensland Government does not have funding available to contribute towards the development of these plans. However, the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP) is able to provide assistance in the form of advice and input into the development of the plan – particularly in relation to alignment with the principles and objectives of the strategy.

In relation to Conference Resolution 30, roosts on state land, the new framework will retain the principles that roost management activities are undertaken at the cost of the proponent. This includes a council which makes a decision to manage a roost in the public interest or any other person or organisation seeking a permit.

There are no plans to develop a whole-of-government policy on when the Queensland Government will get involved in dispersing flying-foxes on its land. Such action will continue to require negotiation with the relevant landholding department on a case-by-case basis either by council or by the concerned parties.

On a related matter, I would like to reassure you that exercise of the new as-of-right authority for councils to manage roosts in designated areas without the need to apply for a permit is equivalent to the exercise of an authority previously conferred by a damage mitigation permit and, as such, would provide no greater exposure for councils to claims of liability. I note that legal advice has been received by the LGAQ in relation to this matter which confirms that any action undertaken by a council under the new framework would not be the subject of legal liability unless improperly exercised. Further, the legal advice is that, even in the case of loss by other parties, lawfully conducted activities would not be the subject of a sustainable liability claim.

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Conference Resolution 31 concerned approval processes and the role of EHP. I can advise that EHP will undertake further discussions with the Commonwealth Department of the Environment in relation to approvals under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Results of these discussions will be communicated to you and to all councils in due course.

The role of EHP will continue to focus on the provision of advice to councils, monitoring and compliance of roost management activities and the assessment of sustainability of the species, including through involvement in ongoing flying-fox population counts. However, as advised above, the state has no plans to subsidise or fund management actions that councils decide to undertake.

Conference Resolution 32 concerned the removal of flying-fox colonies from urban areas, including by lethal means where required. The revised framework that came into effect on 29 November 2013 will give councils the ability to disperse and manage roosts in urban zones which includes a one kilometre buffer. It does not include lethal means at this stage. In response to Resolution 32 and other calls by councils to allow them the full spread of management measures, the Queensland Government will develop, in consultation with the Commonwealth Government, a framework for councils to apply to use lethal means for dispersal as a last resort (in circumstances where all other avenues have been exhausted). This will be done over the first half of 2014.

Resolution 34 concerns the disposal of tyres and engagement with Tyre Stewardship Australia. I note the representation made to the Federal Minister for Environment, the Honourable Greg Hunt MP, in relation to implementation of the tyre product stewardship scheme. Queensland supports the work of the tyre industry in developing a voluntary industry scheme and supports the implementation of the scheme as soon as possible. Implementation of the scheme will present a significant opportunity that should provide local governments with an avenue to address the problem of tyre management in their local government area.

Resolution 63 concerns reinvigoration of public awareness and education programs to help reduce roadside litter. I appreciate local government's support for the recently released Litter and Illegal Dumping Action Plan and welcome the offer of involvement in the provision of information. I would encourage LGAG to provide comment on the draft industry-led waste strategy around the issue of litter and illegal dumping. Cultural and behavioural change is proposed as an objective of the strategy, and public awareness and education around litter and illegal dumping would be an important element in helping to achieve this objective.

Late Motion 2 concerns the removal of waste from national parks. I note that this issue has appropriately been referred to my colleague the Honourable Steve Dickson MP for consideration. However, as waste management falls under my portfolio area, it would also be appropriate for departmental discussions to take place in relation to waste management issues in national parks. Implementation of the industry-led waste strategy is proposed to be undertaken through the development of action plans by various sectors. The Queensland Government will be preparing an action plan and the issue of waste management in national parks could be addressed under this framework as part of the strategy.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have further enquiries, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Troy Collings on 3719 7330.

Yours sincerely



ANDREW POWELL MP  
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**The Hon Greg Hunt MP****Minister for the Environment**

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30 JAN 2014

Dear Mr Hallam

I refer to your letter of 3 December 2013 concerning the four resolutions relevant to my portfolio made at the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) and your letter of 18 December 2013 concerning a further resolution on disposal of tyres. I am aware of the significant contribution LGAQ makes to public policy in Queensland, particularly at the local level but also through linking with state and national agendas. I regret the delay in responding.

Our Plan for a Cleaner Environment is central to the Australian Government's aim to deliver real solutions for Australia. It is a vision of individuals, communities and businesses getting on with the work of responsible air, land, water and heritage management without unnecessary bureaucracy. The four pillars of our environment plan – Clean Air, Clean Land, Clean Water and Heritage Protection – will help realise this vision by protecting and improving our environment for future generations.

The LGAQ's resolutions are relevant to the 2010 Council of Australian Governments endorsed *National Waste Policy: Less Waste, More Resources* and the Government's new National Landcare Programme. The National Waste Policy sets Australia's waste management and resource recovery direction to 2020.

As you note, assisting industry to develop a voluntary industry-led product stewardship scheme for end-of-life tyres was a priority initiative under the National Waste Policy. I was pleased to launch Tyre Stewardship Australia (TSA) on 20 January 2014 on behalf of the tyre industry. TSA has been established by tyre importers to administer a national tyre product stewardship scheme. Through the scheme, TSA aims to increase domestic tyre recycling, expand the market for tyre-derived products and reduce the number of Australian end-of-life tyres that are sent to landfill, exported as baled tyres or illegally dumped. The tyre product stewardship scheme has been designed to allow local governments to participate. Your association might like to contact the Secretary of TSA, Mr Silvio de Denaro, at [s.dedenaro@atic.org.au](mailto:s.dedenaro@atic.org.au) for further information.

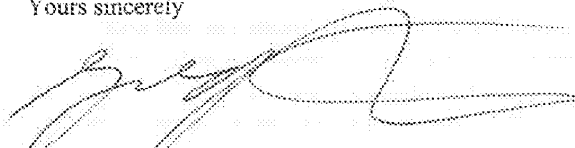
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Accredited participants, including local governments, in the tyre product stewardship scheme will commit to play their part in ensuring end-of-life tyres go to an environmentally sound use. Regulation of the collection and disposal of end-of-life tyres remains the responsibility of state, territory and local governments, and I encourage you to continue to work with the Queensland government to manage the problem of waste tyres at the local level.

With regard to LGAQ's resolutions on feral animal control, my colleague the Hon Barnaby Joyce MP, the Minister for Agriculture and I, and our respective Departments, are working on the future design of the National Landcare Programme and funding priorities and options. Priorities for the Government outlined in the *Coalition's Policy for a Competitive Agriculture Sector* (August 2013) include expanding the guidelines of the Programme to better enable feral animal control projects.

I look forward to an ongoing engagement with LGAQ on these and other matters relevant to my portfolio. Thank you for bringing the resolutions from your recent conference to my attention.

Yours sincerely



Greg Hunt



Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Hon Dr John McVeigh MP

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Mr Greg Hallam PSM  
Chief Executive Officer  
Local Government Association of Queensland Ltd  
PO Box 2230  
FORTITUDE VALLEY BC QLD 4006

Dear Mr Hallam

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2013 outlining the 2013 Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Annual Conference Resolutions that relate to pest management and drought assistance.

A number of these Resolutions require ongoing consultation between Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) officers, LGAQ staff and local governments and I encourage your staff to engage broader local government involvement in discussions with relevant DAFF officers.

In response to Resolutions 64 (Pest Management – Rabbit Proof Fence – Matching State Government funding), 65 (Pest Management – Additional State funding for the management of declared pests), 66 (Pest Management – Additional funding for feral animal management), 67 (Pest Management – Federal and State Government contributions to wild dog and feral cat bounties), 68 (Weed Management – Declaration of giants rats tail grass as a Weed of National Significance) and Late Motion 1 (Drought declared councils – financial assistance), I have reviewed the background information that has been provided and offer the following responses outlined in Attachment 1.

If your Office requires further information regarding these matters, please contact Dr Jim Thompson, Chief Biosecurity Officer, of DAFF on telephone 07 3087 8006 or email [jim.thompson@daff.qld.gov.au](mailto:jim.thompson@daff.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

DR JOHN McVEIGH, MP  
Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
Member for Toowoomba South

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## Attachment 1

**Resolution 64 (Pest Management – Rabbit Proof Fence – Matching State Government funding)**

Under the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002* (Act), the function of a local government is to ensure declared pests are managed within its area in accordance with the Act and the principles of pest management.

The Darling Downs Moreton Rabbit Board (DDMRB) is a pest operational board established under the Act. The function of a pest operational board under the Act is to 'take reasonable steps to ensure the board's operational area is kept free from declared pests managed by the board'. The specific function of the DDMRB is to 'manage rabbits in the part of the State shown as the Downs-Moreton Rabbit District.'

LGAQ approached me to consider the development of a new approach for annual payments collected from local governments into the Land Protection Fund. LGAQ and DAFF have recently developed a new draft model for the governance and management of the Land Protection Funds collected under the Act. The draft model includes State and local government joint decision making and allows for potential investment by other parties. Consultation with local governments on the new draft co-investment model has commenced and I have been advised that it will be finalised early in 2014.

The new draft co-investment model allows for the development of agreements and governance groups that involve local government representation to progress agreed priorities within the available funding and resources. The new draft co-investment model also proposes that a Statewide Oversight Group comprising of local government, LGAQ and DAFF members will prepare guidelines that will help identify the direct and indirect beneficiaries of potential projects and activities through agreement of the funding parties. The guidelines will be made available to relevant governance groups such as the DDMRB to help inform future approaches to funding apportionments and negotiations with funding partners such as local governments.

The DDMRB area has not been colonised by rabbits to the extent that similar areas have in the west which indicates that the fence and actions of the DDMRB are protecting local agricultural and environmental assets in the board area. The provisions and responsibilities of the DDMRB for rabbit and fence management are proposed to be continued in the Biosecurity Bill 2013. DAFF does not provide any direct funding for the operations of the DDMRB and any funding allocation is likely to have a negative impact to other priority areas of support provided to local governments. However, DAFF is committed to working with local governments and other key organisations to identify new funding opportunities and approaches that result in better rabbit management within the board area.

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Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr Hallam *Greg*

On behalf of the Queensland Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission), I wish to thank you for your letter of 3 December 2013, regarding funding for natural disaster events.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on 11 February 2014. Your letter will be distributed to Commission members beforehand and considered at that meeting.

As you may be aware, the Commission is touring the State, visiting councils and noting feedback from councils regarding the concepts and methodology of the Financial Assistance Grant. All feedback will be considered in due course and the methodology may be amended where the Commission considers that it will result in more equitable outcomes for Queensland's councils.

I will notify you of the outcomes of the discussion regarding your letter and, longer term, any changes that are made to the allocation process.

If you have any further queries, please contact Bill Gilmore, Executive Officer of the Commission, on 3452 6702 or [bill.gilmore@dlqorr.qld.gov.au](mailto:bill.gilmore@dlqorr.qld.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

*Lyn McLaughlin*

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Ms Beth Norman  
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Dear Ms Norman

I refer to the letter of 3 December 2013 from Mr Greg Hallam about the 2013 LGAQ Annual Conference Resolutions.

The following information provides a response to the issues LGAQ have raised.

**Resolution 10: Valuation of Land – Legislative Amendments to Avoid Retrospective Reduction in Rateable Value of Non-rural Land**

The most significant valuation reform agenda in Queensland's history commenced in March 2010 and culminated with the implementation of the *Land Valuation Act 2010* (LVA) in September 2010. Extensive consultation occurred throughout the reform process with the Valuation Reform Reference Group (VRRG), of which the LGAQ is a member. The VRRG represents commercial, industrial, local government, rural, tourism, mining, law and residential development sectors and required a commitment that the financial impacts associated with site value would be mitigated.

The LVA requires non-rural land to be valued using site value methodology. Site value was introduced to improve the valuation system by providing more easily understood and equitable land values and includes the value of site improvements such as clearing, filling, levelling, reclamation, drainage and retaining works. Those site improvements that do not increase the land's value or are associated with the construction of a building (eg an excavation for footings or foundations,) do not form part of the site valuation.

The Queensland Government is committed to developing the State's strengths in tourism, agriculture, resources and construction. In order to ensure that the introduction of site value does not have an adverse effect on current and future land development and construction programs, the LVA provides for the current owner to apply to the Valuer-General for the assessed value of the site improvements made and paid for by the current owner within the last 12 years to be deducted from the site value. This is called a deduction for site improvements (DSI) and continues to apply while that owner retains an interest in the land. Similar approaches are adopted in other jurisdictions where an allowance is made to exclude the site works undertaken by the current owner for a period of years so that the approach is not viewed as a disincentive to development.

An owner can apply for a DSI as part of an objection to a valuation or as a standalone application.

Where the application is part of an objection, the DSI, if granted, applies to the valuation objected against. This is only fair, as the application would relate to improvements made and paid for prior to the effect of the valuation being objected to, and the owner has already paid for those site improvements. The DSI is not applied retrospectively to any valuations effective before the effective date of the valuation objected to.

Where there is a standalone application, the DSI, if granted, is only applied to the next valuation issued to the owner. This is to ensure that the DSI is not applied to an existing valuation that may have been effective before the site improvements were paid for. In the majority of cases the next issued valuation will be the next annual valuation. The application of the DSI should not be considered retrospective as it is either applied to the valuation objected against (which is subject to amendment because of other grounds of objection) or will only apply to the next issued valuation.

With regard to the wider issue of retrospective valuations in general, the LVA provides for the Valuer-General to amend an annual valuation. These amending valuations are required because of changes to land caused by various events including, subdivision, public works, damage from adverse natural causes, changes of land use, changes in planning scheme and where an error has been detected.

The LVA requires the Valuer-General, within a defined amending period, to make the amending valuation effective from the later of the beginning of the amending period or the date that the event requiring the change actually occurred. The amending period commences from the effective date of the annual valuation that was in effect three years before the current annual valuation came into effect.

In the majority of cases the effective date for an amending valuation is either equal to, or later than, the current annual valuation. However, where an event that requires an amending valuation occurs prior to the current annual valuation, the defined amending period allows for the amending valuation to be effective before the current annual valuation. This retrospectivity is important as, in those cases where the Valuer-General was not made aware of an event at the time of its occurrence or where an error requiring correction has been detected, it allows the valuation to be effective from the date of the event. It must be noted that the LVA did not introduce the three year amending period. The Valuation of Land Act 1944 (VOLA) was the relevant legislation prior to the LVA and VOLA was amended in 2003 to provide for a three year amending period.

#### **Resolution 16: Land Management – Re-establishing Property Boundaries after Flooding Events**

When a watercourse that forms the boundary of land is eroded significantly during flood events, the common law situation is that the boundary does not move as the bank erodes. Part of the adjoining landholder's land then lies within the banks of the physical watercourse. Depending on the particular circumstances, landholders may wish to surrender the eroded land to the state or retain ownership of it. If the watercourse changes course completely, further considerations arise, such as legal access, severance of land and possible reconfiguration and transfers of land.

The resolution suggests that the multiple lot declaration provisions of the *Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003* could be used to resolve these matters. These provisions are not appropriate for these types of situations because they do not permit the boundary to be moved to align with the new location of the physical watercourse. However, there are other mechanisms available that could be applied, in consultation with the affected owners and the relevant local government. These would need to be considered on a case by case basis.

There are benefits in resolving these matters in a systematic way. In the case of a future event that results in significant erosion of river banks, the Department of Natural Resources and Mines' (the department) surveying staff are able to provide advice on how the boundary problems can be addressed systematically, with the consent of affected owners.

#### **Resolution 56: Valuation of Land – Earlier Release of Annual Valuations**

To assist local governments and provide as much lead time as possible for the formulation of their budgets, the Valuer-General provides an early release of annual valuation data prior to the public release.

This early release is subject to the completion, execution and return of a Deed of Agreement (ensuring the confidentiality of the information) between the Valuer-General and the local government.

This arrangement has worked well over the past few years and Deeds of Agreement have already been provided to all local governments being revalued as part of the 2014 annual valuation program.

To facilitate an earlier delivery, the Valuer-General has also moved the annual valuation program forward in 2013 and intends to move the program forward again in 2014. This allowed for the 2013 annual valuation data to be provided to local governments in the week commencing 25 February 2013. With the change to the 2014 program, the data should be available during the week commencing 17 February 2014. This continues to improve the timeliness of the delivery of data to local governments.

Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Mr Joe Piccini, Principal Advisor, State Valuation Service of the department on telephone 3199 7823.

#### **Resolution 69: Stock Route Management – State Government to pay Councils 100% of Fees collected for Stock Route and Resolution 71: Road Management – Roadside Grazing Permits – Maintenance of State Controlled Road Reserves**

The Queensland Government is mindful of the important role local governments play in the management of roads, stock routes and other state land and welcomes the opportunity to discuss with LGAQ options for future management frameworks, not only for grazing, but other uses that could prove beneficial to the local governments.

On these matters, Mr Graham Nicholas, Director, Land and Mines Policy of the department will be in contact with your office in the near future to discuss options for future management frameworks.

#### **Resolution 75: Resources Sector Impacts – Mining Lease Application – Opportunity to comment**

Applicants for mining leases are required to notify local councils of new mining lease applications as a component of the public notification process. This process would allow for councils to provide comment to the department, if appropriate.

Councils also have the ability to lodge objections to a mining lease application and have the grounds of objection and the facts and circumstances in support of those grounds considered by the Land Court in a hearing of a mining lease application. The Land Court then provides a report and recommendation for the Minister's consideration which may include proposed conditions on the grant of a mining lease.

All mining leases operate under an Environmental Authority (EA) issued by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP). The public notification process for mining lease applications provides details of the proposed mining operation and affords opportunity for submissions regarding the proposed EA to be made to EHP.

Options are under consideration as part of the Modernising Queensland Resources Act Program in relation to the provision of information on all types of resource permits to councils and for councils having opportunity to provide comments/objections on mining lease applications.

#### **Late Motion 3: Insurance Premiums – Inappropriate Use of Postcodes to Identify Risk**

Postcodes are issued and maintained by Australia Post and are primarily for delivery of mail through allocated and commercially operated delivery contract areas. It is understood that insurance companies use the postcodes, as a proxy geographic delineator, for a number of risk assessments in their business. However, the alteration of postcodes is not within the powers of the Minister or the department.

In relation to impacting insurance premiums, the department has shared its existing flood map data with the Insurance Council of Australia (ICA) and work is underway to improve the mapping data and flood modelling in a number of areas of Queensland.

The Queensland Flood Mapping Project (QFMP), which recently transitioned to DNRM from the Qld Reconstruction Authority, is combining government held data (eg Lidar imagery and elevation data) and flood hazard modelling captured by engineering contractors across approximately 170 projects encompassing localities, towns and basins. This information will be made available to the ICA and will assist them to better understand and assess risk in those areas, potentially making them less reliant on postcodes. In addition, the ICA will make their existing data available to the department for comparison in flood risk hazard areas which will assist in identifying improvements going forward.

As more, improved quality data becomes available it could be reasonably expected that individual properties could be assessed which in turn may have an impact on premiums.

#### **Late Motion 4: Native Title – Extinguishment of Resource Interest Tenements in Unallocated State Land (USL) where Native Title Rights and Interests have been Compulsorily Acquired**

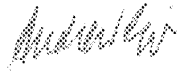
Amendments to the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* (ALA) are being considered to include the power to take the resource interest to address the problem raised by the LGAQ Late Motion 4 – Native Title. Further legal advice is being obtained about ways in which the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* can be satisfied. In the interim, every endeavour is being made to either progress current applications or find other available land for the required purpose. An officer of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Services of the department is in contact with Richmond Shire Council in regard to their specific issues.

With regards to the resolutions 10 and 56, I would like to acknowledge your letter sent directly to Mr Neil Bray, Valuer-General, Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

For further information about the LGAQ Annual Conference resolutions, please contact Mrs Sue Ryan, Deputy Director-General, Policy and Program Support, Department of Natural Resources and Mines on telephone 3199 7838.

If you have any questions about my advice to you, Mr Andrew Freeman, Acting Chief of Staff will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3719 7367.

Yours sincerely



**Andrew Cripps MP**  
**Minister for Natural Resources and Mines**

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## 9.2 The Queensland Plan Working Draft

**Date:** 20 February 2014  
**Author:** Jason Cubit, Executive Liaison Officer Mayor/CEO & Coordinator  
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**Responsible Officer:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**File No:** Formal Papers

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### Summary:

The purpose of this report to inform Council that The Queensland State Government has released *The Queensland Plan: a 30-year vision for Queensland – our working draft* for comment. Council participated in the two summits held by the State Government to develop the draft plan in 2013 and prepared a submission on the draft plan. The latest draft Plan has not incorporated the points raised in Councils initial submission.

It is proposed that Council does not provide individual feedback on the latest draft plan, rather support and contribute where required to the submission prepared by South East Queensland Council of Mayors representing the collective views of each South East Queensland Council.

### Officer's Recommendation:

**THAT with respect to *The Queensland Plan: a 30-year vision for Queensland – our working draft*, Council note the documents release for public review until 7 March 2014;**

**Further;**

**THAT Council support and contribute where required to the South East Queensland Council of Mayors submission in favour of submitting individual Council submission.**

## Report

### 1. Introduction

The Queensland State Government initiated the Queensland Plan process in mid-2013 with a series of community engagement events including a summit in Mackay which resulted in 78,000 submissions from Queenslanders and a two-day summit held in Brisbane on 9 and 10 October 2013. The Government has now released the working draft of the document and are asking for feedback to be provided to them up until 7 March, 2014.

### 2. Background

In 2013, Council was represented at the Queensland Plan Mackay Summit the Brisbane Summit and provided its own submission in response to the original six questions posed during the community engagement phase and strongly represented the views and aspirations of the Lockyer Valley community through the process.

The Queensland Plan working draft poses the following questions:

- Does the structure of our working draft best focus our future vision?



- Do these goals and outcomes appropriately reflect Queensland's feedback?
- Are these targets and measures appropriate? Are there additional ones that should be considered?

The working draft is divided into nine (9) foundation areas. They are: Education, Community, Regions, Economy, Health, Environment, People, Community, Infrastructure and Governance.

Each foundation area has its own targets as follows:

*Education*

- 100 per cent of Queensland children have basic literacy and numeracy in primary school.
- Education is highly valued by all Queenslanders

*Community*

- Increase the wealth of all Queenslanders while achieving Australia's narrowest gap between the wealthy and poor
- Queensland has the highest rates of volunteering and community participation in Australia
- Anyone who makes Queensland their home has employment opportunities and is welcomed into the community

*Regions*

- Half of Queensland's population lives outside of South East Queensland

*Economy*

- Queensland has the highest income, trade and employment levels in Australia
- Our bright ideas have real economic and social benefits

*Health*

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders have the same life-expectancy as non-Indigenous Queenslanders
- Queenslanders have the lowest incidences of preventable diseases in Australia

*Environment*

- Queensland has the best balance of environmental protection and economic development in Australia

*People*

- Double the proportion of Queenslanders over 55 years who participate in the community and workforce
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders have the same workforce participation as non-Indigenous Queenslanders
- Queensland is the best place to live in Australia

*Infrastructure*

- The right infrastructure is delivered in the right place at the right time

*Governance*

- Queenslanders are highly satisfied with the way governments deliver for their communities

There are certain measures included in the working draft which will be used in each foundation area to benchmark the individual targets. The plan is silent on how the targets will be achieved.

**3. Report**

It is considered that Council's involvement in the Queensland Plan process to date has been sufficient and there is little to be gained by providing further individual feedback to the latest working draft, very little of Council's original submission to the Queensland Plan has been incorporated into the working draft document.

It is considered that the South East Queensland Council of Mayors is the best placed organisation to provide feedback on the working draft representing the views of all South East Queensland Councils collectively. Council will work with the Council of Mayors in preparation of a regional submission to ensure the views of the Lockyer Valley community are represented.

**4. Policy and Legal Implications**

No policy or legal implications are anticipated as a result of this report.

**5. Financial and Resource Implications**

No financial or resource implications are anticipated as a result of this report.

**6. Delegations/Authorisations**

No further delegations are required to manage the issues raised in this report.

**7. Communication and Engagement**

If further engagement with the State Government is required once The Queensland Plan is adopted, then Council will be an active participant as required.

**8. Conclusion**

Council has fulfilled its obligations to date with regard to participating in The Queensland Plan process and should be commended for representing the views of the Lockyer Valley community. There is little to be gained by providing individual feedback into the latest working draft of The Queensland Plan, however a regional approach through the South East Queensland Council of Mayors may be beneficial.

**9. Actions**

Liaise with the South East Queensland Council of Mayors to prepare a regional submission to the working draft of the Queensland Plan.

**Attachments**

Attachments are a separate document

**9.3 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government - Call for Motions**

**Date:** 17 February 2014  
**Author:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**File No:** Formal Papers

**Summary:**

The 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government will be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on 15-18 June and the Australian Local Government Association is calling for motions under this year's theme of "Getting Down to Business". Motions are to be submitted electronically and are to be received by ALGA no later than 17 April 2014.

**Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT Council note the call for motions by the Australian Local Government Association to the 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government on 15-18 June with a due date of 17 April 2014;**

**Further;**

**THAT Council request the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report with recommended motions to present to the March Ordinary Meeting for consideration;**

**Further;**

**THAT in the interim Councillors liaise with the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer to propose motions for consideration.**

**Report**

**1. Introduction**

The National General Assembly of Local Government is the annual opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy and the Australian Local Government Association is calling for motions for the 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government.

**2. Background**

Council has received advice that the 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government is to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on 15-18 June 2014. The Australian Local Government Association has called upon Council to submit motions in accordance with the theme for this year's National General Assembly of Local Government which is "Getting Down to Business". The theme reflects current issues being debated nationally and priority issues facing local government.

**3. Report**

The Australian Local Government Association is calling for motions for the National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government under this year's theme which is "Getting Down to

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Business". The annual National General Assembly of Local Government is to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra on 15-18 June 2014.

To assist Council in preparing motions which are to be received by the Australian Local Government Association by no later than 17 April 2014, a Discussion Paper has been provided for review.

An extract from the discussion paper is as follows:-

"The 2014 NGA is being held against a backdrop of several key developments. Each of them could profoundly redefine the operation of Australia's system of government. These include:

- The establishment, by the Commonwealth Government, of a National Commission of Audit;
- A promise within two years of coming to office to develop a White Paper on the Reform of the Federation;
- A commitment by all jurisdictions including the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) through the Council of Australian Government's (COAG), to reduce duplication between governments; and
- A promise to develop a White Paper on Taxation within two years of coming to office.

Each of these are significant undertakings in their own right, but taken together, they could substantially help reshape the operation of the Australia federated system of government.

It is imperative that local government is an active participant in these processes and that we take every opportunity to influence the outcomes of these White Paper processes. The 2014 NGA is a great opportunity to commence this discussion.

The theme of the 2014 National General Assembly is "Getting Down to Business". It is a theme that invites NGA delegates, councils and interested stakeholders to reflect on roles and responsibilities of local government, it's funding and relative place in the Federation. It's a theme that enables local government to define for itself:-

- What business local government is in;
- The resources we need to do it; and
- What we should expect from the Commonwealth and what we should expect from state and territory governments. In short how local government should fit in the Federation.

It's a theme that enables your council to engage with other councils from across the country to inform the national debate, and ALGA, on the issues contained in these important national processes, in particular the Government's White papers.

#### **4. Policy and Legal Implications**

Policy and legal implications will be addressed if required in future reports on matters that arise before Council.

#### **5. Financial and Resource Implications**

Budget impacts will continue to be addressed through existing allocation and re-prioritisation as required.

**6. Delegations/Authorisations**

No further delegations are required to manage the issues raised in this report.

**7. Communication and Engagement**

The matters arising from this report that require further communication and engagement will be addressed through existing channels.

**8. Conclusion**

It is recommended that the Chief Executive Officer prepare motions for recommendation for submission to the Australian Local Government Association for the 2014 National General Assembly of Local Government.

**9. Action**

A report is prepared by the Chief Executive Officer recommending motions for the 2014 ALGA National General Assembly and is then presented to the March Ordinary Meeting.

#### 9.4 International Women's Day

**Date:** 14 February 2014  
**Author:** Vickie Wieland, EA to Chief Executive Officer  
**Responsible Officer:** Ian Flint, Chief Executive Officer  
**File No:** Formal Papers

##### **Summary:**

International Women's Day will be celebrated on 8 March 2014 and the Hon Tracy Davis MP, Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services invites Council to join in the celebrations by either organising an event or by promoting this event within the community.

##### **Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT Council support International Women's Day by displaying the promotional material in the Customer Service Centre and promoting the event through Council Corporate Communications.**

#### **Report**

##### **1. Introduction**

International Women's Day (IWD), held globally in March each year, celebrates the economic, political and social achievements of women in the past, present and future. This iconic day highlights and recognises the achievements of women and their contributions to our communities. The 2014 theme, "Opportunity is Knocking", promotes the range of opportunities for Queensland women, including in the tourism, agriculture, resources and construction industries in our growing four pillar economy.

##### **2. Background**

The Queensland Government is committed to ensuring that information and services are provided to women in need, and this year's International Women's Day materials feature the contact details for Women's Infolink service. A telephone number is provided and website details are available that enables Queensland women to connect to a network of local service providers for free and confidential support, information and service referrals on any issue statewide.

##### **3. Report**

The Queensland Government encourages everyone to celebrate International Women's Day. This year promotional packs to compliment IWD celebrations and events held throughout Queensland are available. Council is in receipt of a poster and a small number of wallet cards which can be displayed at Customer Service reception.

To promote awareness and support the celebration a morning tea is planned for Friday morning 7 March 2014 at 10.00am. An invitation will be extended to Councillors Milligan, Holstein & McLean as well as all female staff. An invitation will also be extended to Councillor Milligan (Deputy Mayor) to say a few words in support of International Womens Day.

##### **4. Policy and Legal Implications**

There are no specific policy issues to be addressed.

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**5. Financial and Resource Implications**

Budget impacts will continue to be addressed through existing allocation and re-prioritisation as required. Any function will be funded from existing civic allocations.

**6. Delegations/Authorisations**

No further delegations are required to manage the issues raised in this report.

**7. Communication and Engagement**

The matters arising from this report that require further communication and engagement will be addressed through existing channels. Any promotion will be consistent with the State Government advice and information.

**8. Conclusion**

It is requested that Council adopts the recommendation contained in this report.

**9. Action**

A morning tea is organised to celebrate International Women's Day and associated promotion be undertaken.

**10. GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTS**

*No Governance and Performance Reports*

**11. ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT REPORTS**

*No Organisational Development and Engagement Reports*



## 12. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

### 12.1 Summary of Council Actual Financial Performance vs Budget - 31 January 2013

**Date:** 19 February 2014  
**Author:** Tony Brett, Manager Finance  
**Responsible Officer:** David Lewis, Group Manager Corporate & Community Services  
**File No:** Formal Papers

#### Summary:

In accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a financial report summarising the progress of Council's actual performance against budgeted performance is to be presented to Council.

This report provides a summary of Council's financial performance against budget for the financial year to 31 January 2014.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT Council receive and note the Summary of Council Actual Financial Performance versus Budget to 31 January 2014.**

#### Report

##### 1. Introduction

In accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a financial report summarising the progress of Council's actual performance against budgeted performance is to be provided to Council.

##### 2. Background

Monthly reporting of Council's financial performance is a legislative requirement and reinforces sound financial management practices throughout the organisation.

##### 3. Report

The following report provides a summary of Council's financial performance against budget to 31 January 2014.

#### **Operating Revenue - Target \$69.4 million Actual \$68.3 million or 98%**

At 31 January 2014, overall operating revenue is on target for the year to date budget.

Operating grants and subsidies received equal \$31.7 million or 65% of the annual budgeted revenue amount. The majority of these grants are for an advance for Restoration works. As the funds are an advance payment, it is important that the expenditure of these grants is

closely monitored to ensure that it meets the Value for Money requirements of the Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

With the exception of other revenue, at 31 January 2014, all revenue lines are forecast to meet annual budgeted amounts. The amount of revenue received at the Staging Post Café is less than budgeted and is likely to remain so. The Finance Team is currently reviewing the Café's revenue target.

**Operating Expenditure - Target \$51.4 million Actual \$52.2 million or 101%**

At 31 January 2014, overall operating expenditure for the year to date is on target. The month of January saw \$3.0 million expenditure on Recovery related activities.

Overall employee costs are on target for the year to date. However there is an imbalance between the Infrastructure Recovery activities and the rest of Council. At 31 January, employee costs for the rest of Council was \$1.4 million more than budgeted, while it was \$1.6 million under budget for Infrastructure Recovery. A review is being undertaken and it may indicate that there needs to be a transfer of budget from Infrastructure Recovery to general Council operations. It is also possible that less day labour is being used in the capital works program, which will increase Council's operational employee costs whilst still remaining within the established organisational structure.

The apparent over expenditure in the rest of Council for Goods and Services is mainly related to timing issues for several large payments such as insurances and registrations. A process is underway to review the phasings of the budget to take into account the timing differences. The review is complicated by having to refer to the old PCS system for costs prior to 28 October. Finance is working to re-phase the budget as a priority.

Depreciation costs are now being calculated using the One Council asset system and are reflective of the actual amount of depreciation being charged.

**Capital Revenue - Target \$5.0 million Actual \$1.7 million or 34%**

Overall capital grants and subsidies revenue is well below budget for the year to date with \$1.7 million received to date. However the timing of capital grants and subsidies remains largely dependent upon the completion of the annual capital works program. Further work is being done on the anticipated cash flows to try and better align the income and expenditure.

**Capital Expenditure – Target \$19.8 million Actual \$7.8 million or 39%**

To 31 January 2014, Council has expended \$7.8 million on its capital works program with the main expenditure being \$4.2 million in Corporate Services with a further \$2.7 million of expenditure within Infrastructure, Works and Services. The capital expenditure includes \$2.3 million on the Gatton Aquatic Centre, \$1.3 million on roads and streets, \$1.1 million on information technology, \$0.3 million on the Gatton SES Building, and \$0.3 million on waste disposal capital works.

**4. Policy and Legal Implications**

Any future policy or legal implications associated with this report will be addressed as they arise before Council.

## **5. Financial and Resource Implications**

Council's financial results remain largely dependent upon further advance payments from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, the completion of the capital works program and the financial impact of the 2013 flood events. Significant restoration costs are expected to be incurred throughout the 2014 financial year. Due to the fluctuating nature of this income and expenditure there is a risk that budget targets may be exceeded. The allocation of costs to the Recovery program is being monitored to ensure that all applicable expenditure is accounted for in the correct cost centre. The financial reports now report separately the Recovery Program from Infrastructure Services to provide a clearer picture of the costs associated with recovery activities.

Efficiency targets of \$1.7 million have been imbedded within Council's 2013/2014 Budget, with \$1.3 million allocated to employee costs and a further \$0.4 million to goods and services. With overall expenditure on budget, it appears that Council is going to meet the expected efficiency targets.

## **6. Delegations/Authorisations**

The Chief Executive Officer and the Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services will manage requirements in line with existing delegations.

## **7. Communication and Engagement**

The matters arising from this report that require further communication will be addressed through existing communications channels.

## **8. Conclusion**

At 31 January 2014, Council appears to be on target to meet its budgeted outcomes. Work on the improved phasings for both operating and capital income and expenditure is ongoing to enable a better analysis of Council's financial position as the year progresses.

## **9. Action/s**

No further action required.

## **Attachments**

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|---|------------------|---------|
| 1 | Actual vs Budget | 4 Pages |
| 2 | Jan WIP          | 5 Pages |
| 3 | Graphs           | 4 Pages |

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**Whole of Council**

Note	Original Budget 2013/2014	Forecast Result 2013/2014	Actuals January 2014	Budget January 2014	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance %
<b>Operating Revenue</b>							
Rates and Utility Charges (Gross)	32,821,540	32,821,540	16,320,954	16,410,770	31,355,106	31,240,665	0%
Discount	(1,016,930)	(1,016,930)	99,348	(142,107)	(557,850)	(571,100)	-2%
Charges and Fees	3,329,739	3,329,739	(505,433)	373,728	1,806,772	1,942,347	-7%
Interest	2,652,000	2,652,000	579,042	221,000	1,799,049	1,547,000	16%
Operating Grants and Subsidies	48,119,660	48,119,660	3,904,243	4,009,972	31,731,595	33,069,801	-4%
Operating Contributions and Donations	500	500	0	42	10,210	292	100%
Revenue - Contract/Recoverable Works	630,000	630,000	39,482	52,500	483,616	367,500	32%
Other Revenue	2,009,300	3,009,300	834,310	154,525	1,696,207	1,788,759	-5%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>89,526,739</b>	<b>89,526,739</b>	<b>21,271,946</b>	<b>21,080,379</b>	<b>68,324,705</b>	<b>69,385,364</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
Employee Costs	29,664,760	29,664,760	2,605,626	2,472,063	17,197,389	17,397,988	1%
Goods and Services	47,906,211	47,906,211	4,249,025	3,992,184	27,268,579	26,663,741	-2%
Finance costs	1,745,451	1,745,451	36,524	145,454	792,405	980,230	19%
Depreciation	11,001,787	11,001,787	1,424,376	916,816	6,925,275	6,417,709	-8%
Administration Charges	0	0	1	0	1	0	0%
Other Expenses	0	0	893	0	893	0	100%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>90,318,209</b>	<b>90,318,209</b>	<b>8,316,445</b>	<b>7,526,517</b>	<b>52,184,542</b>	<b>51,459,668</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Before Capital Items</b>	<b>(731,470)</b>	<b>(731,470)</b>	<b>12,955,501</b>	<b>13,553,853</b>	<b>16,140,163</b>	<b>17,925,696</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Capital Revenues and Expenses</b>							
Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	4,733,406	8,096,687	0	674,724	1,662,765	4,723,067	65%
Profit (Loss) on Disposal of Non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Other Capital Items	550,000	550,000	0	45,833	0	320,833	0%
Abnormal or Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) After Capital Items</b>	<b>4,491,936</b>	<b>7,855,217</b>	<b>12,955,501</b>	<b>14,274,410</b>	<b>17,802,928</b>	<b>22,969,597</b>	<b>-22%</b>
<b>Sources and Applications of Capital Funding</b>							
<b>Capital Funding Sources</b>							
Loans	5,000,000	6,800,000	0	0	0	0	100%
Disposal Proceeds of non Current Assets	595,000	595,000	0	49,583	0	347,083	100%
Contributed Asset	0	0	0	0	0	0	100%
Net Transfers to (from) Capital Reserves	11,002,305	11,001,817	0	916,818	0	6,417,727	100%
Funded Depreciation	0	0	1,162,582	0	7,825,365	0	-100%
<b>Total Capital Funding Sources Used</b>	<b>16,597,305</b>	<b>18,396,817</b>	<b>1,162,582</b>	<b>966,401</b>	<b>7,825,365</b>	<b>6,764,810</b>	<b>-16%</b>
<b>Capital Funding Applications</b>							
Capital Expenditure	5,291,922	5,291,922	0	440,994	0	3,086,955	100%
Capital Expenditure Upgrade / New	17,380,549	28,676,624	1,162,582	2,389,719	7,825,365	16,728,031	53%
Contributed Assets	550,000	550,000	0	45,833	0	320,833	100%
Loan Redemption	841,100	841,100	0	70,092	0	490,642	100%
<b>Total Capital Funding Applications</b>	<b>24,063,571</b>	<b>35,359,646</b>	<b>1,162,582</b>	<b>2,946,637</b>	<b>7,825,365</b>	<b>20,626,460</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Total Reserve Movements</b>	<b>2,974,330</b>	<b>9,107,612</b>	<b>(12,555,501)</b>	<b>(12,294,174)</b>	<b>(17,802,928)</b>	<b>(9,107,347)</b>	<b>95%</b>

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**Total Business Units**

Note	Original Budget 2013/2014	Forecast result 2013/2014	Actuals January 2014	Budget January 2014	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance %
<b>Operating Revenue</b>							
Rates and Utility Charges (Gross)	5,614,400	5,614,400	2,793,526	2,807,200	5,483,744	5,614,400	-2%
Discount	(134,000)	(134,000)	(12)	(37,000)	(67,313)	(178,197)	-14%
Charges and Fees	1,000,000	1,000,000	(495,279)	179,583	478,914	583,333	-18%
Interest	0	0	4,291	0	13,685	0	>100%
Operating Grants and Subsidies	867,000	867,000	61,593	72,250	399,172	505,750	-21%
Operating Contributions and Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Revenue - Contract/Recoverable Works	630,000	630,000	39,482	52,500	470,007	367,500	28%
Other Revenue	1,205,000	1,205,000	568,338	4,167	568,338	702,917	-19%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>9,182,400</b>	<b>9,182,400</b>	<b>2,971,922</b>	<b>3,048,700</b>	<b>7,346,547</b>	<b>7,695,733</b>	<b>-5%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
Employee Costs	2,717,140	2,717,140	176,581	226,428	1,590,859	1,584,998	0%
Goods and Services	5,413,357	5,413,357	610,393	451,113	2,973,776	3,157,792	9%
Finance costs	106,500	106,500	814	8,875	71,294	62,125	-15%
Depreciation	298,912	298,912	39,491	24,909	188,948	174,365	-8%
Administration Charges	525,800	525,800	306,717	43,817	306,717	306,717	0%
Other Expenses	404,519	404,519	0	33,710	0	235,968	100%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>9,466,228</b>	<b>9,466,228</b>	<b>1,133,996</b>	<b>768,852</b>	<b>5,031,594</b>	<b>5,521,966</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Before Capital Items</b>	<b>(283,828)</b>	<b>(283,828)</b>	<b>1,837,926</b>	<b>2,259,848</b>	<b>2,314,953</b>	<b>2,173,767</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Capital Revenues and Expenses</b>							
Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	100%
Profit (Loss) on Disposal of Non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Other Capital Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Abnormal or Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) After Capital Items</b>	<b>(283,828)</b>	<b>(283,828)</b>	<b>1,837,926</b>	<b>2,259,848</b>	<b>2,314,953</b>	<b>2,173,767</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Sources and Applications of Capital Funding</b>							
<b>Capital Funding Sources</b>							
Loans	385,000	385,000	0	0	0	0	100%
Disposal Proceeds of non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Contributed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Depreciation Utilised	311,282	298,912	0	24,909	0	174,365	100%
General Revenue Sources	0	0	0	0	354,980	0	-100%
<b>Total Capital Funding Sources Used</b>	<b>696,282</b>	<b>683,912</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24,909</b>	<b>354,980</b>	<b>174,365</b>	<b>-104%</b>
<b>Capital Funding Applications</b>							
Capital Expenditure Renewal	15,000	15,000	0	1,250	0	8,750	100%
Capital Expenditure Upgrade / New	370,000	1,130,966	0	94,247	354,980	669,730	46%
Contributed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Loan Redemption	55,600	55,600	0	4,633	0	32,433	100%
<b>Total Capital Funding Applications</b>	<b>440,600</b>	<b>1,201,566</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100,131</b>	<b>354,980</b>	<b>700,914</b>	<b>49%</b>
<b>Total Reserve Movements</b>	<b>26,146</b>	<b>801,482</b>	<b>(1,837,926)</b>	<b>(134,827)</b>	<b>(2,314,953)</b>	<b>(1,587,218)</b>	<b>-100%</b>

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**Infrastructure Recovery (Only) Activities**

Note	Original Budget 2013/2014	Amended Bdgt 2013/2014	Actuals January 2014	Budget January 2014	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance %
<b>Operating Revenue</b>							
Rates and Utility Charges (Gross)	1,332,000	1,332,000	512,805	666,000	1,322,439	1,332,000	-1%
Discount	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Charges and Fees	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Operating Grants and Subsidies	42,588,100	42,588,100	3,785,844	3,549,008	29,711,704	29,843,058	0%
Operating Contributions and Donations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Revenue - Contract/Recoverable Works	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Other Revenue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>43,920,100</b>	<b>43,920,100</b>	<b>4,298,649</b>	<b>4,215,008</b>	<b>31,034,143</b>	<b>31,175,058</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
Employee Costs	7,489,500	7,489,500	191,139	624,125	2,844,965	4,368,875	35%
Goods and Services	33,938,765	33,938,765	2,541,669	2,828,230	18,204,978	18,322,613	1%
Finance costs	0	0	0	0	18	0	>100%
Depreciation	10,447	10,447	(912)	871	4,305	6,094	29%
Administration Charges	476,000	476,000	277,667	39,667	277,667	277,667	0%
Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>41,914,712</b>	<b>41,914,712</b>	<b>3,009,557</b>	<b>3,492,893</b>	<b>21,331,933</b>	<b>22,975,248</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Before Capital Items</b>	<b>2,005,388</b>	<b>2,005,388</b>	<b>1,289,092</b>	<b>722,116</b>	<b>9,702,210</b>	<b>8,199,809</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Capital Revenues and Expenses</b>							
Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	-100%
Profit (Loss) on Disposal of Non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Other Capital Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Abnormal or Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) After Capital Items</b>	<b>2,005,388</b>	<b>2,005,388</b>	<b>1,289,092</b>	<b>722,116</b>	<b>9,702,210</b>	<b>8,199,809</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>Sources and Applications of Capital Funding</b>							
<b>Capital Funding Sources</b>							
Loans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Disposal Proceeds of non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Contributed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Depreciation Utilised	0	10,477	0	873	0	6,112	0%
General Revenue Sources	0	0	1,551	0	42,727	0	100%
<b>Total Capital Funding Sources Used</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,477</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>42,727</b>	<b>6,112</b>	<b>-599%</b>
<b>Capital Funding Applications</b>							
Capital Expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Capital Expenditure Upgrade / New	0	0	1,551	0	42,727	0	0%
Contributed Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Loan Redemption	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Total Capital Funding Applications</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,551</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42,727</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total Reserve Movements</b>	<b>(2,909,324)</b>	<b>(2,914,885)</b>	<b>(1,289,082)</b>	<b>(732,898)</b>	<b>(9,702,210)</b>	<b>(8,205,321)</b>	<b>100%</b>

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**Rest of Council including Infrastructure Services**

Note	Original Budget 2013/2014	Amended Bdgt 2013/2014	Actuals January 2014	Budget January 2014	Actuals YTD	Budget YTD	YTD Variance %
<b>Operating Revenue</b>							
Rates and Utility Charges (Gross)	25,875,140	25,875,140	13,014,623	12,937,570	24,548,923	24,294,265	1%
Discount	(932,936)	(932,936)	99,377	(75,197)	(490,517)	(492,833)	0%
Charges and Fees	2,329,739	2,329,739	(19,154)	194,145	1,327,858	1,359,014	-2%
Interest	2,652,000	2,652,000	574,751	221,000	1,785,364	1,547,000	15%
Operating Grants and Subsidies	4,664,560	4,664,560	56,806	388,713	1,620,719	2,720,993	-40%
Operating Contributions and Donations	500	500	0	42	10,210	292	>100%
Revenue - Contract/Recoverable Works	0	0	0	0	13,609	0	>100%
Other Revenue	1,804,300	1,804,300	265,972	150,358	1,127,869	1,085,942	4%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>36,424,239</b>	<b>36,424,239</b>	<b>14,001,375</b>	<b>13,816,662</b>	<b>29,944,015</b>	<b>30,514,573</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>							
Employee Costs	19,458,120	19,458,120	2,237,906	1,621,510	12,761,565	11,444,115	-12%
Goods and Services	8,554,089	8,554,089	1,096,963	712,841	6,189,825	5,180,336	-19%
Finance costs	1,636,951	1,636,951	35,710	136,579	721,093	918,105	21%
Depreciation	10,692,428	10,692,428	1,385,803	891,036	6,732,022	6,237,250	-8%
Administration Charges	(1,071,855)	(1,071,855)	(584,363)	(85,425)	(554,303)	(584,363)	0%
Other Expenses	(830,515)	(830,515)	893	(234,710)	893	(234,969)	100%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>38,937,269</b>	<b>38,937,269</b>	<b>4,172,892</b>	<b>3,244,772</b>	<b>25,821,015</b>	<b>22,962,453</b>	<b>-12%</b>
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) Before Capital Items</b>	<b>(2,513,030)</b>	<b>(2,513,030)</b>	<b>9,828,483</b>	<b>10,571,889</b>	<b>4,123,000</b>	<b>7,552,120</b>	<b>45%</b>
<b>Capital Revenues and Expenses</b>							
Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	4,733,406	8,096,687	0	674,724	1,662,765	4,723,067	-65%
Profit (Loss) on Disposal of Non Current Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Other Capital Items	550,000	550,000	0	45,833	0	320,833	0%
Abnormal or Extraordinary Items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit) After Capital Items</b>	<b>2,770,376</b>	<b>6,133,657</b>	<b>9,828,483</b>	<b>11,292,446</b>	<b>5,785,765</b>	<b>12,596,021</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>Sources and Applications of Capital Funding</b>							
<b>Capital Funding Sources</b>							
Loans	4,615,000	6,415,000	0	0	0	0	100%
Disposal Proceeds of non Current Assets	595,000	595,000	0	49,583	0	347,083	100%
Contributed Asset	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Depreciation Utilised	10,691,023	10,692,428	0	891,036	0	6,237,250	100%
General Revenue Sources	0	0	1,161,031	0	7,427,658	0	-100%
<b>Total Capital Funding Sources Used</b>	<b>15,901,023</b>	<b>17,702,428</b>	<b>1,161,031</b>	<b>940,619</b>	<b>7,427,658</b>	<b>6,584,333</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>Capital Funding Applications</b>							
Capital Expenditure	5,276,922	5,276,922	0	439,744	0	3,078,205	100%
Capital Expenditure Upgrade / New	17,010,549	27,545,658	1,161,031	2,295,472	7,427,658	16,068,301	54%
Contributed Assets	550,000	550,000	0	45,833	0	320,833	0%
Loan Redemption	785,500	785,500	0	65,458	0	458,208	100%
<b>Total Capital Funding Applications</b>	<b>23,622,971</b>	<b>34,158,080</b>	<b>1,161,031</b>	<b>2,846,507</b>	<b>7,427,658</b>	<b>19,925,547</b>	<b>63%</b>
<b>Total Reserve Movements</b>	<b>4,951,572</b>	<b>10,321,995</b>	<b>(9,828,483)</b>	<b>(8,285,638)</b>	<b>(5,785,765)</b>	<b>745,193</b>	<b>-876%</b>

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SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL WORKS	2012/2013 Carry Over Budget	2013/2014 BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET 2013/2014	YEAR TO DATE \$ CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
<b>Corporate and Community Services</b>				
Information Technology	1,108,977.00	2,003,000.00	3,111,977.00	1,095,975.57
Animal Control	42,032.00	-	42,032.00	9,100.00
Arts and Culture	-	-	-	2,510.68
Community Facilities Management	170,000.00	250,000.00	420,000.00	221,712.64
Civic Halls	-	1,230,000.00	1,230,000.00	48,334.07
Public Conveniences	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	37,785.67
Sport & Recreational Facilities	3,834,274.00	5,830,000.00	9,664,274.00	2,366,325.60
Gatton Child Care Centre	12,184.00	-	12,184.00	30,646.50
Waste Disposal	743,782.00	385,000.00	1,128,782.00	316,161.57
Waste Minimisation	-	-	-	4,660.41
Council Properties	176,000.00	250,000.00	426,000.00	28,989.84
Public Order & Safety	214,000.00	-	214,000.00	4,800.00
Community Housing	42,000.00	-	42,000.00	-
<b>TOTAL CORPORATE &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICES 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>6,363,249.00</b>	<b>9,948,000.00</b>	<b>16,311,249.00</b>	<b>4,167,002.55</b>
<b>Executive Office</b>				
Executive Office	-	-	-	30,947.82
Major Projects	-	289,000.00	289,000.00	283,044.09
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>289,000.00</b>	<b>289,000.00</b>	<b>313,991.91</b>
<b>Governance and Performance</b>				
Disaster Management	-	30,000.00	30,000.00	65,120.00
SES	50,000.00	539,669.00	589,669.00	357,292.29
Administration & Executive Operations	93,000.00	210,000.00	303,000.00	-
Information Management	225,905.00	160,000.00	385,905.00	42,881.38
<b>TOTAL GOVERNANCE &amp; PERFORMANCE 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>368,905.00</b>	<b>939,669.00</b>	<b>1,308,574.00</b>	<b>465,293.67</b>
<b>Infrastructure Works and Services</b>				
Transport Infrastructure	-	-	-	-
Storm Water & Drainage	146,535.00	235,103.00	381,638.00	-
Parks and Open Spaces	26,303.00	99,000.00	125,303.00	3,850.70
Capital Program Delivery	3,482,398.00	8,899,802.00	12,382,200.00	1,304,166.21
Infrastructure Recovery	105,000.00	-	105,000.00	42,726.52
Depot	49,250.00	50,000.00	99,250.00	487.41
Fleet	1,240,191.00	1,172,000.00	2,412,191.00	1,364,296.32
<b>TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS &amp; SERVICES 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>5,049,677.00</b>	<b>10,455,905.00</b>	<b>15,505,582.00</b>	<b>2,715,527.16</b>
<b>Organisational Development &amp; Engagement</b>				
Staging Post Café / Restaurant	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	3,510.75
<b>TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT &amp; ENGAGEMENT 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>3,510.75</b>
<b>Planning and Development Services</b>				
Planning & Development Executive Management	-	140,000.00	140,000.00	-
Regional Development Management	98,180.00	-	98,180.00	136,718.29
Tourism Initiatives	5,960.00	-	5,960.00	12,703.64
Old Transport Museum	-	-	-	28.19
Environment Resilience & Recovery	-	300,000.00	300,000.00	4,787.03
Events & Promotional	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
Economic Development	-	-	-	5,799.69
<b>TOTAL PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>109,140.00</b>	<b>440,000.00</b>	<b>549,140.00</b>	<b>160,036.84</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS 2013 - 2014</b>	<b>11,895,971.00</b>	<b>22,072,574.00</b>	<b>33,968,545.00</b>	<b>7,825,362.88</b>



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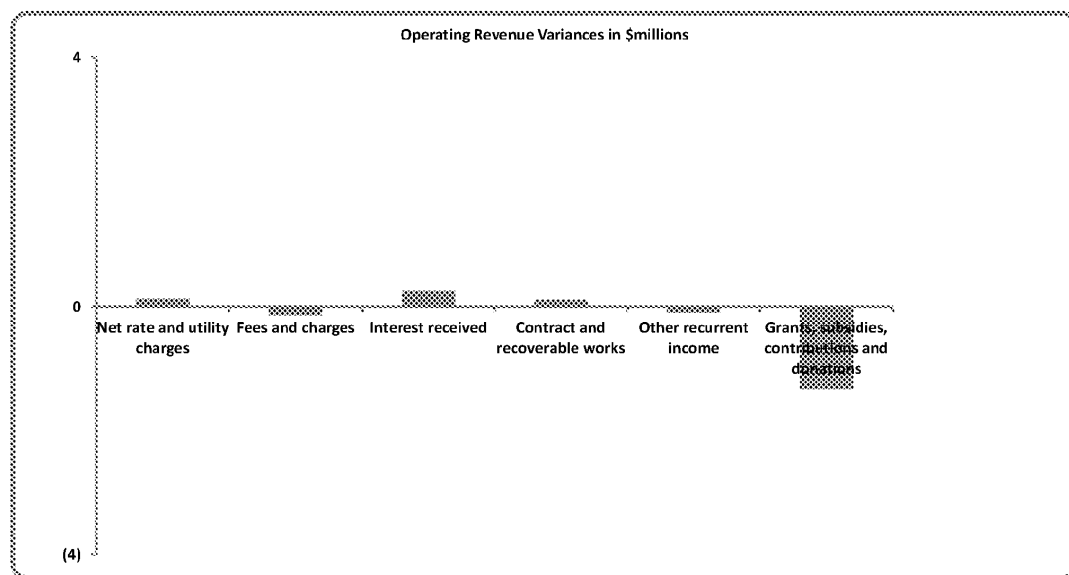
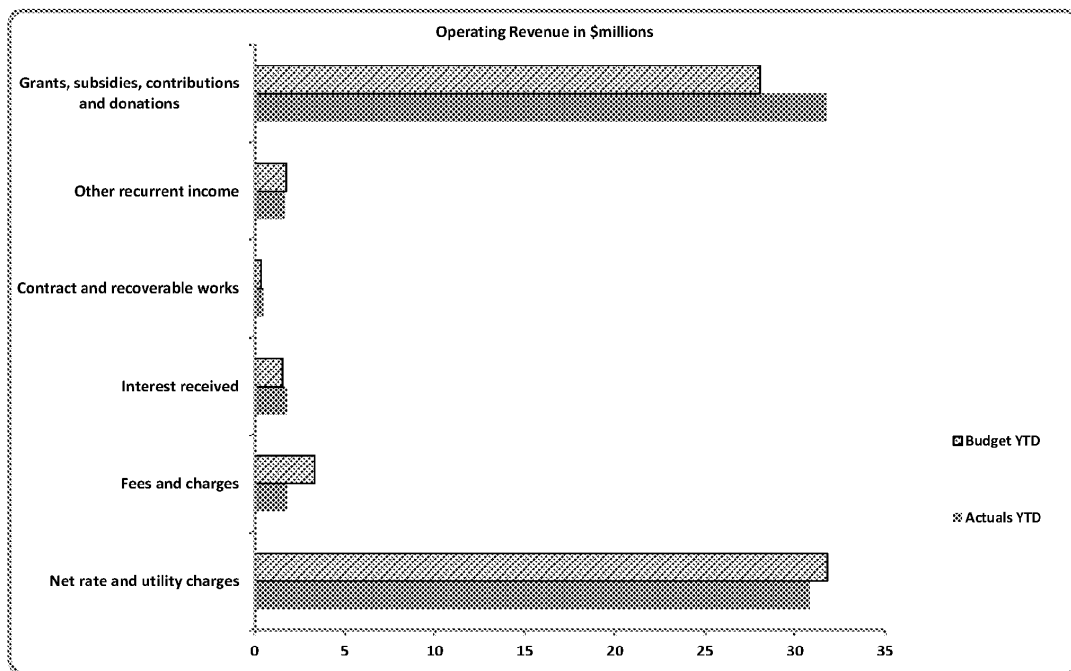
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<b>Corporate and Community Services</b>					
<b>Information Technology</b>					
Budget Savings	-	150,000.00	-	150,000.00	
Business Enterprise System \$1.6M Total		115,679.00	850,000.00	965,679.00	752,535.05
Data Centre Environ Monitoring Total		192,885.00	500,000.00	692,885.00	116,205.49
End Point Security Total		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	13,260.80
Web Filter, Reporting, Firewall Total		57,981.00	-	57,981.00	116.35
Service Desk Implementation Total		-	-	-	161.94
Radius Total		18,195.00	-	18,195.00	3,092.20
Windows 7		318,867.00	-	318,867.00	161,098.71
Software Deployment & Monitoring Tool Total		61,217.00	-	61,217.00	161.94
MS Audit/Software Library Development & Management		145,563.00	-	145,563.00	-
NAS Storage Total		-	-	-	1,499.55
Exchange set up		40,000.00	-	40,000.00	1,055.56
Back Up Process		25,000.00	-	25,000.00	811.68
Large File Transfer		-	-	-	417.01
Software Deployment		-	-	-	923.40
Website Joomla Upgrade		17,853.00	200,000.00	217,853.00	-
GIS Consolidation - Exponaire/MapInfo		6,000.00	-	6,000.00	3,495.89
Server Upgrade to 2008		10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
ESX Upgrades		14,116.00	-	14,116.00	-
Unified Communications-Preliminary Scoping		25,000.00	75,000.00	100,000.00	-
Printer Strategy & Consolidation		100,000.00	-	100,000.00	-
Large Format Platter		-	8,000.00	8,000.00	-
High Resolution Aerial Photography		-	40,000.00	40,000.00	34,290.00
Desktop Infrastructure Replacement		-	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
Wireless Network		80,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00	-
iPhone/iPad Replacement		-	45,000.00	45,000.00	-
DMZ		15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
FD Online		15,621.00	-	15,621.00	-
SAN Fabric Replacement		-	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
Virtual Desktop Infrastructure		-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Scanners		-	30,000.00	30,000.00	16,850.00
<b>Total Information Technology</b>		<b>1,108,977.00</b>	<b>2,003,000.00</b>	<b>3,111,977.00</b>	<b>1,095,975.57</b>
<b>Animal Control</b>					
Laidley Saleyards Stage 3 LGGSP		42,032.00	-	42,032.00	9,100.00
<b>Total Animal Control</b>		<b>42,032.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,032.00</b>	<b>9,100.00</b>
<b>Arts and Culture</b>					
Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre		-	-	-	2,510.68
<b>Total Arts and Culture</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,510.68</b>
<b>Community Facilities Management</b>					
Gatton Donations Building		60,000.00	-	60,000.00	-
Helidon Donations Building		10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Laidley Multi Purpose Community Centre		-	-	-	5,165.00
Laidley Cultural Centre Refurbishment		100,000.00	200,000.00	300,000.00	166,494.19
Lake Apex Master Plan Implementation		-	-	-	184.82
Gatton Administration Building-Lift installation		-	-	-	28,850.00
Buildings & Facilities Asset Management		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	21,000.00
Gatton SES Building Upgrade		-	-	-	18.63
<b>Total Community Facilities Management</b>		<b>170,000.00</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>420,000.00</b>	<b>221,712.64</b>
<b>Civic Halls</b>					
Laidley Cultural Centre		-	-	-	35,292.55
Gatton Shire Hall		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,441.52
Laidley Multipurpose Community		-	1,070,000.00	1,070,000.00	3,600.00
Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
Grantham Butter Factory		-	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
<b>Total Civic Halls</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>1,230,000.00</b>	<b>1,230,000.00</b>	<b>48,334.07</b>
<b>Public Conveniences</b>					
Glenore Grove Village Toilets		20,000.00	-	20,000.00	18,791.60
Lake Apex Toilets \$150K Total		-	-	-	18,994.07
<b>Total Public Conveniences</b>		<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>20,000.00</b>	<b>37,785.67</b>
<b>Sport &amp; Recreational Facilities</b>					
Springbrook Park Sports Field - New Car Park		75,000.00	-	75,000.00	-
Progress Park - Helidon		-	-	-	5,328.44
Ropehill Community Centre Oval Fence		43,000.00	-	43,000.00	4,088.50
Gatton Aquatic Centre Complex		-	-	-	716,473.57
Lake Dyer Amenities \$20K		33,000.00	-	33,000.00	17,267.83
Lake Dyer Storage Shed		-	-	-	7,639.65
Laidley Swimming Pool Complex		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	26,800.00
Laidley Recreation Reserve		-	-	-	2,100.00
Gatton Aquatic Centre Complex		3,673,274.00	5,710,000.00	9,383,274.00	1,581,107.95
Lake Dyer Amenity Building		-	-	-	5,519.66
Cahill Park Netball Courts Refurbishment		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
Cahill Park-new Storage Building (subject to contribution)		5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
Cahill Park-Upgrade Power & Lighting to storage Building		5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
Implementation of Sport & Recreation Recommendations		-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
<b>Total Sport &amp; Recreational Facilities</b>		<b>3,834,274.00</b>	<b>5,830,000.00</b>	<b>9,664,274.00</b>	<b>2,366,325.60</b>
<b>Council Properties</b>					
Gatton Administration Building		-	-	-	102.62
Gatton Regional Office Refurbishment		15,000.00	50,000.00	65,000.00	23.64
Gatton Regional Centre Renovations		161,000.00	200,000.00	361,000.00	21,086.50
Emergency Helipad Lake Clarendon		-	-	-	7,777.08
<b>Total Council Properties</b>		<b>176,000.00</b>	<b>250,000.00</b>	<b>426,000.00</b>	<b>28,989.84</b>
<b>Waste Minimisation</b>					
Waste Minimisation-Other Asset		-	-	-	4,660.41
<b>Total Waste Minimisation</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,660.41</b>

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<b>Waste Disposal</b>					
Gatton Landfill		408,192.00	-	408,192.00	1,795.00
Gatton Landfill - Landscaping		-	-	-	8,044.35
Gatton Landfill Plant & Storage Shed		30,000.00	-	30,000.00	3,415.00
Tip Shop Gatton L/Fill		29,000.00	-	29,000.00	2,177.27
Transfer Bins & Infra - Road Base		-	-	-	22,255.27
Transfer Bins & Infra - Construction		-	-	-	54,801.55
Gatton Landfill Roadworks		246,778.00	50,000.00	296,778.00	223,673.13
Grantham Sewerage Treatment Plant		-	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Lockrose Transfer Station		-	100,000.00	100,000.00	-
Fencing for Transfer Stations		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
Laidley Transfer Station - new monitoring bore		-	15,000.00	15,000.00	-
Gatton Recycling Shop		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
LVRC Signage		9,517.00	20,000.00	29,517.00	-
Transfer Stations Landscaping		20,295.00	35,000.00	55,295.00	-
Transfer Station Upgrades		-	30,000.00	30,000.00	-
<b>Total Waste Disposal</b>		<b>743,782.00</b>	<b>385,000.00</b>	<b>1,128,782.00</b>	<b>316,161.57</b>
<b>Gatton Child Care Centre</b>					
WIP - Gatton Child Care		12,184.00	-	12,184.00	30,646.50
<b>Total Gatton Child Care Centre</b>		<b>12,184.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,184.00</b>	<b>30,646.50</b>
<b>Public Order &amp; Safety</b>					
New Laidley CCTV System		214,000.00	-	214,000.00	4,800.00
<b>Total Public Order &amp; Safety</b>		<b>214,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>214,000.00</b>	<b>4,800.00</b>
<b>Community Housing</b>					
Frome Street Crisis Care House - Renewal Bathroom/Landry		14,000.00	-	14,000.00	-
Clarkes Lane Units - Renew Bathroom & Paint Landings		10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Cochrane Street Units - Install Reinforced Concrete Drain		18,000.00	-	18,000.00	-
<b>Total Community Housing</b>		<b>42,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL CORPORATE &amp; COMMUNITY SERVICES 2013 - 2014</b>		<b>6,363,249.00</b>	<b>9,948,000.00</b>	<b>16,311,249.00</b>	<b>4,167,002.55</b>
<b>Executive Office</b>					
<b>Major Projects</b>					
Grantham Estate Sewerage Stage 1		-	-	-	-
Grantham Estate Works Stage 2A		-	-	-	20,316.82
Land Acquisition - Grantham		-	289,000.00	289,000.00	262,727.27
<b>Total Major Projects</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>289,000.00</b>	<b>289,000.00</b>	<b>283,044.09</b>
<b>Executive Office</b>					
Grantham Beautification Works		-	-	-	30,947.82
<b>Total Executive Office</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,947.82</b>
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE 2013 - 2014</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>289,000.00</b>	<b>289,000.00</b>	<b>313,991.91</b>
<b>Governance and Performance</b>					
<b>Disaster Management</b>					
Disaster Management Equipment		-	-	-	120.00
Grantham Electronic Warning System		-	30,000.00	30,000.00	65,000.00
<b>Total Disaster Management</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>65,120.00</b>
<b>SES</b>					
Improvements to S.E.S. Headquarters		-	454,869.00	454,869.00	357,292.29
Air Conditioner Forest Hill		-	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Laptop Laidley		-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Furniture Laidley		-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Lockers Laidley & Forest Hill		-	5,500.00	5,500.00	-
Street Signs & Building Signs		-	2,000.00	2,000.00	-
Fit out Donated Van		-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Flammable Liquid Cupboard		-	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
Block/Concrete Sand Bays x 3		-	4,500.00	4,500.00	-
Mobile Phones		-	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
Forest Hill SES Building Improvement		-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
River Gauges		-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Mobile Depot Command Centre		-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Tool Kit, Satellite Phone Car Kit, Signage Coordination Centre		-	8,800.00	8,800.00	-
Building Improvements Laidley SES		50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-
<b>Total SES</b>		<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>539,669.00</b>	<b>589,669.00</b>	<b>357,292.29</b>
<b>Information Management</b>					
Upgrade Records Management System Stage 2		218,905.00	100,000.00	318,905.00	42,881.38
Records Clean Up		-	60,000.00	60,000.00	-
Information System - Capital Purchases		7,000.00	-	7,000.00	-
<b>Total Information Management</b>		<b>225,905.00</b>	<b>160,000.00</b>	<b>385,905.00</b>	<b>42,881.38</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Executive Operations</b>					
Laidley Administration Office		93,000.00	200,000.00	293,000.00	-
Disaster Coordination & Training Centre Fit out		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
<b>Total Administration &amp; Executive Operations</b>		<b>93,000.00</b>	<b>210,000.00</b>	<b>303,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL GOVERNANCE &amp; PERFORMANCE 2013 - 2014</b>		<b>368,905.00</b>	<b>939,669.00</b>	<b>1,308,574.00</b>	<b>465,293.67</b>
<b>Infrastructure Works and Services</b>					
<b>Parks and Open Spaces</b>					
Jean Biggs Parks Withcott		2,170.00	-	2,170.00	11.45
Lake Apex Park Gatton		4,133.00	-	4,133.00	3,839.25
Lake Apex Master plan		-	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Parks & Infrastructure Replacement Program		-	20,000.00	20,000.00	-
Forest Hill Recreation Reserve		-	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Gatton CBD Streetscape - replace Lights		20,000.00	-	20,000.00	-
<b>Total Parks and Open Spaces</b>		<b>26,303.00</b>	<b>99,000.00</b>	<b>125,303.00</b>	<b>3,850.70</b>
<b>Capital Program Delivery</b>					
Footpath Renewal		15,000.00	-	15,000.00	-
North Street - Footpath		3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-
Western Drive		-	118,000.00	118,000.00	37,001.60
Patrick St - Footpaths		-	15,000.00	15,000.00	11,684.68
John St South Footpath Renewal		-	16,800.00	16,800.00	23,068.60
William Street - Footpaths		16,600.00	-	16,600.00	19,723.56
Spencer Street - Footpaths		18,300.00	-	18,300.00	18,724.21
Airforce Road (0-0.25km) - 239/LGSR/5		192,544.00	-	192,544.00	65,765.49
Brightview Road		-	-	-	15,413.25

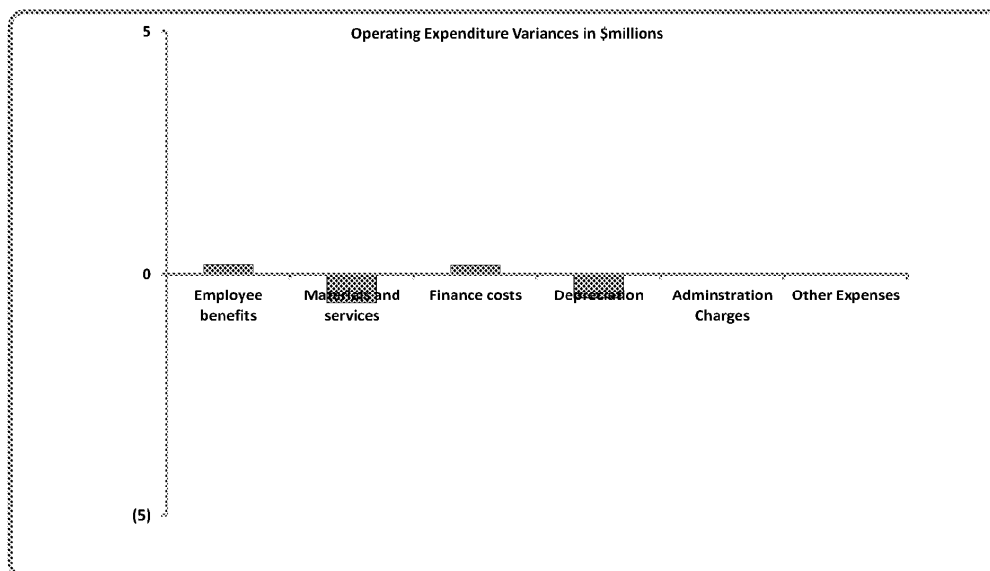
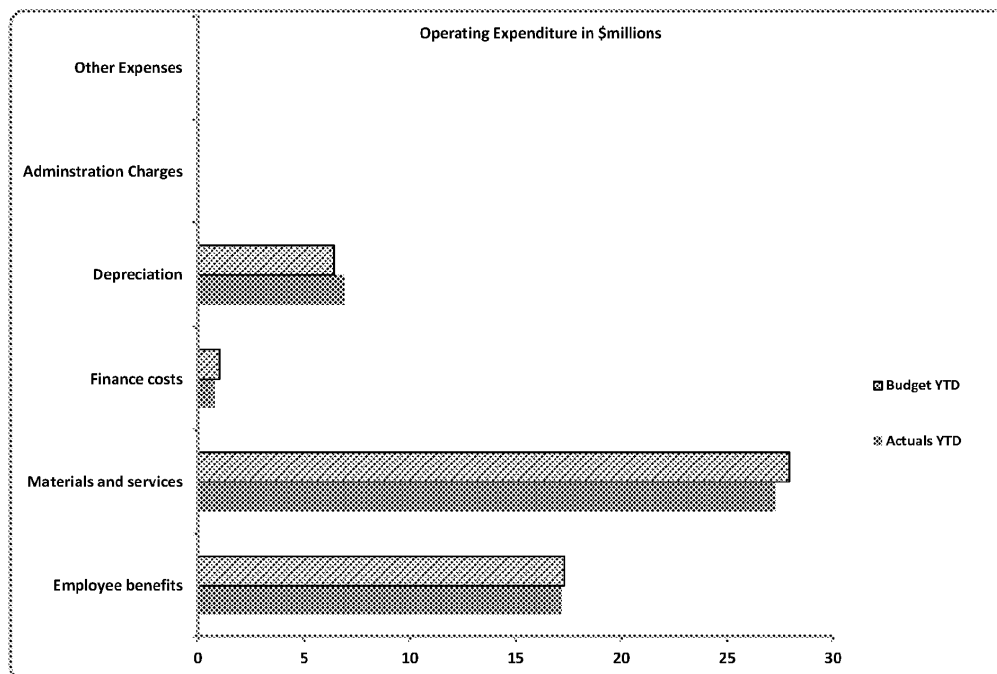
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Long Gully Road		70,000.00	84,000.00	154,000.00	73,940.35
Old Toowoomba Road		-	125,776.00	125,776.00	10,181.37
Huntingdale Crescent		-	84,361.00	84,361.00	3,632.65
Hogers Road		-	3,740.00	3,740.00	385.69
Ropeley Rockside Road		-	194,100.00	194,100.00	41,555.92
Flagstone Creek Road		-	207,700.00	207,700.00	33,917.82
Spa Water Road		-	198,325.00	198,325.00	30,996.37
Glenore Grove State School Bus Set Down - 239/LGSH/18		25,938.00	-	25,938.00	10,370.04
Response Trailers Signs		32,000.00	-	32,000.00	31,813.36
Sign & Line marking		35,000.00	-	35,000.00	-
DA1873 Summer Street		40,000.00	-	40,000.00	-
Hickey Street Pathway & Lighting LGGSP		-	-	-	15,514.84
Brightview Road - Rehab&Widen TID (0-12km) 239/LGRS/8		96,705.00	-	96,705.00	62,026.23
Gehrke Road - Rehab&Widen TIDS		-	-	-	13,652.84
Woodlands Road - Rehab & Widening (10.80-12km) - 239/LGRS/3		61,805.00	-	61,805.00	78,434.86
Rosewood - Laidley Road - 238/LGSJ/7 - Black spot		202,880.00	-	202,880.00	-
Victor Street		10,000.00	-	10,000.00	10,421.68
Victor St - Car park Butter Factory		230,000.00	-	230,000.00	40,675.35
Patrick Street Footpath New		-	27,500.00	27,500.00	26,509.28
John Street South Footpath		-	25,500.00	25,500.00	11,113.22
Spatial Definition of Urban Flow Paths (LGGSP 10046-07-048)		36,295.00	-	36,295.00	36,524.79
Lakes Drive Drainage Upgrade		51,413.00	-	51,413.00	912.50
Douglas McInnes Drive Drainage Upgrade		116,575.00	-	116,575.00	1,075.00
Summer Street Drainage Upgrade		-	-	-	977.50
Forest Hill Levee LGGSP Flood-further investigation and design Ref 10046-07-050		307,874.00	3,172,880.00	3,480,754.00	70,887.11
Forest Hill Flood Study (NDRP Ref 2123)		34,990.00	-	34,990.00	46.88
Challenge Avenue Mitigation (LGFRS 10046-01-054)		200,000.00	-	200,000.00	-
Laidley Breakout Levee Feasibility LGGSP Ref 10046-07-051		465,300.00	-	465,300.00	63,814.65
Creek Capacity Improvement Withcott LGGSP		-	521,000.00	521,000.00	22,866.54
Laidley Main Drainage System LGGSP-Laidley Flood Master plan (LGFRS 101046-01-054)		154,894.00	300,000.00	454,894.00	22,360.84
Drainage Easement Program		-	250,000.00	250,000.00	-
East Egypt Road		-	-	-	10,700.80
Thistlewait Bridge		650,000.00	650,000.00	1,300,000.00	5,740.00
Jones Road Culvert		-	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Wiggins Streets New Footpath		-	-	-	10,953.33
Tenthill Creek Road Asphalt Surfacing		-	-	-	77,808.68
Patrick Street Footpath		-	-	-	97.27
Flagstone Creek Road Reseal		-	-	-	756.28
Spa Water Road Reseal		-	-	-	3,186.99
Hickey Street Pathway & Lighting LGGSP		-	-	-	96,941.96
Laidley District State School Car Park		-	-	-	851.69
Lockyer High Bus Set Down Facility Extension		-	103,000.00	103,000.00	4,197.04
Ropely Rockside Road Reseal		-	-	-	2,052.17
Sandy Creek Road Reseal		-	-	-	724.72
Old Toowoomba Road Reseal		-	-	-	100,105.01
Tenthill Road Intersection		72,285.00	-	72,285.00	-
Walnut Drive Extension - RTR		-	-	-	3,156.27
Storr Street Drain - LGGSP		-	-	-	2,451.52
Narda Levee - LGGSP		-	-	-	28,345.46
Quigleys Road Upgrade - Contribution		-	-	-	35,000.00
Laidley District State School Car Park		-	232,000.00	232,000.00	-
Jones Road		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
Crescent Street Gaton		-	320,000.00	320,000.00	-
William Street Gaton		-	200,000.00	200,000.00	-
Lakeview Accommodation Precinct Civil Works		-	1,030,000.00	1,030,000.00	2,539.22
Hartz Road Iredale		-	77,000.00	77,000.00	-
Fifteen Mile Road Fifteen Mile		-	117,000.00	117,000.00	-
Sandy Creek Road Grantham		-	105,000.00	105,000.00	-
Jones Road Withcott		-	78,000.00	78,000.00	-
William/North Street Gaton		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
Gehrke Road/Mountain View Road Intersection		-	35,000.00	35,000.00	-
Jamieson Road Gaton		-	34,920.00	34,920.00	-
Sandy Creek Road Grantham		-	133,200.00	133,200.00	-
Guardrail upgrade Program		-	140,000.00	140,000.00	-
Blackduck Creek Road Floodway Widening		150,000.00	-	150,000.00	-
Flagstone Creek Road Culvert Extensions		43,000.00	-	43,000.00	-
Peters Bridge		30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-
Stockyard Creek Road Widening		90,000.00	-	90,000.00	-
Rockmount Road		30,000.00	-	30,000.00	-
Hogers Road Reseal (Capital Program)		-	-	-	8,287.38
Tenthill Creek Road Culvert		-	-	-	2,681.34
Regency Downs Risk Management Study LGGSP		-	-	-	640.00
Laidley CDB Levee LGGSP		-	-	-	960.00
<b>Total Capital Program Delivery</b>		<b>3,482,398.00</b>	<b>8,899,802.00</b>	<b>12,382,200.00</b>	<b>1,304,166.21</b>
<b>Infrastructure Recovery</b>					
Emergency Helipad Lake Clarendon		105,000.00	-	105,000.00	39,951.00
Infrastructure Recovery Furniture & Fittings		-	-	-	1,224.52
Thistlewait Bridge		-	-	-	1,551.00
<b>Total Infrastructure Recovery</b>		<b>105,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>105,000.00</b>	<b>42,726.52</b>
<b>Stormwater &amp; Drainage</b>					
Helendale Road, Table Drain & Main Channel		10,000.00	235,103.00	245,103.00	-
Regency Downs Flood Study (LGGSP Ref 10046-07-049)		124,035.00	-	124,035.00	-
Gaton Trunk Drainage Study (NIP 1826)		12,500.00	-	12,500.00	-
<b>Total Stormwater &amp; Drainage</b>		<b>146,535.00</b>	<b>235,103.00</b>	<b>381,638.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Depot</b>					
Two-way Radio/UHF Radios		24,136.00	-	24,136.00	-
Gaton Depot Fuel Tank		25,114.00	-	25,114.00	40.59
Shelter Structures for Workmen		-	-	-	446.82
Gaton Depot Security Fencing		-	40,000.00	40,000.00	-
Relocation of ULP Bowser		-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Loose Tools & Equipment		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Budgets Savings		-	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
<b>Total Depot</b>		<b>49,250.00</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>99,250.00</b>	<b>487.41</b>
<b>Fleet</b>					
Fleet Capital Works		-	-	-	13.64
Capital Plant Purchases		-	-	-	1,197,767.76
Individual Plant Purchases		1,226,555.00	-	1,226,555.00	139,295.70
Excavation Welfare Trailer		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
4x2 Truck fitted with flocon type body and spreader		-	350,000.00	350,000.00	-
Crew cab tipper 8,000kg RGVM (Parks & Open Spaces)		-	85,000.00	85,000.00	-
Crew cab tipper 8,000kg RGVM (Infra Delivery)		-	85,000.00	85,000.00	-

SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL WORKS	NEW / RENEWAL	2012/2013 Carry Over Budget	2013/2014 BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET 2013/2014	YEAR TO DATE \$ CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
4wd Backhoe		-	180,000.00	180,000.00	-
80hp 4wd Cab Tractor		-	85,000.00	85,000.00	-
Mowing & Slashing Equipment		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
Dual cab 4wd style Side Ute		-	39,000.00	39,000.00	-
Dual cab 4wd style Side Ute - Roads Forman		-	39,000.00	39,000.00	-
Dual cab 4wd style Side Ute - Roads Ganger		-	38,000.00	38,000.00	-
4 cylinder Auto Hatch		-	23,000.00	23,000.00	-
4 cylinder Auto Hatch		-	23,000.00	23,000.00	-
Communication Equipment		-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
9m3 6x4 Tip Truck fitted with towing equipment		-	270,000.00	270,000.00	-
9m3 6x4 Tip Truck fitted with towing equipment		-	270,000.00	270,000.00	-
Fit out Fire Truck P429		-	-	-	24,560.76
Emergency Signage Trailer 741		-	-	-	1,216.94
Emergency Signage Trailer 742		-	-	-	891.16
Pramac Generator - Depot		-	-	-	282.71
Pramac Generator - Cultural Centre		-	-	-	267.65
300KVA Diesel powered backup Generator for Gatton Office		13,636.00	-	13,636.00	-
Small Plant - Infrastructure Delivery		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Small Plant - Parks & Open Spaces		-	10,000.00	10,000.00	-
Budget Savings		-	400,000.00	400,000.00	-
<b>Total Fleet</b>		<b>1,240,191.00</b>	<b>1,172,000.00</b>	<b>2,412,191.00</b>	<b>1,364,296.32</b>
<b>TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS &amp; SERVICES 2013 - 2014</b>		<b>5,049,677.00</b>	<b>10,455,905.00</b>	<b>15,505,582.00</b>	<b>2,715,527.16</b>
<b>Planning and Development Services</b>					
<b>Planning &amp; Executive Management</b>					
Gatton Revitalisation		-	90,000.00	90,000.00	-
Laidley Revitalisation		-	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
<b>Total Planning &amp; Executive Management</b>		-	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	-
<b>Regional Development Management</b>					
Master Planning Projects Industrial Land & Warrego - GWIZ		98,180.00	-	98,180.00	48,380.75
Regional Development Capital		-	-	-	88,337.54
<b>Total Regional Development Management</b>		<b>98,180.00</b>	-	<b>98,180.00</b>	<b>136,718.29</b>
<b>Tourism Initiatives</b>					
Tourism - Other Asset Purchases		5,549.00	-	5,549.00	12,703.64
Gatton Historical Society		411.00	-	411.00	-
<b>Total Tourism Initiatives</b>		<b>5,960.00</b>	-	<b>5,960.00</b>	<b>12,703.64</b>
<b>Qld Transport Museum</b>					
Transport Museum-Lake Apex		-	-	-	28.19
<b>Total Qld Transport Museum</b>		-	-	-	<b>28.19</b>
<b>Economic Development</b>					
Other Equipment - Regional Development		-	-	-	5,799.69
<b>Total Economic Development</b>		-	-	-	<b>5,799.69</b>
<b>Environment Resilience &amp; Recovery</b>					
Grantham Asbestos Removal		-	300,000.00	300,000.00	4,787.03
<b>Total Environment Resilience &amp; Recovery</b>		-	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>300,000.00</b>	<b>4,787.03</b>
<b>Events &amp; Promotional</b>					
Events Promotion Stands		5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
<b>Total Events &amp; Promotional</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>	-	<b>5,000.00</b>	-
<b>TOTAL PLANNING &amp; DEVELOPMENT SERVICES 2013 - 2014</b>		<b>109,140.00</b>	<b>440,000.00</b>	<b>549,140.00</b>	<b>160,036.84</b>
<b>Organisational Development &amp; Engagement</b>					
<b>Staging Post Cafe</b>					
Staging Post Cafe Equipment		-	-	-	3,510.75
Back of House Conversion		5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
<b>Total Staging Post Cafe</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>	-	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>3,510.75</b>
<b>TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT &amp; ENGAGEMENT 2013 - 2014</b>		<b>5,000.00</b>	-	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>3,510.75</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS 2013 - 2014</b>		<b>11,895,971.00</b>	<b>22,072,574.00</b>	<b>33,968,545.00</b>	<b>7,825,362.88</b>

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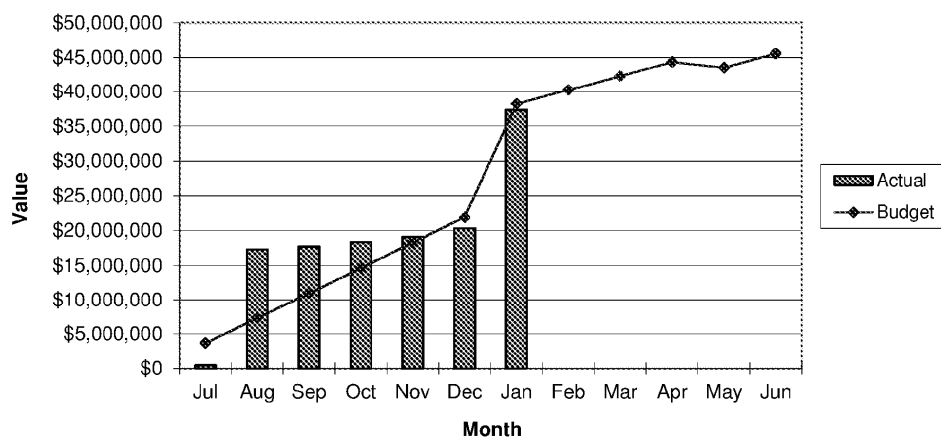


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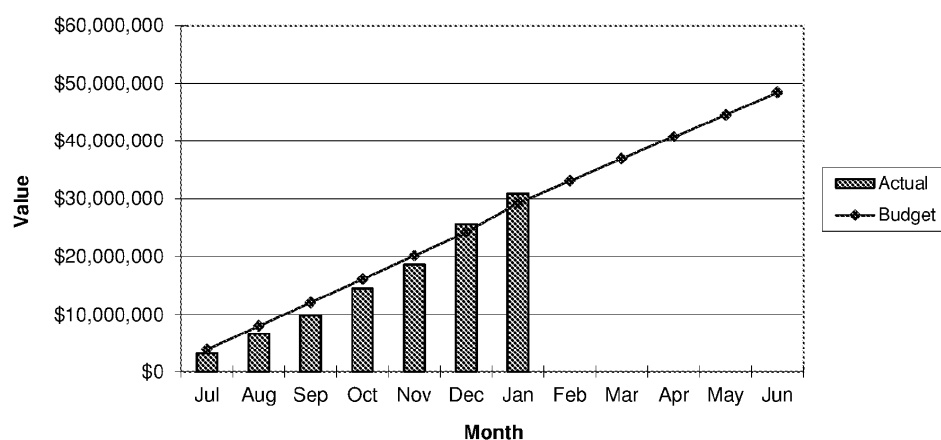


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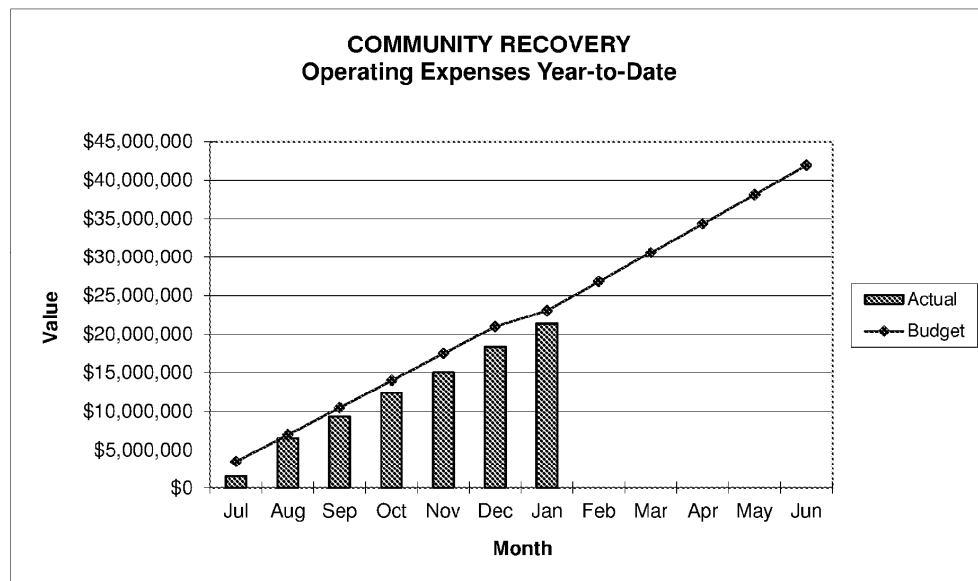
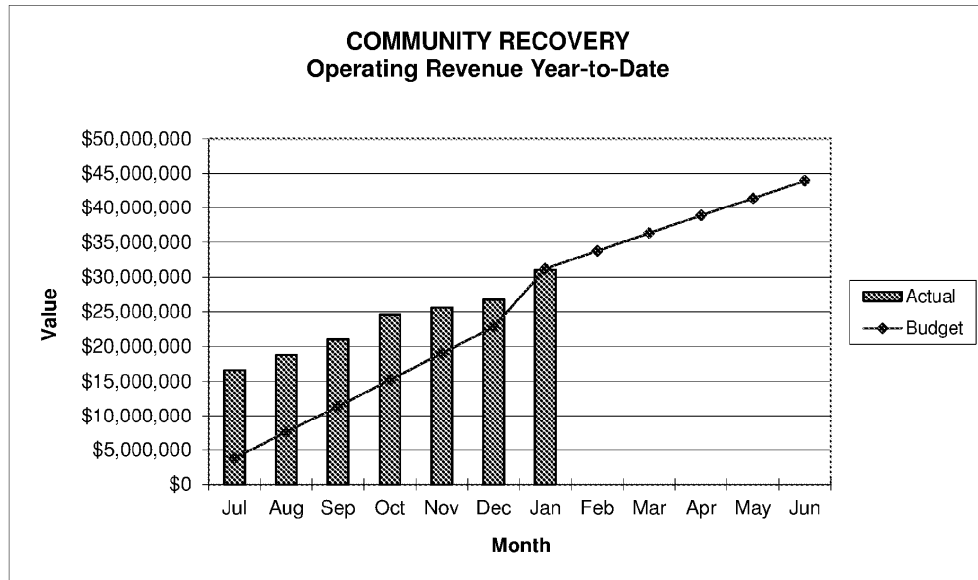
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### 13. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

#### 13.1 2014 Event Calendar Review

**Date:** 19 February 2014  
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**Responsible Officer:** Mark Piorkowski, Executive Manager Planning & Development Services  
**File No:** Formal Papers

#### Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the changes discussed at the Councillor Workshop on 12 February 2014 with regard to the delivery of the 2014 Event Calendar. The recommended changes will make better use of Council resources, realise efficiencies and achieve the best value for Council's investment.

#### Officer's Recommendation:

#### **THAT Council endorse the following:**

1. **Lockyer Powerfest, 28 & 29 June** – In the event that the power boat racing at Lake Dyer is cancelled, Council's financial support of the value add Street Party event be limited. That Council commit funds in the 2014/15 budget to the Street Party as a value add event to Lockyer Powerfest.
2. **Seniors Week (16 – 24 August)** – The Gatton Luncheon is retained in the current format and the Laidley Morning Tea is built up to be a second major event in the program.
3. **Council Race Day (30 August)** – Retain two marquees, one for staff only and one for sponsors only. A communication strategy to be prepared to set the standards required at this event.
4. **Tastes of the Lockyer (August)** – Remove this event from the calendar.
5. **Laidley Spring Festival (11 – 13 September)** – Entertainment remain at the Laidley Recreation Reserve. A meeting to be held with the Laidley business community to discuss involvement regarding festival delivery.
6. **Health and Wellbeing Expo (October)** – Keep the event in October with preference being given to the first weekend.
7. **Oktoberfest (October)** - Remove from the event calendar. Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre staff to deliver an Oktoberfest theme during the month of October.
8. **Lockyer Valley Fun Run (October)** – Council to open negotiations with UQ Gatton to partner with the UQ Fun Run and build capacity of this existing event.
9. **Gatton Christmas Carnival (11 December)** – A further briefing note covering regional Christmas events and options for the Gatton Christmas Carnival to be presented to a Councillor workshop in March.

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## Report

### 1. Introduction

The 2014 Event Calendar is a document detailing all events either delivered by Council or heavily supported by Council in a calendar year. Each year an annual review is held giving opportunity to make better use of Council resources, realise efficiencies and achieve the best value from Council's investment.

### 2. Background

A briefing note was presented to a Councillor workshop on 12 February where each event was discussed and recommendations made.

### 3. Report

A review of the event calendar identified the following opportunities:

- Lockyer Powerfest (28 & 29 June) – In the event that the power boat racing at Lake Dyer is cancelled due to water levels at the venue, Council's financial support of the value add Street Party event be limited. Any entertainment and equipment already booked will need to be covered, however the cancellation of the power boat racing is to be negotiated as early as possible to avoid unnecessary expense to Council. It is advised that Council commit funds in the 2014/15 budget to fund the Street Party as a value add event to Lockyer Powerfest.
- Seniors Week (16 – 24 August) – The Gatton Luncheon is retained in the current format with increased capacity at the venue and that the Laidley Morning Tea is built up to be a second major event in the program.
- Council Race Day (30 August) – Retain two marquees, one for staff only and one for sponsors only. A communication strategy is to be developed with Dan McPherson, Executive Manager of Organisational Development and Engagement to set the standards required at this event.
- Tastes of the Lockyer (August) – Remove this event from the calendar with resources utilised at Trade Shows such as Regional Flavours, Ekka and Good Food and Wine Show.
- Laidley Spring Festival (11 – 13 September) – Entertainment is to remain at the Laidley Recreation Reserve, with clusters of stalls, children's activities and roving entertainment in the Patrick Street precinct. The road closure is to proceed as per 2013 with the street parade at 1pm. A meeting is to be held with the Laidley business community inviting them to be involved in the delivery of the festival.
- Health and Wellbeing Expo (October) – Keep the event in October with preference being given to the first weekend.

- Oktoberfest (October) - Remove from the event calendar and Regional Development to work with the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre staff to deliver an Oktoberfest theme during the month of October.
- Lockyer Valley Fun Run (October) – Council is to open negotiations with UQ Gatton to partner with the UQ Fun Run and build capacity of this existing event.
- Gatton Christmas Carnival (11 December) – A further briefing note covering regional Christmas events and options for the Gatton Christmas Carnival to be presented to a Councillor workshop in March.

#### **4. Policy and Legal Implications**

Policy and legal implications will be addressed in future on matters that arise before Council.

#### **5. Financial and Resource Implications**

Adoption of the recommendations contained in this report will be managed through the 2013/14 financial year budget.

The recommendation to commit funds for the Lockyer Powerfest Street Party will impact on the 2014/2015 budget deliberations.

A budget of \$6,000 is allocated to Lockyer Powerfest this financial year; however costs from the previous year have impacted, leaving a current balance of \$3,304 for the 2014 event. Should the power boats be cancelled, some costs will still be attributed to cancellation fees; however a saving of \$1,500 minimum has been identified.

#### **6. Delegations/Authorisations**

No further delegations are required to manage the issues raised in this report.

#### **7. Communication and Engagement**

The matters arising from this report that require further communication and engagement will be addressed through existing channels.

#### **8. Conclusion**

The recommendations of this report will allow Council to provide more efficient and effective rollout of the 2014 Event Calendar.

#### **9. Action**

The 2014 Event Calendar is amended

#### **Attachments**

1 Events & Marketing Workload 1 Page

2014 Events & Marketing Workload Calendar													
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Ongoing Workload</b>													
Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre Marketing & Strategies													
Old Transport Museum Marketing & Strategies													
Tourism Marketing & Strategies													
Event Infrastructure - Equipment Hire													
Community event assistance													
<b>Events - Council organised and supported</b>													
<b>Event listing</b>		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Australia Day Awards	26-Jan	26											
Australia Day Event	26-Jan	26											
Lockyer Race Day													
Lights on the Hill Convoy	22-Feb		22										
Clean Up Australia	2-Mar			2									
Gatton Street Sprints	14-16-Mar			14-16									
Lockyer Race Day - Crimestoppers	15-Mar			15									
Lockyer Multicultural Festival	22-Mar			22									
Big Day In (event #601)	5-Apr				5								
Royal Easter Show	7-24 Apr				7-24								
Laidley Heritage Weekend	12-13-Apr				12-13								
Gemboree - National Gem Festival	18-21 Apr				18-21								
Anzac Day Services - Laidley & Gatton (main), Helidon (supported), others supported by advertising only	25-Apr				25								
Mayoral Speech Contest	27-Apr				27								
Lockyer Valley Heritage Festival incorporating the Gatton Heavy Horses	3-4-May					3-4							
Trade Show - Brisbane Truck Show (bi-ennial)	2015												
Lockyer Antique Motor Assoc Swap Meet	18-May					18							
Lockyer Race Day	22-May					22							
Lockyer Valley Rural Lifestyle Expo	23-24-May					23-24							
Lockyer Race Club - Gatton Cup, Country Qld Showcase Series	9-Jun						9						
Trade Show - Caravan and Camping Expo	4-10-June						4-10						
Lockyer Powerfest	28-29-June						28-29						
Laidley Show	5-6-Jul							5-6					
Lockyer Race Day	TBC												
Gatton Show	18-19-Jul							18-19					
National Tree Day	27-Jul							27					
Regional Flavours	19-20 Jul							19-20					
Ma Ma Creek Exhibition and Bush Dance / Show	26-Jul							26					
Trade Show - Brisbane Ekka	8-17 Aug							8-17					
Helidon Heritage Fair	10-Aug							10					
Seniors Week	16-24 Aug							16-24					
Faith Fair Plainland	23-Aug							23					
Lockyer Valley Regional Council Race Day	30-Aug							30					
Tidy Towns Awards	Aug												
Garden competition	9-Sep									9			
Laidley Spring Festival	11-13-Sep									11-13			
Big Band at Spring Bluff	21-Sep									21			
HCVAQ Truck Show	28-29 Sept									28-29			
Lockyer Valley Fun Run	October												
Lockyer Race Day	TBC												
Health and Well Being Expo	12-Oct										12		
Lockyer Valley Off Road 300	17-19-Oct										17-19		
Trade Show - Good Food & Wine Show	17-19 Oct										17-19		
LV Business, Trainee and Apprenticeship Awards	25-Oct										25		
Celtic Festival, Helidon	26-Oct										26		
Christmas in the Country Art & Craft Show	6-8-Nov											6-8	
Gatton Christmas Carnival	11-Dec												11
Laidley Christmas Events - Dates TBC	December												5-6
Forest Hill Christmas Festivities	12-Dec												12
Withcott Community Carols	13-Dec												13
<b>Remove</b>													
Tastes in the Lockyer													
Oktoberfest -TBC	TBC												
<b>Key</b>													
Supported Community Event													
Council run Major Event													
Supporting other council department													

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## 13.2

### Water Supply Services Legislation Amendment Bill

**Date:** 19 February 2014  
**Author:** Garath Wilson, Senior Strategic Planner  
**Responsible Officer:** Mark Piorkowski, Executive Manager Planning & Development Services  
**File No:** Formal Papers

#### Summary:

Since 2010, all water and sewerage assets within the Lockyer Valley, with the exception of infrastructure at Grantham, have been under the control of Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU). However, Councils have retained responsibility through assessment of development applications for the assessment and conditioning of QUU assets. This has occurred despite these powers being granted to QUU under the delegated assessment model provided for by the transitional arrangements of the *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act, 2009* (SEQW Act).

From 1 July 2014 the Delegated Assessment Model will cease to have effect and the QUU will have responsibility for assessment of proposals and the conditioning of approvals for their assets. This approach is referred to as the Utility Model. To enact these powers the *Water Supply Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2014* (WSSLA Bill) has been tabled in parliament. This report provides Council with an overview of the Bill and advises of some important aspects of the Utility Model which may impact Council.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT Council receive the Water Supply Services Legislation Amendment Bill Report and note its contents.**

#### Report

##### 1. Introduction

The *Water Supply Services Legislation Amendment Bill 2014* (WSSLA Bill) was introduced into parliament on 11 February 2014. This report provides a background to the objectives of the Bill and details some of the changes for Council which will result when it becomes law.

##### 2. Background

Since the commencement of the *South-East Queensland Water (Distribution and Retail Restructuring) Act, 2009* (SEQW Act) in 2010, and the subsequent hand-over of Council water and waste water assets to Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU), the assessment and conditioning of development applications with regard to QUU assets has been managed by Council under the Delegated Assessment Model by virtue of the mandatory delegation of these powers to Council. Effectively this has meant that Council has retained assessment and conditioning powers which existed prior to the

creation of QUU, although in reality the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, without experienced water supply and sewerage engineers, has referred development applications to QUU for technical advice, assessment and the setting of conditions regarding water supply and sewerage matters. This practice has occurred in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and QUU.

The SEQW Act provides that the Delegated Assessment Model is a temporary and transitional management model which was only intended to meet the needs of a limited transitional period. Although it provides QUU with approval powers for water supply and sewerage elements of development, the approach under the MOU means that the Delegated Assessment Model is not in effect in terms of actual practices.

The alternative model of permitting distributor retailers, including QUU, to separately exercise the full suite of assessment and conditioning powers is commonly referred to as the Utility Model. The move to the Utility Model was to have taken effect on 1 July, 2013 however it will now take effect from 1 July, 2014. The WSSLA Bill has been introduced to parliament to provide for the Utility Model and is the last legislative step in the restructuring of water distribution and retailing in Queensland.

### 3. Report

The WSSLA Bill has been introduced by the State Government as part of its ongoing commitment to growing a Four Pillar economy, reducing business and government costs through red tape and regulation reduction. In conjunction with this commitment is the State Government's goal of continued transparency, accountability and autonomy for local governments.

As such, the objectives of the WSSLA Bill are to:

#### 1. Provide a streamlined process for water and sewerage connection approvals (utility model) for South East Queensland (SEQ) distributor-retailers

The introduction of the Utility Model to replace the Delegated Assessment Model allows distributor retailers, including QUU to have direct control of new connections in the development approval process. The model is to commence on 1 July 2014, however it is likely to be amended before commencement to align with the outcomes of the State Government's Infrastructure Charging and Planning Reform Reviews.

The detailed operational aspects of the Utility Model are unclear at this time however the WSSLA Bill provides for:

- merging of the need for two approvals under the *Water Supply (Safety and Reliability) Act 2008* (WSA Act) and the *Sustainable Planning Act 2009* (SPA);
- staged water connection approvals for large developments;
- use of accredited third parties to certify works;

- agreements about conditions of a water approval to enable an applicant and a distributor retailer to establish the obligations of a condition;
- water netserv plans and connections policies which will link planning schemes, connections requirements and charging framework;
- infrastructure conditions, adopted infrastructure charges notices and infrastructure agreements which will mirror the SPA;
- enforcement and compliance;
- appeals and internal reviews, and
- transitional arrangements related to how and who will manage development applications received before 1 July 2014.

## **2. Transform the regulation of water and sewerage service providers**

The WSLAA Bill provides for the transformation of the current regulatory framework through a change in focus from process to outcomes and transparency. As a result there is a stronger focus on performance management and planning, reporting and in particular customer service standards and performance reporting. The WSSLA Bill also proposes penalties to be used where a service provider, such as QUU, fails to maintain certain customer service standards, provide reports etc. This aspect will be administered and enforced through Department of Energy and Water Supply (DEWS).

## **3. Reduce the regulatory burden on recycled water providers**

The changes proposed by the WSLA Bill will allow lower risk schemes to be registered and Recycled Water Management Plans will only be required for higher risk use, that is, augmentation of drinking water, dual reticulation and use of minimally processed food crops.

## **4. Improve the operation of distribution and retail water businesses in SEQ by removing the requirement to publish draft charges, and increasing the number of councillors allowed on distributor-retailer boards**

## **5. Enable authorised persons appointed by a water service provider to install certain water meters, in addition to licensed plumbers**

This change now reduces the conflict between the plumbing and drainage legislation and the WSA Act that requires a clear mandate on who can install water meters. Sub-metering is not included in this change and it does not preclude the use of licensed persons.

## **6. Streamline appeal provisions relating to dam safety matters**

This change is specific to the failure impact assessment triggers and updating the appeal provisions to include review periods for referable dams. All appealable



decisions relating to dam safety matters will be referred to the Planning and Environment Court.

**7. Repeal the Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Act 1909 (Metropolitan Water Act).**

This removes legislation that is now redundant.

**4. Policy and Legal Implications**

The most significant of the changes, and effectively the purpose of the WSLAA Bill, is the change to the assessment and approval process for water and sewerage – namely the Utility Model. Whilst Council has previously been provided with information, reports and updates on what a Utility Model could and may look like, to date there has been no real clarity.

Although Council effectively loses conditioning powers because of the Utility Model, the reality is that the Delegated Assessment Model has effectively operated in the same manner as what is (generally) proposed by the Utility Model by virtue of the MOU between Council and QUU. What is likely to change however is the level at which Council is informed and aware of the interactions between an applicant and QUU and the impact on Council's development assessment process and decisions. It is hoped however that the added management requirements identified in the WSLAA Bill and reporting and pre-lodgement opportunities will improve and more clearly articulate the roles, responsibilities and the operational relationship between QUU, Council and applicants, which has been somewhat disjointed in the past.

Additionally it will be paramount for Council to inform and clearly articulate its planning and landuse assumptions and plans with QUU prior to 1 July 2014 to ensure that the draft Planning Scheme is appropriately reflected in the netserv plans and any transitional charging arrangements.

Council's Senior Strategic Planner has been invited, and approved by the Executive Manager Planning and Development, to represent Council on a Council Working Group convened by QUU which includes all the QUU shareholder Councils. The first meeting of this group is scheduled for the 24 February, 2014. It is envisaged that further workshops/information sessions with Councillors and the Executive will be required to keep all stakeholders informed of the process as more information is available.

**5. Financial and Resource Implications**

As identified, it is still unclear as to how the operational matters of the Utility Model will be delivered. As such a full report on the financial and resource implications is not possible at this time. This is the purpose of the working group. Council should however be aware of the following as identified in the WSLAA Bill;



- Infrastructure charges notices (ICN), infrastructure agreements, offsets and refunds lodged before 1 July, 2014 will continue to be dealt with under the SPA and the Delegated Assessment Model processes.
- ICNs will continue to be charged under the SPA and the current Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution until the board of a distributor retailer, such as QUU, makes a decision under the SEQW Act for adopted infrastructure charges.

## **6. Delegations/Authorisations**

No additional delegations or authorisations are sought or recommended at this time.

## **7. Communication and Engagement**

The working group will be the main point of contact between Council and QUU prior to the commencement of the Utility Model. As identified, it will be necessary for reporting through future Councillor workshop sessions to ensure that Councillors are appropriately informed of the changes.

The matters arising from this report will also require further communication through existing communication channels.

## **8. Conclusion**

This report has provided a brief outline on the WSLAA Bill and some of the implications for Council. The report outlines that although the current Delegated Assessment Model has always been transitional, there is little information currently available as to the practical implications of the legislative change. The Council working group established by QUU will likely serve as a conduit for further information and likely implications of the change, the first meeting of this group is scheduled for 24 February 2014. This report serves as an information report on the matter with subsequent reports to be provided by the Senior Strategic Planner on an as required basis.

## **9. Action/s**

Senior Strategic Planner to report back on the outcomes of the working group.

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## 14. INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

### 14.1 Chadwick Road Drainage Works

**Date:** 20 February 2014  
**Author:** Myles Fairbairn, Executive Manager Infrastructure Works & Services  
**Responsible Officer:** Myles Fairbairn, Executive Manager Infrastructure Works & Services  
**File No:** Formal Papers

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#### Summary:

This report provides a description of the silt build-up in the dam used by the Gatton Golf Club for irrigation purposes. In addition, the report outlines the need for further drainage work through the installation of culverts on Chadwick Road. From recent storm events it is clear that drainage from large parts of Gatton, e.g., showgrounds, Larkin Street, Buaraba Street, flow through this area.

#### **Officer's Recommendation:**

**THAT Council approve the installation of culverts to increase drainage capacity under Chadwick Road;**

**Further;**

**THAT Council liaise with the Gatton Golf Club to remove silt from the downstream small silt pond and examine other minor constraints in this drainage system.**

#### Report

##### 1. Introduction

The Buaraba Street / Hickey Street area of Gatton has been the subject of flooding over a number of years. Under small rainfall events stormwater backs up from Chadwick Road, along the railway line, under the Gatton-Helidon Road (Eastern Drive) and into Buaraba Street. Recent investigations have established that the combination of the road invert and 450mmx225mm culvert under Chadwick Road is too small to cater for relatively minor flows from the 2No. 1050mm diameter culverts under the railway line.

In addition, there are siltation problems with the silt pond and dam within Gatton Golf Club land behind the properties fronting Golf Links Drive. There are a number of Council drains that flow into this system and so it is not uncommon for there to be large flows in this area.

##### 2. Background

Several Council stormwater systems flow into the Gatton Golf Club property, one of which flows from the Hickey Street / Buaraba Street area. Stormwater currently backs up from within the Gatton Golf Club area and through into Buaraba Street. It is understood that this has occurred for a number of years.

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As a result of stormwater flows, heavily laden with silt, the Golf Club pond is now full of silt and the downstream dam is now so shallow due to silt deposited in it that the Golf Club can't get enough water out of the dam for irrigation and are using a bore and pumping water from some distance away, which is leading to increased costs to the Golf Club.

The deposited silt is from the catchment upstream of the Golf Course and quite possibly from the showground land which is operated by Council. The showground is a large area of poorly grassed land, and silt could be transported off the area during almost every rainfall event. Property developments upstream are also thought to be contributing to the problem. The catchment has a deal of recent residential development within it, so stormwater runoff from the construction of allotments and building works could be a contributing factor.

The upstream detention basin in the catchment had silt removed from it after the 2011 flood event, but it again has silt deposited in it and so silt will be carried through the basin and discharge into the dam further downstream in the Golf Club property.

### **3. Report**

An inspection and assessment was undertaken to see if the proposed cleaning of either the silt pond or dam could be funded as part of the 2013 NDRRA Programme. To be funded as part of the NDRRA programme, the infrastructure needs to be essential Public Infrastructure that has been damaged. Damage has to have occurred to the infrastructure during the 2013 declared flood event. Funding submissions for the 2011 flood event are no longer being accepted, so it would have to be deemed to be damage from the 2013 event.

Whilst the Golf Club provides a sports and recreation facility for the public, it is not a public asset and therefore the silt pond and dam would not meet the ownership criteria. The dam is Golf Club infrastructure and the silt pond was constructed by the Golf Club.

Investigations have established that the Chadwick Road invert/culvert arrangement effectively act as a weir under storm events. There is also a track crossing the drain further downstream that impedes flow, even though there are some pipes under the track.

Further works may be required in the Buaraba Street area itself to address level differences between the road and the surrounding grass verge (and park), but this is expected to be excessively expensive at this stage and requires a more detailed investigation. Subject to the performance of the improvements proposed in this report, works could be executed here during 2014-15.

It should be recognised that under very large storm events, the Golf Club area will fill with water and choke the tailwaters at the Chadwick Road invert/culvert such that backflow into Buaraba Street could occur. The proposed improvements (described below) are intended to address the more moderate (and hence frequent) events.

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#### **4. Policy and Legal Implications**

At this stage, the legal/environmental requirements around limiting silt run-off from the showground through silt control devices have not been investigated by IWS. The proposal described below in this Report is intended to potential legal issues that could arise due to deficiencies at Chadwick Road and further down where more Council drains eneter the Golf Club area.

#### **5. Financial and Resource Implications**

1. Based on the removal of an estimated 150m<sup>3</sup> of silt from the silt pond, it is expected that it would cost in the order of \$9,000 (excl GST) to de-silt the pond (and undertake no works in the main dam, which would be far more expensive).
2. Install 3No. 600x300mm culverts at the Chadwick Road invert (replacing the existing 1No. 450mmx225mm culvert), estimated to cost \$9,500 (excl GST).
3. Install additional culvert capacity beneath an access track further downstream, estimated to cost \$5,400 (excl GST).

#### **6. Delegations/Authorisations**

No further delegations are required to manage the issues raised in this report. The Executive Manager Infrastructure Works & Services will manage the requirements in line with existing delegations.

#### **7. Communication and Engagement**

Liaison with the Gatton Golf Club only.

#### **8. Conclusion**

The proposed works, totalling \$23,900 (excl GST) are anticipated to go a long way to improving the capacity of the drainage system through the Golf Club. Notwithstanding this, further investigation and construction works will be necessary to 'chase' the flows further east and away from Gatton.

#### **9. Actions**

Construct works as described in Section 5 above, potentially tying them in with other works in the area to improve efficiencies of delivery.

## 15. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

### 15.1 Executive Manager Organisational Development & Engagement Monthly Update

**Date:** 20 February 2014  
**Author:** Dan McPherson, Executive Manager Organisational Development & Engagement  
**Responsible Officer:** Dan McPherson, Executive Manager Organisational Development & Engagement  
**File No:** Formal Papers

#### Summary:

This report is to update Council on key issues currently being actioned.

**RESOLUTION:**  
**This report is for Council's information only.**

#### Report

##### 1. Introduction

This report provides an update on key matters arising and being addressed since the last report.

##### 2. Background

The previous reports provide the background information to date and only progress is being reported during February 2014.

##### 3. Report

#### *COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT*

Lockyer Valley Regional Council negotiated the development of a comprehensive Social Plan in conjunction with the preparation of a social plan for Ipswich City Council and Somerset Regional Council. Mr Tim Eltham a consultant with Ipswich City Council acting in the position of Strategic Social Planner is leading this project with the intention of completing the Social Plan by June 2014.

Community consultation is essential for this project in order to investigate whether the community's aspirations align with the demographic trends for the area. This process works by informing individuals of the demographic trends in their area and then seeking feedback on what their issues may be. These areas will include:

- **Withcott-** formal meeting in CWA Hall on a Wednesday night (possibly 26 March)
- **Laidley-** Saturday 22 February markets
- **Glenore Grove-** Lake Clarendon State School Fete on 22 March

- **Junction View-** Movies Under the Stars event on 23 March
- **Hatton Vale-** option of holding formal meeting at the school
- **Gatton-** events such as Big Day In, Gatton State School Fete, Street Sprints and Multicultural Festival and/or stall outside of IGA/Coles
- **Murphy's Creek-** will combine with Withcott meeting
- **Plainland-** option of holding a stall outside of Woolworths on a Saturday morning (possibly 8 March)

All community consultation will need to be completed by March 31 to meet project timeframes. The method of consultation is to be based on local knowledge of the community and the best method for that area.

#### *Community Group Workshops*

A Community Grants workshop was held on Tuesday 18 February 2014 at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre.

#### *Multicultural*

Homework Club (HWC) commenced on 4 February 2014. HWC has been reduced to 1 day per week as per funding arrangements. Multicultural is working with the Communications team for recruitment of new HWC volunteers.

#### *Youth*

A Youth event is to be held at the Laidley Skate Park on Saturday 8 March and has been baptised "grooveNskate". Youth events at Skate Park are very popular and Youth team are reviewing another one for later this year.

### **ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### *Performance Plans Review:*

All staff are undertaking six monthly performance plan reviews this month.

#### *Workforce Plan:*

The Organisational Development team have met with Managers and Executives to begin the process of collecting the necessary data required to draft the first LVRC Workforce plan. Data will be collected by the end of February and a draft report completed by for the CEO by end of March.

#### *Learning & Development*

The first LVRC Training Needs Analysis of all staff is now completed, this analysis will assist Council to identify skill gaps in professional, technical and people management training and enable the Organisational Development team to plan relevant training opportunities for staff. Two training programs on Performance Management and Disciplinary processes were held on 4 February 2014 and 6 February 2014. Thirty Managers and Supervisors attended the course. Due to the successful delivery of the program another two courses have been booked in April and June 2014.

## DISASTER MANAGEMENT

Lockyer Valley Regional Council is dedicated to the continuous improvement of Disaster Management through all levels including prevention, preparation, response and recovery. The added teams into the Disaster Management framework will focus on resilience in the community and also be a useful tool in conducting the community engagement framework.

### *Flood Warning System – Woodlands Road*

Quotes have been received and works are to commence soon with Prospect Environmental Systems. The key features of the Flood Warning System will include

- River level monitoring
- Smart Flood sign with VMS Panel 'Closed' integrated into sign functionality.
- PTZ camera operation to allow visual monitoring of water levels and conditions.

Project on track to be completed by 30 June 2014.

## SES

### SES Recruitment

A marketing campaign involving use of brochures, postures, print media has been developed. A 30 second and 90 second video advertisement is being produced for use in the Mobile Education Resource Centre (MERC), and on Facebook and Councils website.

An information evening regarding SES recruitment will be held at the Gatton SES depot on Monday, 10 March 2014 from 6pm to 9pm.

A meeting with Max Employment, Senior Consultant was held to work on a strategy to facilitate Centrelink recipients undertaking volunteer work with SES Lockyer Valley Unit as an approved Centrelink activity. Max Employment will refer up to 35 customers to the SES Information evening on 10 March 2014 with the view for the first 10 applicants to be accepted into the program.

SES manned a site at the Australia Day celebrations at Lake Apex on Sunday, 26 January 2014. Approximately 40-50 community members were engaged with regard to SES recruitment. Council's Disaster Management team were also present utilising the MERC van.

SES will have a presence at the University of QLD 'O' Week, Market Day on 27 February 2014 to promote SES Information Evening for recruitment.

## Activations

03-Jan-14	<b>PLAINLAND</b>	Storm	Roof damage	Tarped roof. Secured roofing iron that had been blown into a tree.	4	Laidley	1
04-Jan-14	<b>LAIDLEY NORTH</b>	Storm	Roof damage	Replaced 2 dislodged tiles after sealing a crack in one..	2	Laidley	1½
06-Jan-14	<b>LAIDLEY NORTH</b>	Storm	Leaking roof	Wrapped broken tiles in plastic and replaced	13	Forest Hill / Laidley / Gatton	5¼
06-Jan-14	<b>GRANTHAM</b>	Storm	Roof damage	Building too damaged for tarping. Lent 1 large tarp & 2 small to cover equipment and 1 generator for lights			
06-Jan-14	<b>LAKE CLARENDON</b>	Storm	Roof damage	Covered leaking roof section with 1 large tarp			



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06-Jan-14	<b>GRANTHAM</b>	Storm	Tree down	Removed branches obstructing driveway. Energex removed branches near power line.			
06-Jan-14	<b>Grantham</b>	Storm	Roof damage	Used sheet of corrugated iron from damaged shed to replace damaged sheet on house roof.			
06-Jan-14	<b>LAIDLEY NORTH</b>	Storm	Tree down	No action required as others had already removed the tree from the road. Checked and tidied the area.			
07-Jan-14	<b>GRANTHAM</b>	Storm	Tree down	Removed branches from 2 vehicles	2	Forest Hill / Gatton	2
07-Jan-14	<b>GRANTHAM</b>	Storm	Tree down	Removed 2 large eucalypt branches from shed roof.	4	Forest Hill / Gatton	3
22-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Flooding	Plastic and sandbags at 3 doors	8	Gatton / Forest Hill	3½
22-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Flood Threatening	Plastic and sandbags at 2 sliding doors			
22-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Window damage	No action required. Resident had tarped window area.			
22-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Flooding	Plastic and sandbags at 2 adjacent garage doors			
22-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Flooding	Caller cancelled request as no longer needed			
22-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Leaking roof	Blocked gutter but too high for ladder to reach.	2	Gatton / Forest Hill	1¼
23-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Leaking roof	No action required. Resident had cleared blocked gutter causing the problem.			
23-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Flooded	Helped move furniture			
23-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Flooded	Protected 2 doors with plastic and 12 sandbags	2	Gatton / Forest Hill	½
23-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Storm	Leaking roof	Made holes in ceiling to release water at home of SES member			
23-Jan-14	<b>LOCKROSE</b>	Storm	Leaking roof	Supplied a tarp for resident to cover caravan		Laidley	
23-Jan-14	<b>GATTON</b>	Other	Bogged vehicle	Extracted vehicle	2	Gatton	2½
08-Feb-14	<b>GATTON</b>	QAS Support	Medivac	Secured landing site. Provided lighting & assistance	3	Gatton / Forest Hill	1¼

## *Recovery and Resilience*

A separate report from Manager Disaster Management (Recovery & Resilience) & Community Engagement, Dave Mazzaferri has been submitted on this subject matter.



**15.2**

**Recovery & Resilience Monthly Update Report**

**Date:** 18 February 2014  
**Author:** David Mazzaferri, Manager Disaster Management (Recovery & Resilience) & Community Engagement  
**Responsible Officer:** Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance & Performance  
**File No:** Formal Papers

**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the progress of recovery and the implementation of resilience following the January, February and March flooding events.

**RESOLUTION:**  
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**Report**

**1. Introduction**

As a result of the devastating 2013 flood events and in consultation with Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team, Lockyer Valley Regional Council has adopted the Recovery & Resilience Model based on task force meetings and monthly reporting.

**2. Background**

Information for this report has been provided by Infrastructure Services, Community Development & Engagement, Regional & Economic Development, Environment & Regulatory and Disaster Management.

**3. Report**

An executive brief from each Recovery & Resilience Taskforce, for the period ended 14 February, 2014 is listed below:

**Infrastructure Works & Services**

- *2010/2011 Flood Event*
  - The estimated construction completion of the 2010/11 works is June 2014.
  - Rockmount Road realignment and bridge contract is to be awarded by the end of February. Construction is anticipated to start at end of February/March 2014.
  - Construction of works by Council Day Labour Workforce is ongoing.
- *2013 Flood Event*
  - The estimated construction completion of the 2013 construction works is March 2015, QldRA.
  - Thistlewaite Bridge contract has gone out to tender. Design has started & construction anticipated to start in April 2014. Existing Bridge to be closed for the construction period.

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- Clarke Bridge (Thornton area) has been issued for tender and construction is to be complete in late October 2014.
- Three valleys community engagement will start in February / March for the proposals for reconstruction. Need to have discussions with specific residents affected by the proposals before the plans are generally distributed.
- *Betterment*
  - Betterment funding totalling \$6.34 million has been approved for various projects in Lockyer Valley Regional Council region.
  - Community Engagement for Lefthand Branch Road Bridge commenced and school and adjacent residents have been engaged. Estimated construction completion of 2010/11 works is June 2014. Estimated completion of the 2013 construction works is February 2015.
  - Works on the Three Valleys Roads Project will involve realignment and upgrading options to make the roads more resilient at a total project value of over \$11 million.

## Community Development & Engagement

- *General*
  - This Taskforce is now in Recovery Alert status. The Liaison officers will maintain communication and recall the Taskforce for meetings as required.
- *Human & Social Agency Meeting*
  - A Human & Social Agency meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 25 February at which time the meeting purpose will formally transition to forward planning for potential future events. The Mayor has been invited to acknowledge the past 12 months work from agencies.
- *Community Engagement on NDRRA Projects*
  - Engagement Plans have been / are being prepared for a range of NDRRA Infrastructure Works Services projects including Rockmount Rd, Lefthand Branch Rd, East Haldon Rd, Clarke Bridge, Thistlewaite Bridge etc. The Community Engagement Team is working closely with Project Manager and Comms.
- *Mulgowie Markets*
  - The MERC Van was deployed with staff including Disaster Management and Infrastructure Works Services representatives at Mulgowie Markets on 1 February to respond to community concerns about road and bridge works, long-term resilience of Laidley CBD, and other more general Council issues and community aspirations.
- *Laidley Markets*
  - The Community Engagement Team will attend the Laidley Markets on Saturday 22 February to undertake a similar process to the Mulgowie Markets. Any teams with specific information that might be useful to address key community issues are requested to pass through to the Community Engagement Team.

## Regional & Economic Development

- *General*

- This Taskforce is now in Recovery Alert status – no update.

## Environment and Regulatory

- *General*
  - This Taskforce is now in Recovery Alert status – no update.

## Disaster Management

- *Flood Warning System - Woodlands Road*
  - Successful Quote - Prospect Environmental Systems. The system will include signage with wig wags/LED 'closed' sign, riverheight gauge and camera. Liaising with Matt Arnold as a betterment project is being completed in the same location.
- *Flood Emergency Warning System - Grantham Siren*
  - Meeting held with Quentin Underwood to determine trigger points for siren. Working on procedures for activation. Developing a community engagement strategy.
- *Grantham LDCCC*
  - Meeting held 3 February 2014 with Grantham LDCCC committee in the Disaster Coordination Centre. Presentation conducted of Environment and Guardian systems. Demonstration of cameras and discussion around notification. Committee members trained in sourcing of information from BoM website for situational awareness.
- *Research into community recovery from natural disasters*
  - Margaret Moreton, student at the Australian National University is conducting community based fieldwork in the Lockyer Valley - as part of this research Margaret will identify the key elements of community recovery after natural disaster. She is visiting the community during the first half of 2014 and conducting approximately 30 interviews with community leaders and members.
- *Community Resilience - Animal Management*
  - Meeting with Dr Dick Wright UQ. Preliminary meeting to discuss concept of working with UQ and suppliers of veterinary products to develop home emergency kits for animals and a series of products on how to manage animal emergencies during disasters for those who are isolated or unable to access veterinary care.

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**15.3 Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services Monthly Update**

**Date:** 19 February 2014  
**Author:** David Lewis, Group Manager Corporate & Community Services  
**Responsible Officer:** David Lewis, Group Manager Corporate & Community Services  
**File No:** Formal Papers

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**Summary:**

This report provides Council with a brief summary of key operational activities undertaken by the Corporate and Community Services Group during January 2014.

**RESOLUTION:**  
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**Report**

**1. Introduction**

This report provides Council with a brief summary of key operational activities undertaken by the Corporate and Community Services Group during January 2014.

**2. Background**

Council should be aware of group activities to guide future decision making.

**3. Report**

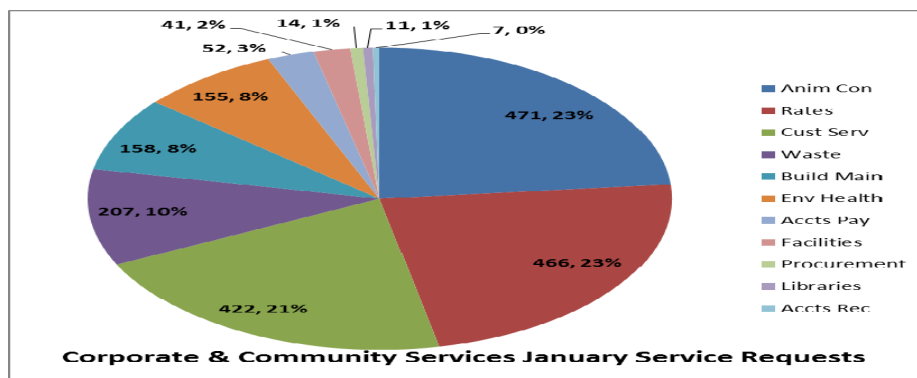
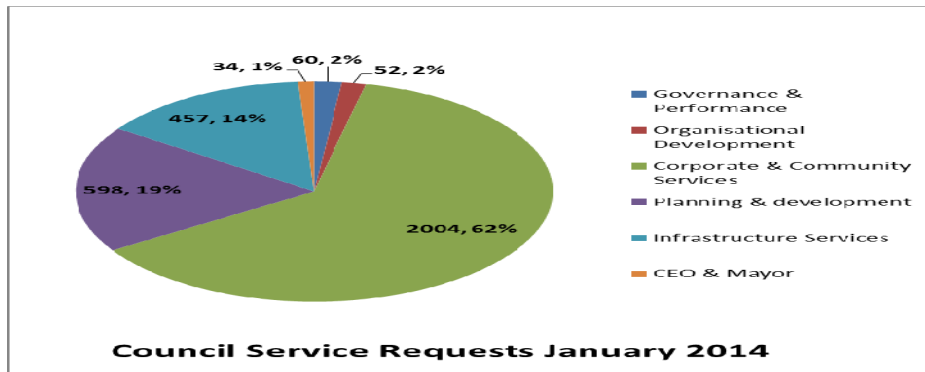
A brief summary of the key outcomes of the Corporate and Community Services Group during January 2014 by functional grouping follows.

*CUSTOMER SERVICES*

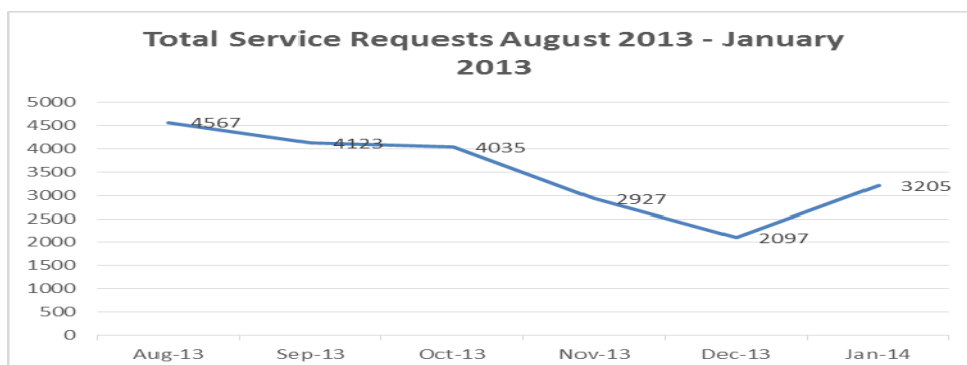
During January 2014, the Customer Service branch processed 3,205 service requests, with the branch addressing 1,027 or 32% of these requests as the first point of contact. Of these requests, 2,004 related to the services of the Corporate and Community Services Group with the balance of the requests mainly relating to Building and Plumbing (294), Planning (235) and Infrastructure Delivery (138).

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Graphical presentations of service requests by group and for Corporate and Community Services by type follow:

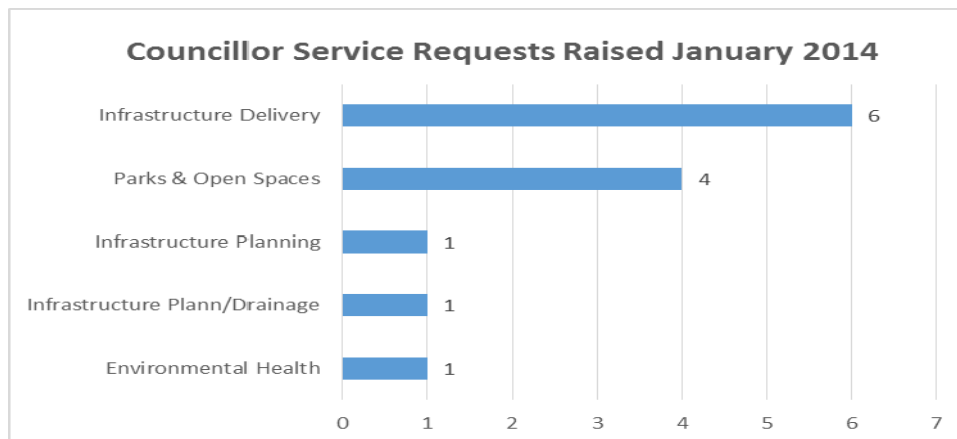


A recent history of total service requests is shown in the following graph.



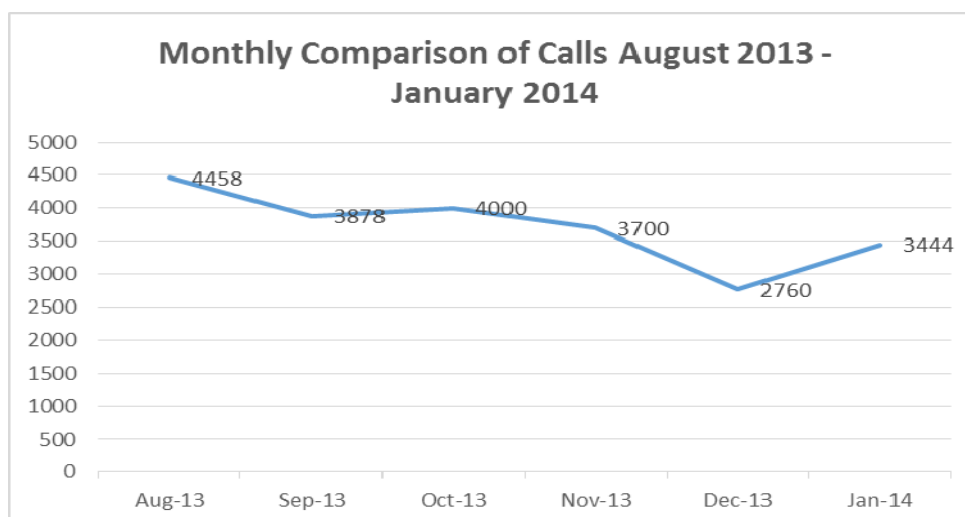
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During January 2014, 13 Councillor requests were received and of these 7 remained open at 31 January.



Key telephone statistics for January 2014 follow.

- 3444 calls were captured coming into the system. Our service level remained at 78.1%. During this time, the maximum queued contacts at any one time were 8.
- In January the average length of each call, inclusive of post processing was 7 minutes and 35 seconds.
- Our abandoned calls rate remained fairly constant at 22.3%. The average length of time for abandoned calls was 01:43 minutes and the average call waiting time was 1:27 minutes.
- There were a total of 174 after hours calls for January which continues an upward trend. Animal Control continues to show high statistics for after hour calls.



### COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Stage 1 of Laidley Cultural Centre repairs were completed on 3 December and quotes have now been sought for the Stage 2 of this project. Difficulties have been experienced in obtaining a quote from the contractor who completed stage 1 of this project. Work is now not expected to start until late February 2014.

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The final specification for the Laidley CCTV project was developed with an Invitation to Tenders sent out to 4 companies. The tender closed on 24 January 2014 and a report on this project will be submitted to Council's January 2014 Ordinary Meeting.

An onsite meeting has been held with Council's Building Certifiers at the Gatton Donations Building and alterations will be required to the original plan for the toilets. New Quotes are being obtained.

Testing and Tagging of Council's electrical equipment is now up to date with over 3,500 items being tested since November 2013. The test and tag process will now continue on a monthly schedule.

The area leased by the Laidley RSL at the Laidley Cultural Centre received extensive water damage as the drainage system outside of their ground floor entry could not cope with the amount of water run off during the storm on 6 January. Council has engaged an engineer to develop a drainage plan for the area which will alleviate the flooding problem in this area. The RSL Clubroom will not be usable until this work has been completed and new carpet has been installed.

#### *CULTURAL, HEALTH & REGULATORY SERVICES*

##### *Animal Management*

In the last fortnight of January, Council had 7 dog attacks reported to it, with 3 dog attacks on humans and 4 dog attacks on other animals.

At the end of January there was 1 dog on hold in the pound as a result of it being responsible for the death of another dog. The dog is currently in the process of being declared as a Regulated Dangerous Dog (and subject to a Destruction Order once declared).

The Council pound paddock was used to house in excess of 370 sheep that failed a January 2014 tick inspection at Helidon. The flock of sheep were inspected, tick sprayed and trucked from the pound on 17 January 2014.

##### ***Dead Flying Foxes Event***

Laidley Primary State School reported that that staff discovered dead flying fox's upon their return to school. Approximately 47 dead flying foxes were collected and disposed of by Council staff.

Follow up audits of surrounding areas and other known bat colonies were subsequently undertaken.

##### *Libraries*

The Library service had over 300 children book in and attend the various holiday events and activities on offer over the summer school holidays; many more children and their families came to the library for the free games, literature and access to computers.

##### *Child Care*

Gatton Childcare had an average occupancy of 59% with Kensington Grove Childcare having an average occupancy of 77% during January 2014.

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*INFORMATION SERVICES*

The network drive restructure has been well accepted with staff now utilising the L Drive. There were some concerns about the space available and how staff could manage moving information into ECM from the old G Drive. These issues will be discussed at the next ICT Steering Committee on 10 February 2014.

Due to reduced staffing levels, the resolution of issues is taking longer and business improvement initiatives are on hold.

Works continued on the data centres project and processes to manage risks associated with Council corporate data.

*FINANCE*

*Accounts Payable Backlog*

The shutdown of Council's finance system in order to enable One Council to go live gave rise to a backlog of accounts payable invoices. The Accounts Payable Team has been working to clear the backlog and have made significant improvements in paying outstanding invoices within our payment terms. This has included twice weekly payment runs, reassessing procedures to improve workflow and engaging temporary staff.

In the past month there have been some complaints made to Council Officers and Elected Members by creditors about their outstanding accounts and late payments. These complaints have been resolved although it is apparent that there are some processes that need to be clarified with Council Staff to ensure the smooth operation of the accounts payable system. An item outlining the key things that staff can do to help the process has been included in the "Water Cooler" and circulated to the Managers for discussion with their staff.

*Rates Instalment*

The issue of the second rates instalment occurred on 31 January 2014. Media releases were prepared to advise the community of the issue date and to expect notices in the mail in early February 2014. The rates levied are in line with Council's 2013/2014 Budget.

The discount date for the second rates instalment is 3 March 2014.

*Emergency Management Fire and Rescue Levy*

All properties outside the Urban Fire Levy area are affected by the State Government's Emergency Management Fire and Rescue Levy which commenced on 1 January 2014. Properties currently paying the Urban Fire Levy also saw an increase in the amount they are paying from that date. The issue of the second rates instalment on 31 January 2014 included this new levy.

A flyer was inserted with the rates notice of affected properties, and the layout of the rates notice was amended to show Council rates and charges and State Government Charges separately. This will be useful if further State Government charges are to be collected in the future.

The Mayor's letter in relation to this levy was also sent to all ratepayers.



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*2014/15 Budget*

The timetable for the 2014/15 budget is currently being developed based on Council adopting the budget in June. The focus at the moment is on collating capital works requests and identifying possible carry over works as well as balancing the new Long Term Financial Plan model to the current adopted plan.

*2014/15 Audit of Financial Statements*

The external auditors were on-site for the week from 10 to 14 February 2013. This is the preliminary stage of the audit engagement to test Council procedures. Staff from other areas within Council may be asked to provide information on our policies, procedures and processes. Particular emphasis may be placed on the validation of data transferred from the Practical System to One Council.

**WASTE**

Waste bins at the unmanned bin sites of Mt Whitestone, Flagstone Creek and Thornton were reduced in late December 2014. Signs were also erected on 16 January 2014 at unmanned waste sites advising that sites were under review and may be removed/reduced where not considered viable by Council. An update was provided to the Council workshop on 22 January with a consensus achieved to close the Mt Whitestone site in February 2014.

Waste Collection and Recycling services for domestic residences commenced on 7 January 2014 at the University of Queensland – Gatton Campus under Council's waste & recycling contract.

Waste & recycling services are to commence for residents of Left Hand Branch and Cole Gully roads by 5 February 2014 after negotiations were finalised in January week between residents, Infrastructure, Works and Services and the Waste team. A small suitable compound has been erected to contain all bins.

Late last year at the Gatton Landfill site a large void beneath one of the concrete slabs attached to the Tip Shop building was discovered. Since being notified of the cavity, vehicular traffic has been prohibited from driving on this area and barriers erected. Facilities officers have been provided with photographs of the size of the cavity with external structural engineering advice being sought.

The Waste Infrastructure & Full Cost Pricing team presented to a January Council workshop. Points to note include the need for the landfill life to be reviewed to confirm life expectancy. Additionally the final profile of the site with further cell designs are to be completed and subsequently approved by the Department of Environment and Heritage. This work will be coupled with a review of Council's Gatton landfill licence which permits 20,000 tonne per year and the potential introduction of Laidley waste post 30 June 2014. Should the total quantum exceed the 20,000 tonnage licence limit then an extension of existing arrangements to transport waste to Ti-tree landfill will be considered. Potential Carbon tax and NGERs (Federal reporting) will also be reviewed.

Groundwater and leachate sampling at waste management sites to meet licence obligations commenced.

A waste & recycling package for education at schools with the region has commenced.

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## 15.4 Business Award 2013 Event Report

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**File No:** Formal Papers

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### Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update Councillors on the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business Training and Apprenticeship Awards.

**RESOLUTION:**  
**This report is for Council's information only.**

### Report

#### 1. Introduction

The 2013 Lockyer Valley Business Training and Apprenticeship Awards were conducted over a 14 week period, commencing in August 2013 and culminating in the Gala Presentation Event held on 23 November 2013 with Alan Jones AO officiating as Master of Ceremonies.

The Awards provide an opportunity to showcase and recognise excellence in business and their respective employees, trainees and apprentices.

A project management methodology was successfully used to manage the intricacies of the awards, including sponsorship, advertising and promotions, nominations, judging and the gala presentation event.

#### 2. Background

Council has undertaken the delivery of the Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards for the last two years.

During this period the entire Awards process has been reviewed and improvements identified and implemented. These improvements include the redesign of the nomination and judging process to ensure local businesses have confidence in the integrity of the assessment methods.

Council is able to host the Awards due to the support received from sponsors and media partners, and does not rely on public money to deliver this important business event.

#### 3. Report

The Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards are a key initiative providing opportunities to recognise excellence in our local business community, and showcase the depth and diversity of the Lockyer Valley economy.

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The 2013 Awards were well supported by local business and the community, statistical highlights include:

- Support from 8 Major Sponsors, 6 Category Sponsors and 3 Media Partners;
- The Awards received 52 nominations across 13 categories;
- Over 2,100 votes received for The People's Choice Award nominating a total of 48 local businesses for great customer service; and
- Attendance of 413 people at the Gala Presentation dinner.

Council has received very positive feedback from a number of different stakeholders, including sponsors, nominees and those who attended on the night. One example is the following comment from a sponsor: *"I have been involved with and attended many awards presentation events right across Queensland, and the Lockyer Valley would be one of the best I have ever experienced"*.

Editorial coverage of the awards has been valued at over \$40,000, plus the coverage received in "The Australian" and the additional exposure due to the involvement of Alan Jones, who very kindly donated his time and travel costs.

Advertising and promotions commenced on 26 August 2013 and continued until the 29 November 2013, and included all three media partners, Gatton Lockyer Brisbane Valley Star, Laidley Plainland Leader and River 949. Editorial coverage appeared in The Chronicle, Queensland Times and The Australian newspapers.

Workshops which are part of the prize package for winners of the business categories and finalists of the People's Choice are scheduled for 20 February and will be presented by Ken Wright from Engage 4 Results.

Attached is a copy of the full sponsors report detailing all advertising and editorial, along with copies of all the advertising and editorial collateral associated with the 2013 Awards.

### **Looking Forward**

The 2014 Awards Gala Presentation will be brought forward one month from previous years and is scheduled for 25 October 2014.

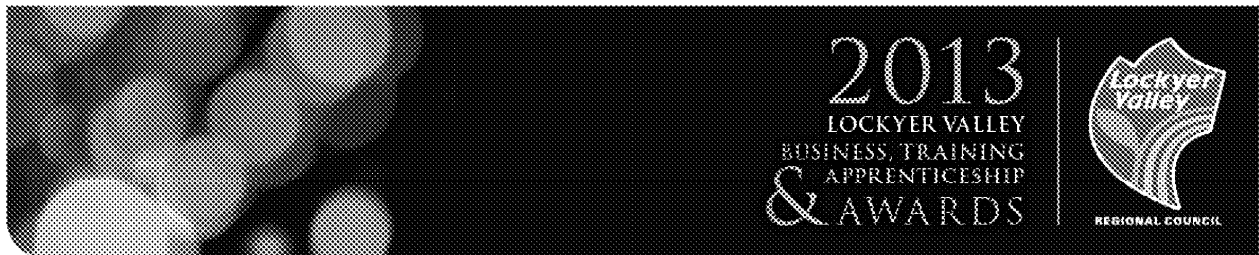
Sponsors for the 2014 Lockyer Valley Business Training & Apprenticeship Awards are currently being contacted to secure support for the Awards in 2014.

A new judge for the Business categories is being sourced to provide fresh eyes and a different perspective to the judging.

### **Attachments**

- 1 Business Awards Event Report 52 Pages





## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your sponsorship of the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training & Apprenticeship Awards, where we recognise excellence in local business and their respective employees, trainees and apprentices.

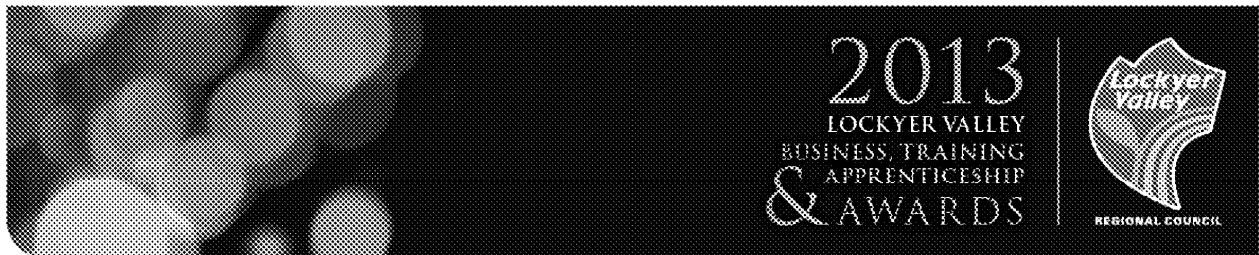
We hope that you enjoyed the sell-out, Gala Awards Night hosted by Alan Jones AM. It is truly humbling that someone of Alan's calibre was willing to donate his time to support our community. Through Alan's attendance, our regional awards were able to obtain coverage on national headlines and once again raise the bar on delivering a high quality gala awards night to rival some of the best in South East Queensland.

These awards would not be possible without your support and I would like to personally thank this year's major sponsors who include Heritage Bank, Bishopp Billboards, UQ Gatton, JJ Richards, Queensland Urban Utilities,

Cardno, Bremer Tafe, Southern Queensland Institute of Technology, Clayton Utz, Telstra and our media partners the Gatton Star, the Laidley Plainland Leader and River 94.9. A big thank you also to the many other sponsors who contributed to making the event the success that it was. Without your support and investment in fostering business excellence in the Lockyer Valley region our event and awards program could not nearly be as extensive and successful as they have.

Enclosed you will find details on sponsorship outcomes as well as marketing and editorial obtained for the event. We have also taken the opportunity to also include a copy of next year's sponsorship prospectus for your review in the hope we will have you as a return sponsor in 2014; where the awards are set to be bigger and better than ever. We look forward to you sharing the awards journey with us again in 2014.

**Cr Steve Jones**  
**MAYOR**



## AWARDS WRAP UP

The 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards are a 12 week program recognising excellence in local business and their respective employees, trainees and apprentices. The gala awards night, held at the Gatton Shire Hall on Saturday 23 November was a resounding success with over 430 guests in attendance.

This year a total of 52 nominations were received across 13 categories that included:

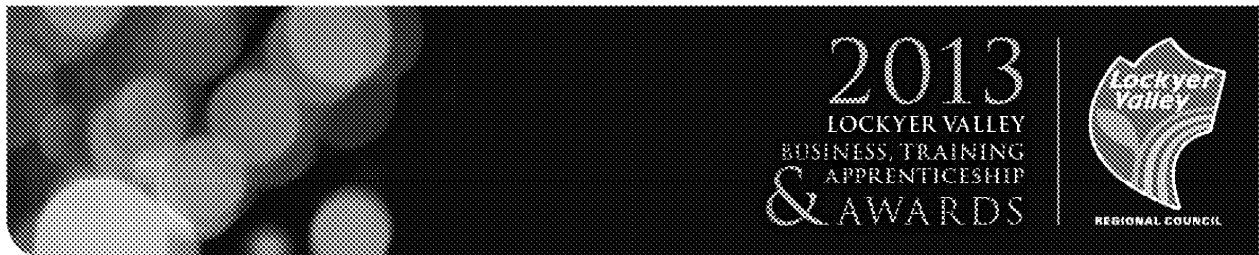
- Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services
- Tourism
- Food and Dining
- Professional Services
- Retail
- Trade Services
- Health Services and Fitness
- Agriculture and Horticulture Production and Processing
- Home Based Business
- Environmental & Sustainable Award
- Trainee of the year
- Apprentice of the year
- Employee of the year

Award nominations were scrutinized by an experienced judging panel that included:

- Colleen Lazenby – Colleen Lazenby Consulting
- Jude Bolger – Dickson Wohlsen Strategies
- Tom Rowe – Bremer Institute of TAFE

***The 2013 winners were as follows:***

Category	Winner
Tourism	Mulgowie Hotel
Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services	Serco Australia Pty Ltd
Food and Dining	Smileybells Patisserie
Professional Services	OBT Financial Group
Retail	Foodworks Laidley
Trade Services	Masterhire
Health Services and Fitness	Coast to Country Chiropractic
Home Based Business	Kissed by Cupid
Environmental and Sustainability Award	Serco Australia



Apprentice of the Year	Breanna Oyston - Bramwell Auto Group
Trainee of the Year	Gary Everuss - Serco Australia
Employee of the Year	Trisha Colburn - Valley Waste Water
People's Choice Awards	Eagle Rock Café
Mayor's Award	Laidley Landscaping Supplies
Business of the Year	Serco Australia

## OUR SPONSORS

The awards were supported by a valued array of corporate and government sponsors with the goal to reward local businesses for providing top quality services and to reward those businesses who value and reward their staff. With six category and eight major sponsors along with our two media partners, the support of the event was outstanding.

### Major Sponsors:

- Heritage Bank
- The University of Queensland, Gatton Campus
- The Bremer Institute of TAFE & Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE
- Queensland Urban Utilities
- Bishopp Outdoor Advertising
- J.J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd
- Telstra Business Centre Toowoomba
- Cardno

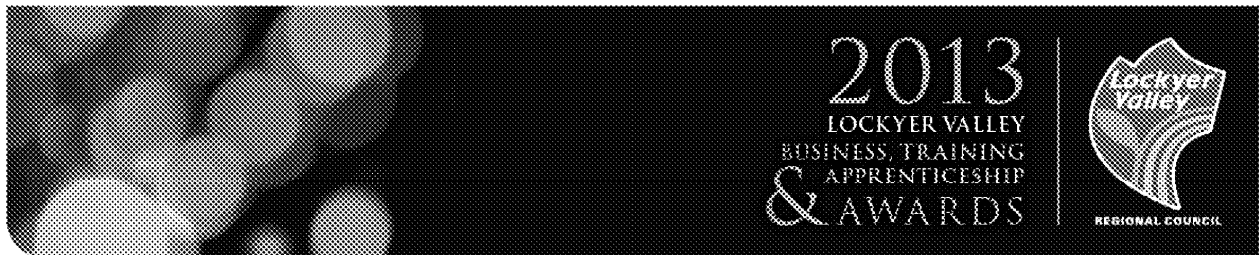
### Media Partners

- Gatton Star and Laidley Plainland Leader
- River 949

### Category Sponsors:

- Porters Plainland Hotel
- Dickson Wohlsen Strategies
- Connor O'Meara Solicitors
- Scotbar Pty Ltd
- Clayton Utz
- Masterhire Pty Ltd

The Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards maintained a clear focus on meeting the expectations of the local business community by delivering a first class awards night, with recognition for all businesses nominated. All sponsors and stakeholders received networking opportunities with business and community leaders, business owners and local government representatives.



## MARKETING & PROMOTION

A comprehensive marketing plan was developed for the annual awards that included print, radio and digital mediums, with advertising circulated in excess of the 12 week awards period. All print advertising gave major sponsors extensive exposure in the local market.

The strategic marketing campaign commenced late August for the nomination period of the Business Awards, followed closely by the People's Choice Awards campaign in October.

### Major sponsors were acknowledged by the following:

#### *Logo recognition in:*

- 800 nomination packs distributed throughout the Lockyer Valley region to registered businesses
- All print advertisements in the Gatton Star and Laidley Plainland Leader as per the attached schedule
- Signage at the Awards Gala Dinner either side of the stage, on 15 coreflute signs in the park and on the exterior of the venue by the entrance
- Awards Gala Dinner program and menus
- Event tickets
- Councils website
- Awards power point presentation on the night
- 2 x event pull ups used for pre promotion and on the night in the foyer
- Branded pull ups at the event
- DVD ads played in the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre for the month of January 2014

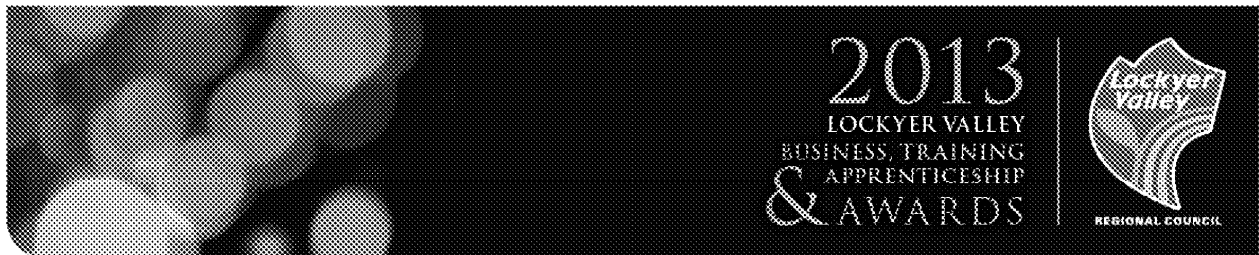
As well as acknowledgement on the evening by the MC.

### Category sponsors acknowledgement:

- Logos included in print advertisements in the Gatton Star and Laidley Plainland Leader where categories were mentioned as per the attached schedule
- Signage at the Awards Gala Dinner either side of the stage, on 5 coreflute signs in the park and on the exterior of the venue by the entrance
- Presentation to category winners on stage at the Awards Gala Dinner

Substantial editorial coverage was also obtained for the awards, with examples attached to this report. Coverage was received in the **Queensland Times, Gatton Star, Laidley Plainland Leader, The Chronicle and national coverage in The Australian**. Over 25 stories promoting the awards were printed in these publications equating to an advertising value equivalency of over \$40,000.





## HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The **Heritage Bank People's Choice Award** was an opportunity for the public to vote for the business that they believed provided the best customer service in the Lockyer Valley. Votes were taken over a four week period and tallied with the top eight businesses announced as finalists.

The eight finalists included:

- Annie's Place Das Neumann Haus
- Coast to Country Chiropractic
- Eagle Rock Café
- Gatton Jewellers
- Laidley Town and Country
- Lockyer Laundromat
- Plaza Hardware Mitre 10
- Video Ezy Gatton

The eight finalists were all assessed by a mystery shopper evaluating the quality of the customer service provided in order to crown the winner, **Eagle Rock Café**, which was announced at the gala awards night.

The People's Choice Award provided a platform for the community to get involved with the awards and show their support for local business, whilst also going in the draw to win a \$250 voucher to their favourite local business of their choice.

A total of **48 businesses** nominated in the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award with over **2,100 individual votes** received.

Letters of invitation and face to face approaches were made to businesses throughout the region that met the criteria for People's Choice. Distribution of the nomination packs was reinforced with print media as per the attached schedule and social media (Facebook). The Lockyer Better Business group were also actively involved in raising awareness amongst members, encouraging them to participate in the People's Choice Award.

Each nominated business was provided with a counter card to promote their involvement and books of nomination forms. Local businesses actively promoted their involvement to customers, collected voting forms and promoted the **Heritage Bank People's Choice Award**.



Customers were able to lodge voting forms at the following Heritage Bank branded locations:

- Heritage Bank, Railway Street, Gatton
- Heritage Bank Mini-Branch Laidley
- NewsExpress Newsagency, Patrick Street, Laidley
- Lockyer Valley Libraries – Gatton and Laidley
- Visitor Information Centres – Gatton and Plainland
- Gatton Star Office, North Street, Gatton

***People's Choice Award Marketing Collateral:***

The following collateral was designed specifically for the Heritage Bank People's Choice Awards:

- **A5 Promotional flyer** - to promote voting, for businesses to distribute to their customers
- **A4 Counter Cards** - to promote voting at businesses
- **Press Advertisements in Gatton Star** – raise awareness of People's Choice Awards and the voting process
- **Branded Entry Boxes** – to place votes in at the nominated voting centres
- **DL Voting Forms** – 350 pads printed

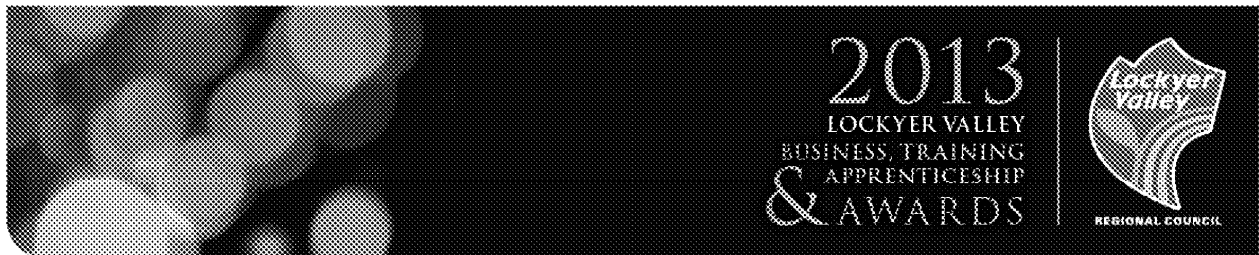
The Heritage Bank logo was predominantly featured on all collateral.

***Gala Awards Night Recognition:***

Heritage Bank was invited to have branding at the venue on the night of the gala awards dinner. A pull-up banner was on display during the pre-dinner drinks as well as during the main dinner.

The representative from Heritage Bank, Judy Walters, was actively involved in the presentation of the People's Choice Awards to the winners, with the photographer capturing these moments for publication in the Gatton Star on 27 November in the special feature.

During the awards presentation, the winners of each category were prominently featured on a slide in the PowerPoint presentation on the big screen, branded with the Heritage Bank logo.



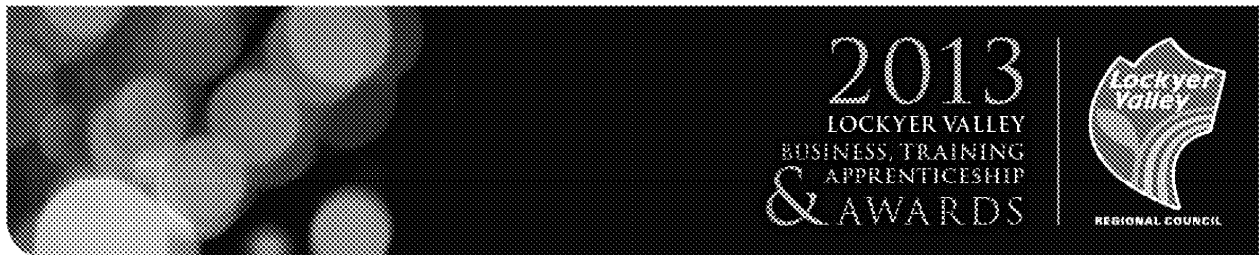
## THANK YOU & FUTURE SPONSORSHIP

In closing, the Lockyer Valley Regional Council would like to thank you once again for your valuable contribution to the Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Award's for 2013, as a sponsor.

We look forward to working with you again in the future and hope to have you on board for the 2014 awards.

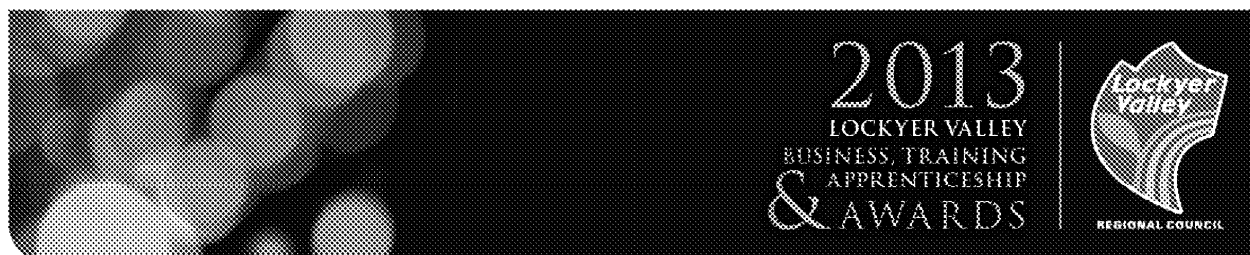
In the final pages of this document you will find copies of marketing collateral and editorial for your reference. We have also taken the opportunity to include the 2014 sponsorship prospectus for your review. Should you have any queries in relation to this sponsorship please contact Helen McCraw, Senior Economic Development Coordinator.

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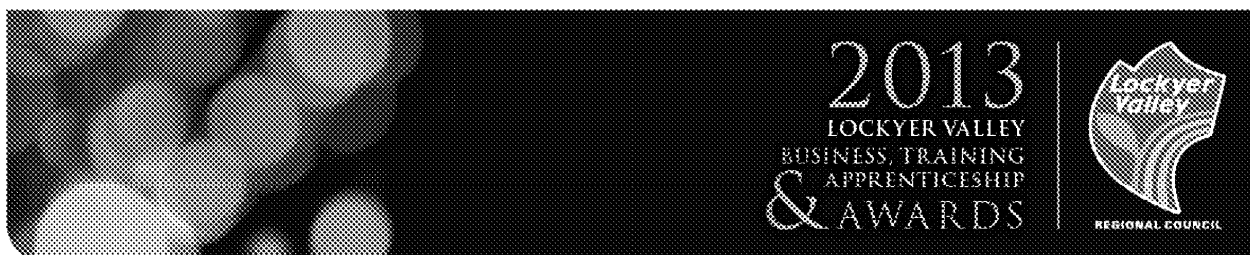


## ADVERTISING SCHEDULE

ADVERTISEMENT:		DATE:
Website live		23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Editorial Planned	Local and surrounding areas - Includes Queensland Times, Chronicle, Gatton Star and Laidley Plainland Leader	Weekly from 26 <sup>th</sup> August through to 20 <sup>th</sup> November
E- Newsletters	Local registered businesses and industry operators in excess of 100 contacts	From w/c 26th August to encourage entries.
<b>PRESS AD</b> - Entries opening soon/ workshop dates/ look out for kits	24,000 (Gatton Star)	28 <sup>th</sup> August
Distribution of nomination kits		
Nominations Open		1 <sup>st</sup> September
<b>RADIO AD</b> – Promote nomination and key dates	30 second commercials - River 94.9	1st - 30th September
<b>PRESS AD</b> – Entries now open/ workshop date/ key dates/ prizes	24,000 (Gatton Star)	4 <sup>th</sup> September
Entry workshops held		W/c 9 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>PRESS AD</b> – Promote nomination	24,000 (Gatton Star)	11 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>PRESS AD</b> – Promote nomination	24,000 (Gatton Star)	18 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>PRESS AD</b> - Last chance to nominate this week	24,000 (Gatton Star) & LPL	25 <sup>th</sup> September & 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Nominations Close		30 <sup>th</sup> September
People's Choice Awards voting opens		30 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>RADIO AD</b> – Promotion of People's Choice Award voting	30 second commercials - River 94.9	30th September - 24th October
<b>PRESS AD</b> – People's Choice voting opening soon/ how to vote	24,000 (Gatton Star) and LPL	25 <sup>th</sup> September – Gatton Star 27 <sup>th</sup> September - LPL
<b>PRESS AD</b> – First vote count in paper – ie top 8	24,000 (Gatton Star)	9 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>PRESS AD</b> – Second vote count in paper – i.e. top 8 / last chance to vote	24,000 (Gatton Star)	16 <sup>th</sup> October



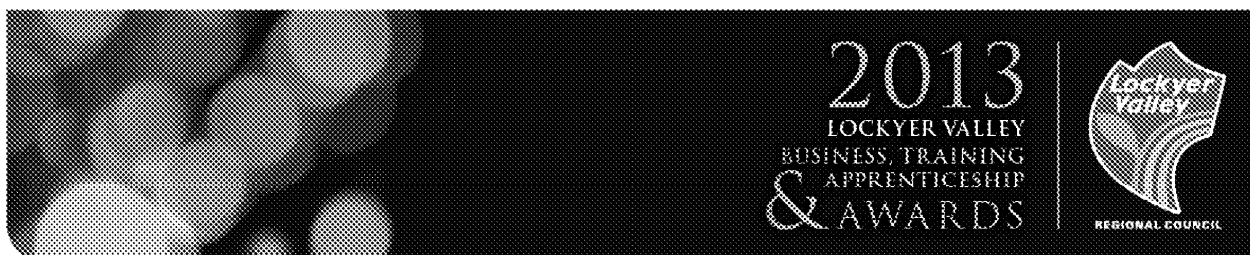
<b>PRESS AD</b> – last chance to vote	24,000 (Gatton Star)	23 <sup>rd</sup> October
<b>PRESS AD</b> – Finalist Feature	24,000 (Gatton Star)	Gatton Star 23 <sup>rd</sup> October LPL 25 <sup>th</sup> October
People's Choice voting closes		24 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>PRESS AD</b> - Ticket sales now open	24,000 (Gatton Star)	30 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>PRESS AD</b> – People's Choice Final List of Finalists (top 8) list in paper	24,000 (Gatton Star)	30 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>PRESS AD</b> – Finalist list and sponsors thank you	24,000 (Gatton Star) and LPL	6 <sup>th</sup> November
<b>Awards Night – Saturday 23rd November (Gatton Shire Hall)</b>		
<b>PRESS AD</b> – Winners ad and Editorial Feature	24,000 (Gatton Star)	Gatton Star 27 <sup>th</sup> November LPL 29 <sup>th</sup> November



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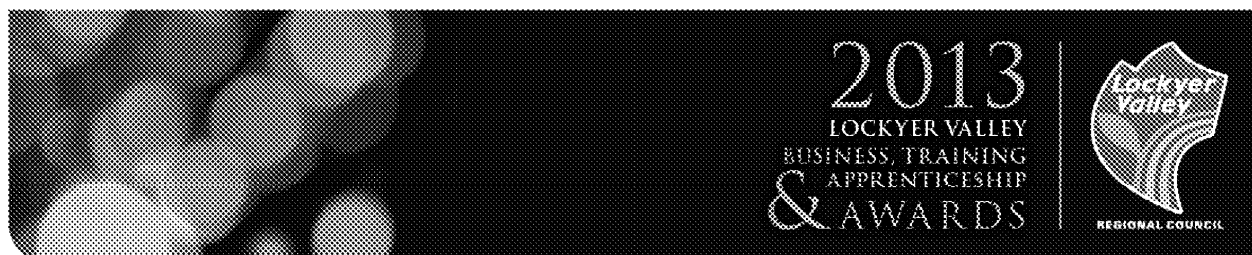
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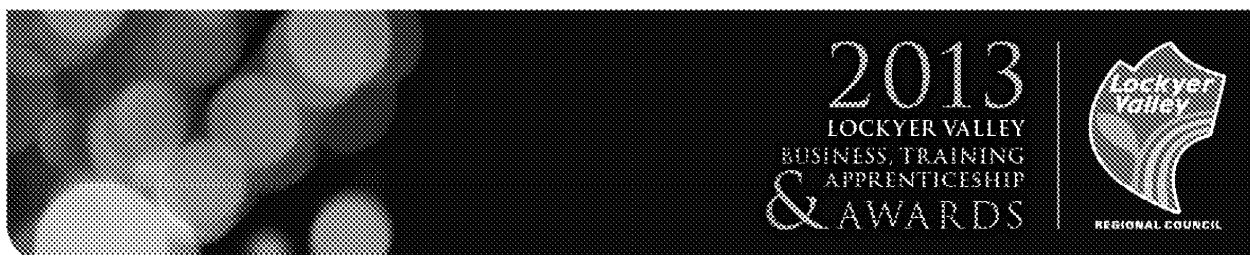
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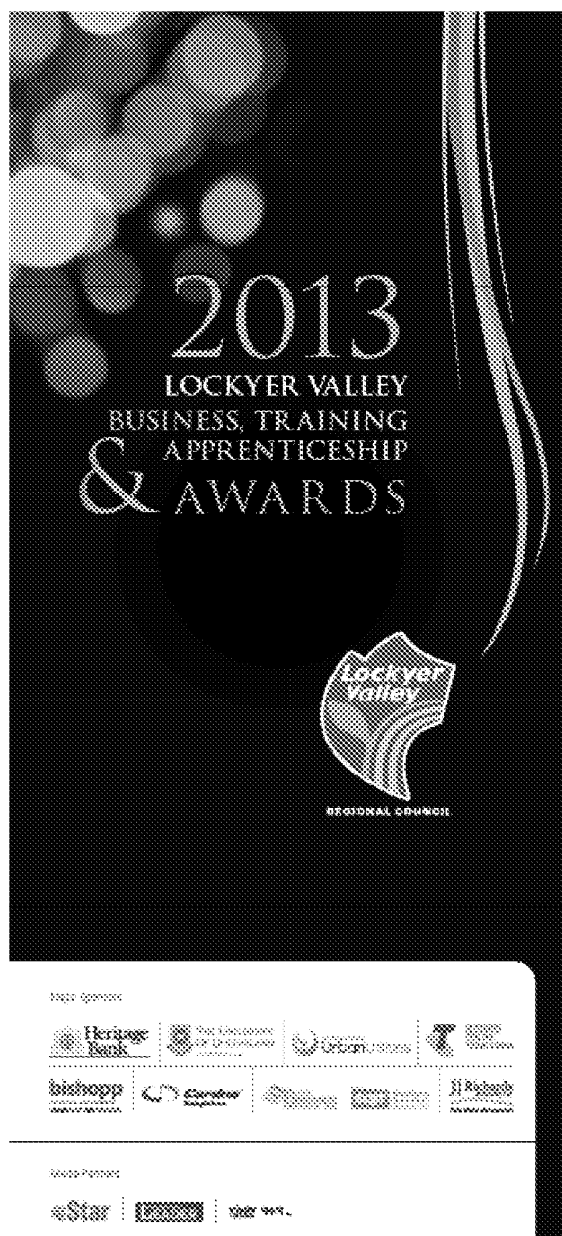
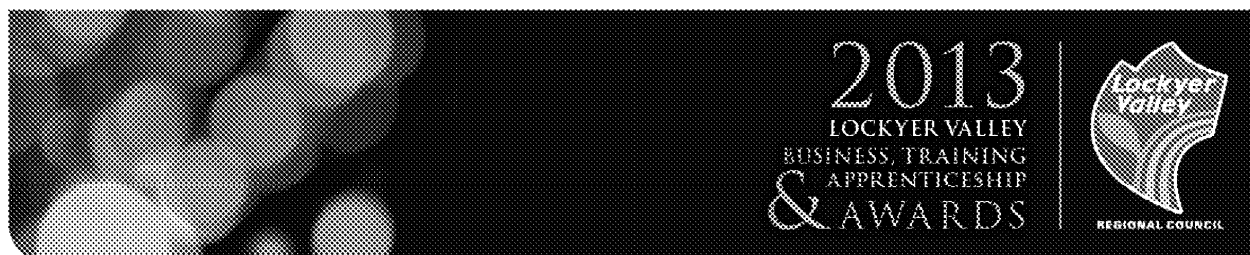
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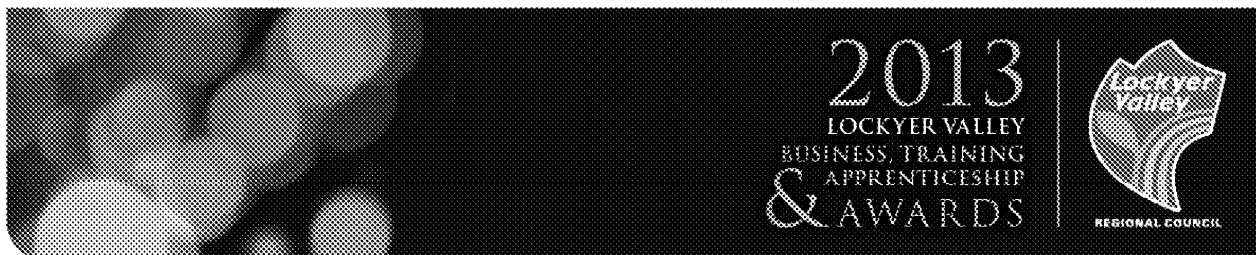
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# 2013 LOCKYER VALLEY BUSINESS, TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIP & AWARDS

## NOMINATIONS OPEN SOON

THE BUSINESS, TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS ARE A CHANCE FOR THE REGION'S BUSINESSES TO BE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE.

Nominations will open on 1 September, with packs to be distributed to local businesses from Monday 2 September onwards.

The packs can also be collected from Council offices in both Gatton and Laidley from Monday 2 September and will be available online from 31 August.

The packs contain full details on the nomination process. All businesses who nominate will go in the draw to win an advertising package from the Gatton Star and River 94.9.

Awards will be presented at the Gala Awards Night on Saturday 23 November.

For more information phone 5486 3505 or visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au)

**Media Partners:**

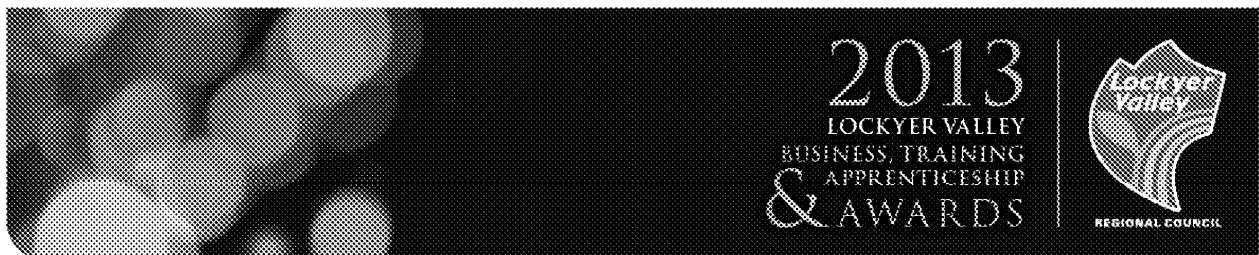
**Main Sponsors:**

Star, Heritag Bank, The University Of Queensland, Urban, bishopp, Cardno, JJ Richards

PRESS AD

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## NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

THE BUSINESS, TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS ARE A CHANCE FOR THE REGION'S BUSINESSES TO BE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE.

Nominations are open, with packs continuing to be distributed to local businesses, this week. Entries must be received by 30 September.

The packs can also be collected from Council offices in both Gatton and Laidley and are also available on Council's website.

All businesses who nominate will go in the draw to win an advertising package from the Gatton Star and River 94.9.

**NOMINATION WORKSHOP**  
For practical support and nomination tips come along to the workshop to be held at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre on Wednesday 11 September at 6pm.

Awards will be presented at the Gala Awards Night on Saturday 23 November.

For more information phone 5466 3505 or visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au)

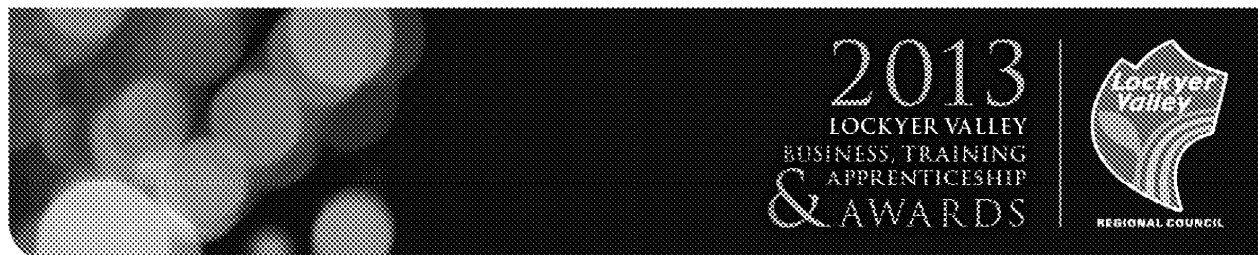
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# 2013 LOCKYER VALLEY BUSINESS, TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIP & AWARDS

## LAST CHANCE TO NOMINATE ENTRIES CLOSE 30 SEPTEMBER

THE BUSINESS, TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS ARE A CHANCE FOR THE REGION'S BUSINESSES TO BE RECOGNISED FOR THEIR EXCELLENCE.

This is your last chance to nominate for this year's business awards with nominations closing Monday 30 September.

Packs can still be collected from Council offices in both Gatton and Laidley and are also available on Council's website.

**Entries must be received by 30 September.**

All businesses who nominate will go in the draw to win an advertising package from the Gatton Star and River 94.9.

Awards will be presented at the Gala Awards Night on Saturday 23 November.

For more information phone 5466 3505 or visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au)

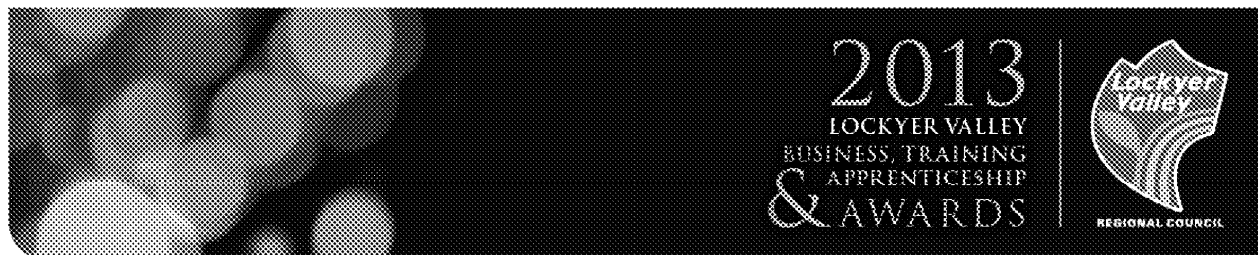


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 A poster titled '2013 LOCKYER VALLEY BUSINESS, TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIP & AWARDS FINALISTS'. It lists finalists across various categories. The Lockyer Valley Regional Council logo is at the top right.
 

CATEGORY FINALISTS	Professional Services	Home Based Business	
Tourism	Getton Real Estate	Kissed by Cupid	Daniel Goltz
Branell Homestead Bed & Breakfast	QBT Financial Group	Laidley Cleaning Services	Woodlands Road Engineering
Laidley Golf Club	Tell Me A Story Books	Tamor Roses	Breanna Oyston
Mulgowie Hotel	BeisB	Thomson Refrigeration & Air Conditioning	Bramwell Auto Group
Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services	Foodworks Laidley	Environmental and Sustainability Award	Trainee of the Year
Scotbar Civil	Laidley Butchery	Laidley Butchery	Gary Everuss
Serco Australia Pty Ltd	Plainland's Hardware & Rural Centre	Scotbar Civil	Serco Australia Pty Ltd
The University of Queensland	Yraco Services	Serco Australia Pty Ltd	Maddison Yarrow
Getton Vocational Education Centre	Laidley Cleaning Services	TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYEE FINALISTS	Killing Time with Coffee
Food and Dining	Masterhire	Apprentice of the Year	Employee of the Year
Eagle Rock Cafe	Valley Waste Water	Callan Damrow	Trisha Colburn
Killing Time with Coffee	Health Services and Fitness	Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Valley Waste Water Pty Ltd
Smileyballs Patisserie	Coast to Country Chiropractic		Judy Lipp
	Step Into Life		Serco Australia Pty Ltd
	Lockyer Valley		Jenni Smith
	UQ Fitness and Aquatic Centre		Tell Me A Story Books
			Paul Ryan
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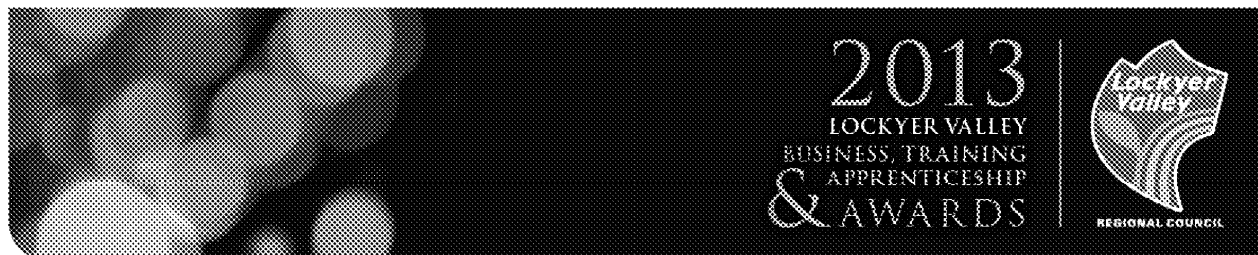
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# 2013

## LOCKYER VALLEY BUSINESS, TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

**ALL FINALISTS**

<p><b>PEOPLE'S CHOICE FINALISTS</b></p> <p>Annie's Place Des Neumann Haus Coast to Country Chiropractic Eagle Rock Café Gatton Jewellers Laidley Town and Country Lockyer Laundromat Pleza Hardware Mitre 10 Vidao Ezy Gatton</p>	<p><b>CATEGORY FINALISTS</b></p> <p><b>Tourism</b> Branall Homestead Bed &amp; Breakfast Laidley Golf Club Mulgowie Hotel</p> <p><b>Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services</b> Scotbar Civil Sercos Australia Pty Ltd The University of Queensland Gatton Vocational Education Centre</p>	<p><b>Food and Dining</b> Eagle Rock Café Killing Time with Coffee Smileybella Patisserie</p> <p><b>Professional Services</b> Gatton Real Estate GBT Financial Group Tall Ma A Story Books</p> <p><b>Retail</b> Foodworks Laidley Laidley Butchery Plainland's Hardware &amp; Rural Centre</p> <p><b>Trade Services</b> Laidley Cleaning Services Masterhire Valley Waste Water</p> <p><b>Health Services and Fitness</b> Coast to Country Chiropractic Step Into Life Lockyer Valley UQ Fitness and Aquatic Centre</p> <p><b>Home Based Business</b> Kissed by Cupid Laidley Cleaning Services Tanner Roses Thomson Refrigeration &amp; Air Conditioning</p>
<p><b>Environmental and Sustainability Award</b> Laidley Butchery Scotbar Civil Sercos Australia Pty Ltd</p> <p><b>TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYEE FINALISTS</b></p> <p><b>Apprentice of the Year</b> Callan Darnrow Lockyer Valley Regional Council Daniel Goltz Woodlands Road Engineering Broenna Oyatton Bramwell Auto Group</p> <p><b>Trainee of the Year</b> Gary Everuas Sercos Australia Pty Ltd Maddison Yarrow Killing Time with Coffee</p> <p><b>Employee of the Year</b> Trisha Colburn Valley Waste Water Pty Ltd Judy Lipp Sercos Australia Pty Ltd Jenni Smith Tall Ma A Story Books Paul Ryan Nolans Transport</p>		

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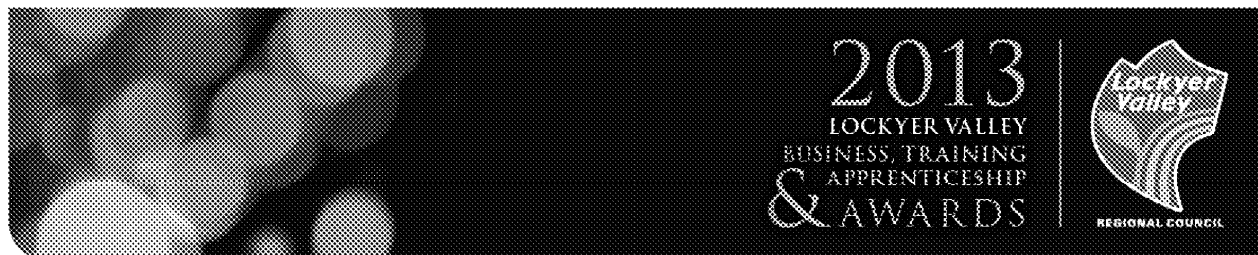


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 A poster titled "2013 LOCKYER VALLEY BUSINESS, TRAINING & APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS WINNERS". It lists winners across several categories. The Lockyer Valley Regional Council logo is in the top left.
 

TRAINING, APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYEE WINNERS	PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER	Food and Dining	Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services
Apprentice of the Year <b>Breanna Oyeton</b> Bramwell Auto Group	<b>Eagle Rock Cafe</b>	<b>Smileybelle Patisserie</b>	<b>Sarco Australia Pty Ltd</b>
Trainee of the Year <b>Gary Everuss</b> Sarco Australia Pty Ltd	<b>CATEGORY WINNERS</b>	Professional Services <b>OBT Financial Group</b>	<b>2013 MAYOR'S AWARD WINNER</b>
Employee of the Year <b>Trisha Colburn</b> Valley Waste Water Pty Ltd	Environmental and Sustainability Award <b>Sarco Australia Pty Ltd</b>	Trade Services <b>Masterhire</b>	<b>Chris Euffy and Andrea Sorensen</b> Laidlaw Landscaping Supplies
	Retail <b>Foodworks Laidlaw</b>	Health Services and Phosar <b>Coast to Country Chiropractic</b>	<b>2013 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR WINNER</b>
	Tourism <b>Mulgowie Hotel</b>	Home Based Business <b>Kissed by Cupid</b>	<b>Sarco Australia Pty Ltd</b>

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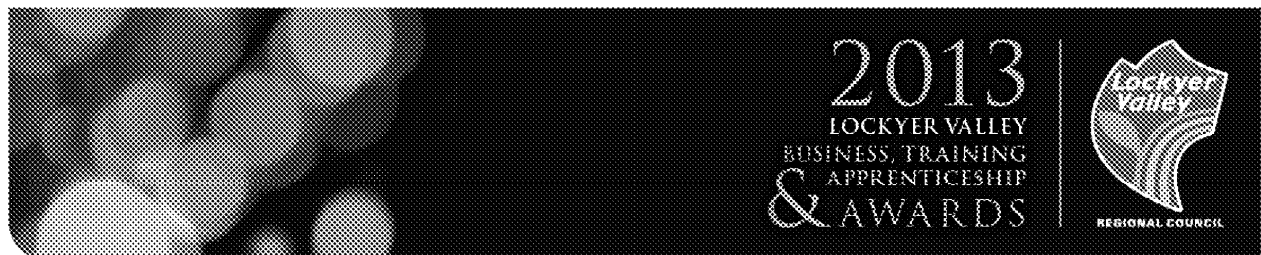
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 The poster for the 2013 Heritage Bank People's Choice Award. It has a dark background with a bokeh light effect on the left. The title '2013 HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD' is prominently displayed in a large, serif font. Below the title, the text asks 'DO YOU OFFER THE BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE IN LOCKYER VALLEY?'. It then explains that the award is an opportunity for the public to vote for the best customer service in the Lockyer Valley. The poster lists the voting period from Monday 30 September to Thursday 24 October 2013, and provides a list of locations where customers can vote, including Heritage Bank, Gatten, and Laidley. A small Lockyer Valley Regional Council logo is at the bottom left. A Heritage Bank logo is at the bottom left of the poster. A call to action at the bottom right encourages voting for a favourite business to win a \$200 gift voucher.
 

**DO YOU OFFER THE BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE IN LOCKYER VALLEY?**

THE HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO VOTE FOR THE BUSINESS THEY BELIEVE OFFERS THE BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE LOCKYER VALLEY.

This is a chance for businesses to encourage their customers to vote for their business based on their experiences and satisfaction relating to customer service.

Eight businesses will be selected as finalists and will receive two tickets to the Awards Gala Dinner.

A weekly vote count of the top eight business will be published weekly in the Gatten Star from 3 October with the winning business to be announced at the Gala Awards Night on Saturday 23 November at the Gatten Shire Hall.

Voting will begin on Monday 30 September and close at COB on Thursday 24 October 2013.

Customers can vote for their favourite business by completing a form at the following locations:

- Heritage Bank, Railway Street, Gatten
- Heritage Bank Mini-Branch Laidley Newsagency, Patrick Street, Laidley
- Libraries – Gatten and Laidley
- Visitor Information Centres – Gatten and Plainland
- Gatten Star Office, North Street, Gatten

Vote for your favourite business in the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award and go into the draw to win a \$200 gift voucher at a local business of your choice.

**Heritage Bank**

For more information on the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award contact Council on 1300 005 872.

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**& AWARDS**



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# 2013

## HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

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This is a chance for businesses to encourage their customers to vote for their business based on their experience and satisfaction relating to customer service.

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**THIS WEEK'S TOP 8:**

Amie's Place, Dee Neurons in Haas	Lockyer Landscapers
Cafe 4142	SM Hair Studio
Killing Time with Coffee	Place Hardware Miro 10
LaidleyTenn and Country	Thomson Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

Voting closes COB Thursday 24 October 2013.

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- Heritage Bank Mini-Branch Laidley Neighbourhood, Patrick Street, Laidley
- Libraries - Gatton and Laidley
- Visitor Information Centres - Gatton and Plainland
- Gatton Star Office, North Street, Gatton

Vote for your favourite business in the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award and gain up to the chance to win a \$200 gift voucher at a local business of your choice.

**TICKETS ON SALE SOON**

Tickets to the Awards Night to be held on Saturday 23rd November will be on high demand and may not last long as we highly recommend booking tickets as soon as they are available. Tickets will be sold on a first in, first served basis.

Tickets on sale from 9am Monday 20th October

**Locations:** Laidley Visitor Information Centre - Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, Gatton

**Cost:** \$45 - includes pre-dinner canapés, 3-course meal and beer with and soft drink and cake.

 **Heritage Bank**

For more information on the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award contact Council on 1300 605 872.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BLESSING IN THE  
 HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD AND GO  
 INTO THE DRAWING TO WIN A GORGEOUS VOUCHER AT  
 A LOCAL BLESSING OF YOUR CHOICE.

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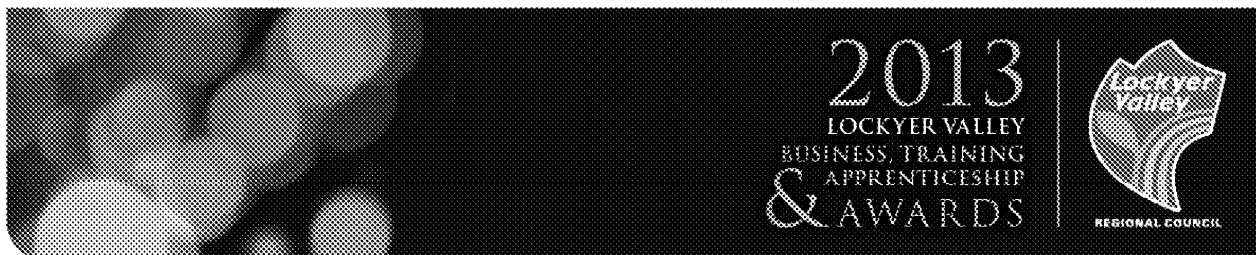
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# 2013

## HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

### FINALISTS

BELOW ARE THE EIGHT LOCKYER VALLEY BUSINESSES WHO HAVE BEEN VOTED AS OFFERING THE BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THIS YEAR'S HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD.

- Annie's Place Das Neumann Haus
- Coast to Country Chiropractic
- Eagle Rock Cafe
- Gatton Jewellers
- Laidley Town and Country
- Lockyer Laundromat
- Plaza Hardware Mitre 10
- Video Ezy Gatton

Tickets for the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards are now on sale. Tickets are limited and can be purchased from the Lake Apex Visitor Information Centre in Gatton for \$85 per person or \$850 for a table of 10 people.

The gala event will be held on Saturday 23 November at the Gatton Shire Hall with pre-dinner drinks from 6pm and the awards beginning at 7pm. The cost of the ticket includes pre-dinner drinks and canapés, three-course meal, beer, wine and soft drink until close.

For further information contact (07) 5466 3426 or visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au)

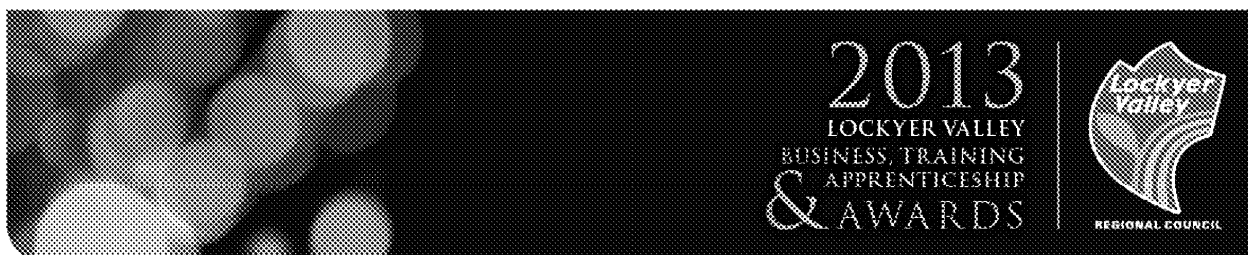



The winner of the People's Choice Nominator \$200 gift voucher is J. Harman of Gatton.

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A banner for the 2013 Heritage Bank People's Choice Award. The text "2013" is large and stylized, followed by "HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD" in a smaller font. Below this, it asks "DO YOU KNOW A BUSINESS THAT GIVES EXCEPTIONAL CUSTOMER SERVICE?" and then "VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE LOCKYER VALLEY BUSINESS HERE". A small Lockyer Valley Regional Council logo is on the left. A box at the bottom says "Vote for your favourite business in the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award and go into the draw to win a \$200 gift voucher at a local business of your choice." The Heritage Bank logo is at the bottom left, and contact information is at the bottom right.

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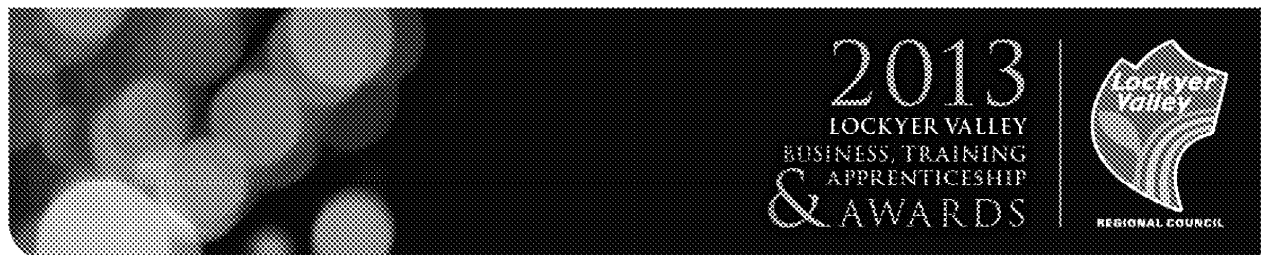
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 A poster for the 2013 Heritage Bank People's Choice Award. The title "2013 HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD" is prominently displayed at the top. Below the title, the text reads: "THE HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO VOTE FOR THE BUSINESS THEY BELIEVE OFFERS THE BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE IN THE LOCKYER VALLEY." Further down, it states: "This is a chance for businesses to encourage their customers to vote for their business based on their experiences and satisfaction relating to customer service." It then mentions: "Eight businesses will be selected as finalists and will receive two tickets to the Awards Gala Dinner." A weekly vote count of the top eight businesses will be published weekly in the Gatton Star from 9 October with the winning business to be announced at the Gala Awards Night on Saturday 23 November at the Gatton Shire Hall. Voting will begin on Monday 26 September and close at 6:00 on Thursday 24 October 2013. Customers can vote for their favourite business by completing a form at the following locations:
 

- Heritage Bank, Railway Street, Gatton
- Heritage Bank M&W Branch, Laidley Newsagency, Patrick Street, Laidley
- Librarians - Gatton and Laidley
- Visitor Information Centres - Gatton and Plainland
- Gatton Star Office, North Street, Gatton

 A box at the bottom says: "Vote for your favourite business in the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award and go into the draw to win a \$200 gift voucher at a local business of your choice." The Heritage Bank logo is at the bottom left, and the Lockyer Valley Regional Council logo is at the bottom right.

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## VOTE FOR US!

### in the 2013 HERITAGE BANK PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

DO YOU THINK WE OFFER  
GREAT CUSTOMER SERVICE?  
HAVE YOU HAD A GREAT EXPERIENCE  
WITH THE SERVICE WE HAVE PROVIDED?

Vote for your favourite business in the Heritage Bank  
People's Choice Award and go into the draw to win a  
\$200 gift voucher from a local business of your choice.

Business  
Name:

Your contact details

Name:   
Suburb:   
Email:   
Phone:   
Signature:

Customers can enter their voting forms  
at the following locations:



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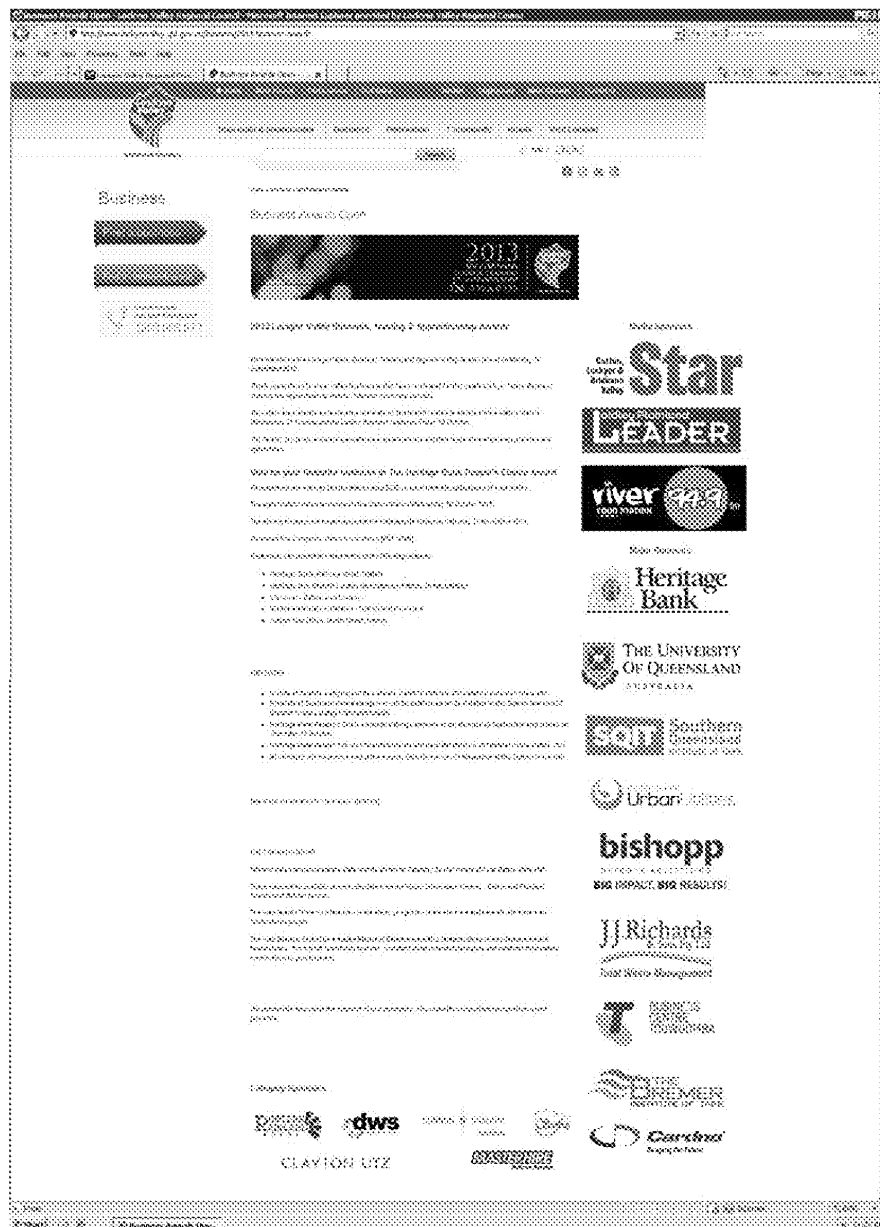
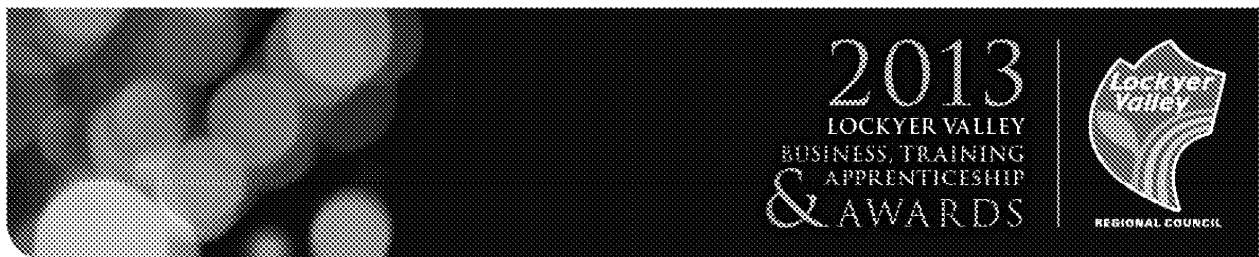


For more information on the  
Heritage Bank People's Choice Award  
contact Council on 1300 005 872.

Entries close Tuesday 24 October at 5.00pm. Entry tickets will be published in the Gatton Star on Wednesday 20 October 2013. Each ticket will receive two tickets to the Award Gala Dinner on Saturday 23 November, where the winner will be announced. Prize for customer is a \$200 gift voucher for a business of their choice, issued within the Lockyer Valley region. The winner will receive a 2000 pack to the value of \$500. All tickets are reserved in addition to a Customer Service focused evening, which is exclusive to People's Choice Voters. Vote counting will be verified by a registered Justice of the Peace. Entries are limited to one vote per business per person. Contact Council on 1300 005 872 (LVRC) for more information.

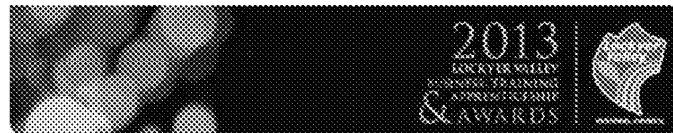
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WEB PAGE





## ONLY 10 DAYS TO GO

Nominations for this year's Business Awards close on Monday 30 September 2013.

I encourage you to take the time to look at the nomination documents, and put pen to paper for your chance to win some fantastic prizes, and highlight the achievements of your business.

All the documents are available on the web – [lvrvc.org.au](http://lvrvc.org.au)

Your chance to win an advertising package from The Gatton Star and River 949, simply by nominating. All business nominations go into a draw to win, and our Business of the year will win an advertising package valued at over \$10,000.

The Awards are also an opportunity to reward and recognise your staff, please consider nominating a valuable employee for Employee of the Year. If you have apprentices or trainees encourage them to nominate for these awards.

The Awards are all about recognising excellence in local business and their respective employees, trainees and apprentices.

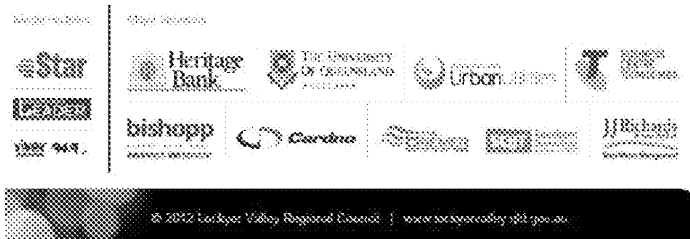
## WHY YOU SHOULD ENTER

Use this opportunity to step back and look at your business, take some time to think, highlight the achievements of your business and identify areas for potential improvement.

Showcase the innovative work, expertise and vision of your organisation.

All winners will be announced at the Gala Dinner on 20 November, at the Gatton Shire Hall, with a quality master of ceremonies, a fantastic three course dinner, wine and beer included and a live band at the end of formalities.

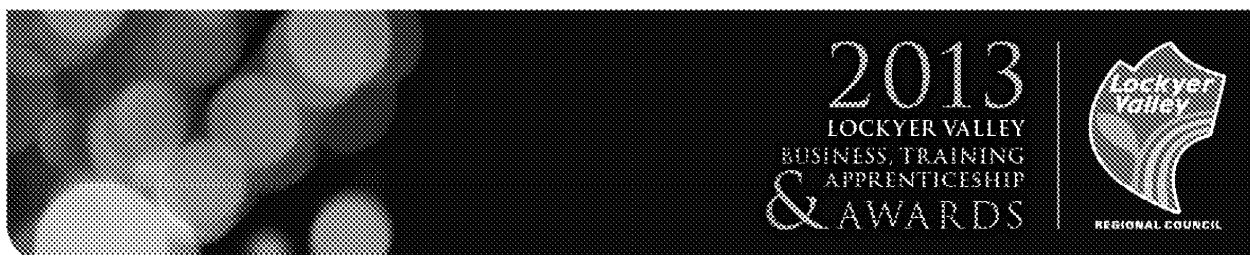
Tickets to the dinner go on sale on 28 October 2013.



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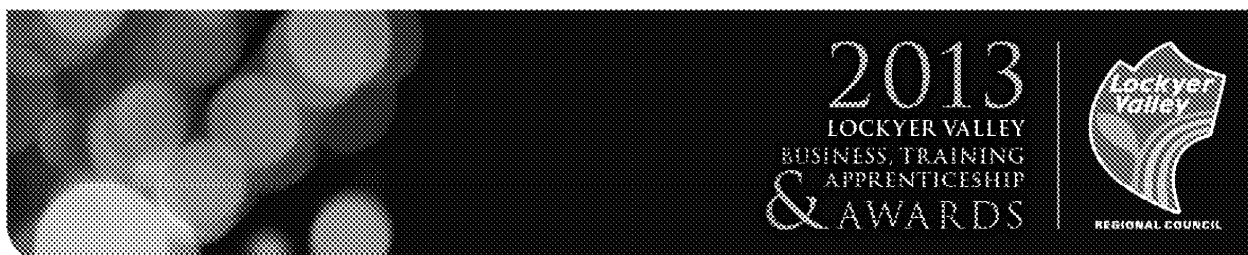
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Queensland Times (Ipswich), Ipswich QLD  
14 Sep 2013

General News, page 18 - 49.41 cm<sup>2</sup>  
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Queensland Times (Ipswich), Ipswich QLD  
24 Sep 2013

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Regional - circulation 8,543 (MTWTFSS-)

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## Clock ticking on business nominations

TIME is running out for businesses to their get nominations in for Lockyer Valley Regional Council's night of nights, the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards.

With more than \$10,000 available in prizes for the Business of the Year, businesses are encouraged to get their nominations in before September 30.

The awards night will be held on Saturday, November 23.

Nomination kits can be downloaded at [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au) or collected from council's offices in Gatton and Laidley. For more information visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au) or contact council on 1300 005 872.

## Close date for awards approaches

TIME is running out to get your nominations in for the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship awards.

Mayor Steve Jones said businesses only had until the end of September to get their nominations in with September 30 being the final day.

The 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship awards will be held at the Gatton Shire Hall on November 23.

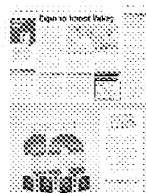
For more information or for a nomination kit contact the council on 1300 005 872 or visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au)



Chronicle (Toowoomba), Toowoomba QLD  
24 Sep 2013

General News, page 19 - 20.53 cm<sup>2</sup>  
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Chronicle (Toowoomba), Toowoomba QLD  
24 Sep 2013

General News, page 11 - 19.35 cm<sup>2</sup>  
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### Training awards

NOMINATIONS are now open for the Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards.

Nomination kits can be downloaded from council's website and will be available for collection from council offices in both Gatton and Laidley. Nominations close on September 30.

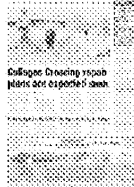
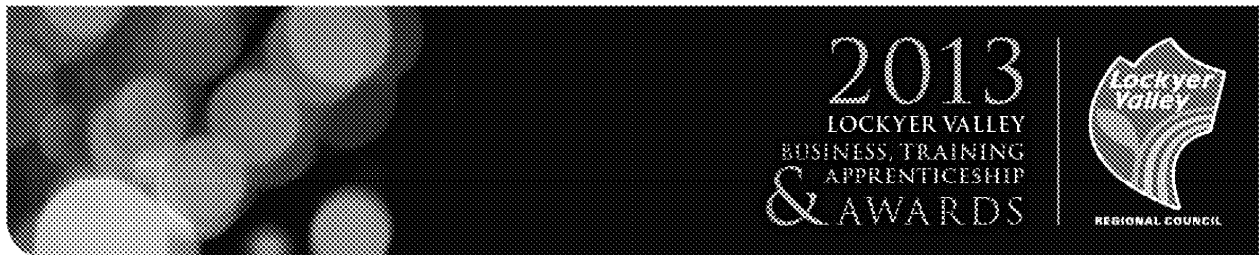
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### Lockyer Valley

#### Nominate businesses

TIME is running out to get your nominations in for the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship awards to be held on November 23.

Mayor Steve Jones said businesses only had until the end of September to get their nominations in. For more information visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au)

**Queensland Times (Ipswich), Ipswich QLD**

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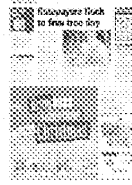
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**Chronicle (Toowoomba), Toowoomba QLD**

08 Oct 2013

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**Vote on the Lockyer's top customer service**

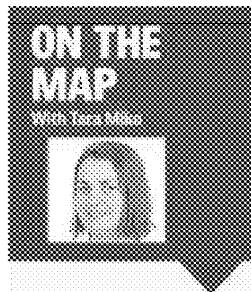
WHICH business in the Lockyer Valley provides the best customer service?

If you have received excellent service in the region, then nominate your favourite business in this year's Heritage Bank People's Choice Award.

Customers can vote by submitting an entry form at one of the designated entry locations, which include the Heritage Bank in Gatton, the Gatton Star and libraries in Gatton and Laidley.

Voting closes on October 24 and the eight finalists will then be visited by a mystery shopper.

Any business that would like to be involved should contact council on 1300 005 872.



**TODAY: Tara Miko brings a closer focus to Lockyer Valley, Miles and Chinchilla**

**TOMORROW:** Megan Masters covers Warwick, Stanthorpe, Allora, Clifton, Nobby and Southern Downs

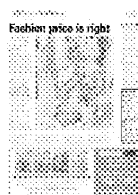
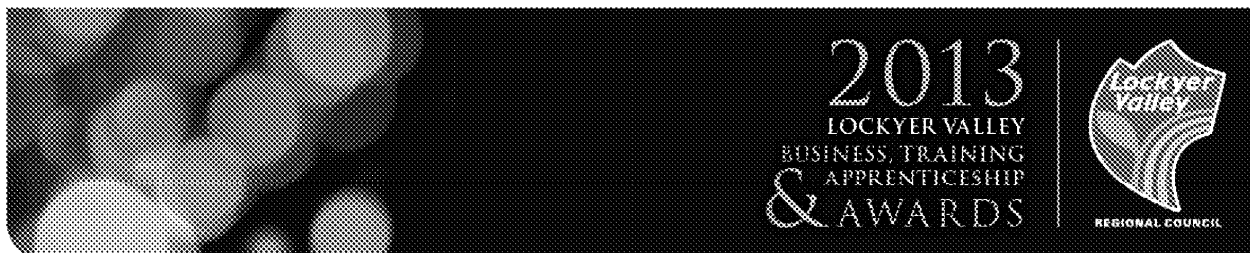
**Get your name out there**

THERE is still time to enter your business in this year's Heritage Bank People's Choice Award.

Mayor Steve Jones said it was an ideal opportunity for businesses to promote themselves to the community through the award.

Any business that would like to be involved in the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award should contact council on 1300 005 872 to obtain promotional material including flyers and counter cards.

Voting ends at close of business on October 24 with a Justice of the Peace verifying the final votes.



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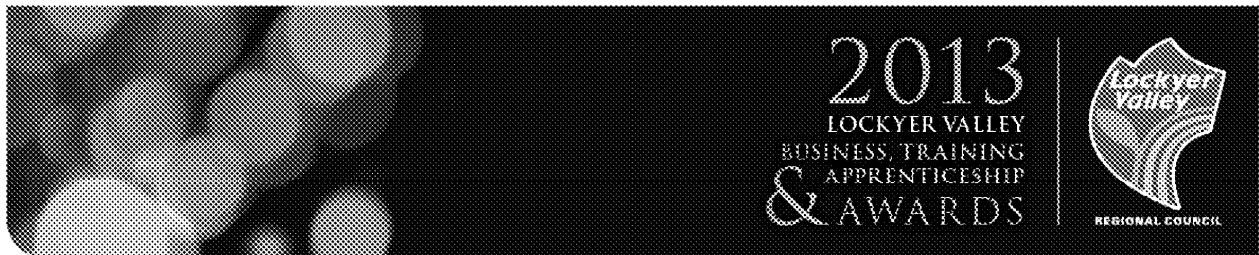
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Entry forms can be found inside the Gatton Star and businesses participating in the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award will have a poster located in their shop.

The finalists for this award will be the eight businesses with the most votes.



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# The best in the business awarded at gala event

**WINNERS** of this year's Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards will be announced at the Gala Awards Dinner at Gatton Shire Hall on Saturday, November 23.

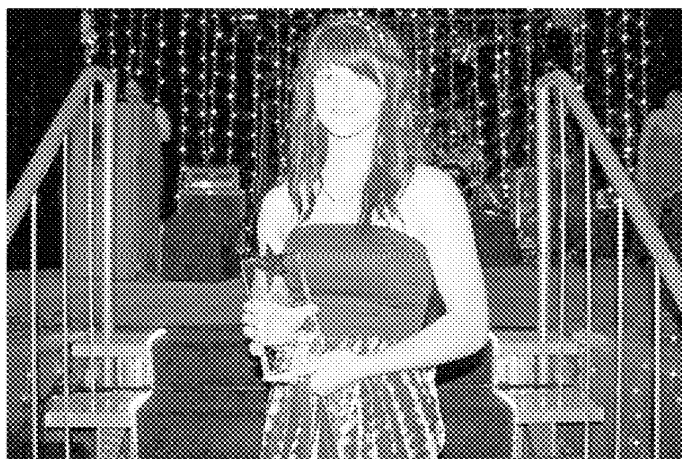
Tickets are on sale October 28 from 9am at the Lake Apex Visitor Information Centre, Gatton.

Tickets cost \$85 a person. The Gala Awards Dinner is a fantastic event where

you get the chance to meet and network with more than 300 business people.

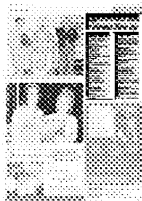
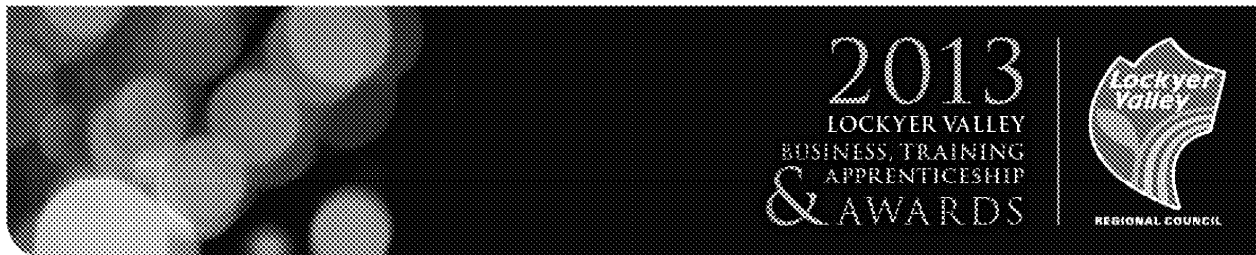
The gala dinner will be hosted by a quality master of ceremonies with a fantastic three-course dinner, with wine and beer included.

For more information on the event visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au) or phone the council on 1300 605 872.



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# Apprentices and trainees line up

THE finalists in this year's Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship awards have been announced. The finalists are:

## Tourism section

- Braneli Homestead Bed and Breakfast
- Laidley Golf Club
- Mulgowie Hotel

## Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services

- Scothar Civil
- Sero
- The University of Queensland Gatton Vocational Education Centre

## Food and Dining

- Eagle Rock Café
- Killing Time with Coffee
- Smileybells Patisserie

## Professional Service

- Gatton Real Estate
- GBT Financial Group
- Tell Me A Story Books

## Retail

- Foodworks Laidley
- Laidley Butchery
- Plainland Rural Hardware

## Trade Service

- Laidley Cleaning Services
- Masterhire

## Valley Waste Water

## Health Services and Fitness

- Coast to Country Chiropractic
- Step into Life Lockyer Valley
- UQ Fitness and Aquatic Centre

## Home-Based Business

- Kissed by Cupid
- Laidley Cleaning Services
- Tamar Roses
- Thomson Refrigeration and Air-Conditioning

## Environment and Sustainability

- Laidley Butchery
- Scothar Civil
- Sero

## INDIVIDUAL FINALISTS

### Apprentice of the Year

- Callan Damrow - LVRC
- Daniel Golitz - Woodlands
- Breanna Oyston - Bramwell

### Trainee of the Year

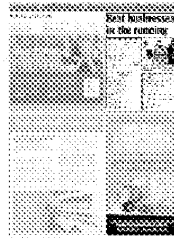
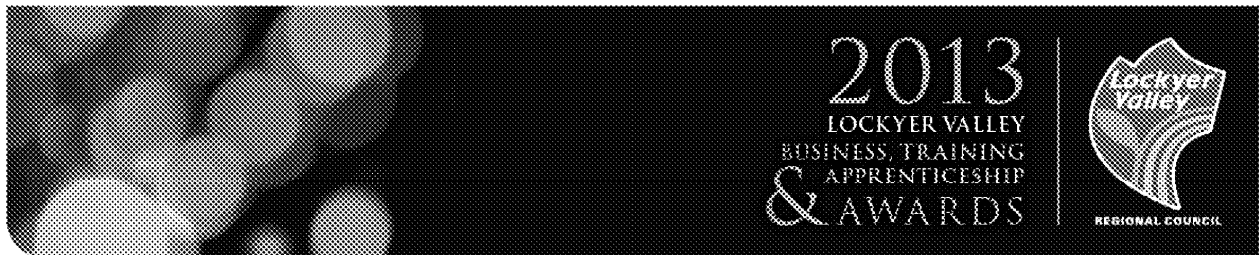
- Gary Evernus - Sero Australia
- Maddison Yarrow - Killing Time with Coffee

### Employee of the Year

- Trisha Colburn - Valley Waste Water Pty Ltd
- Judy Lipp - Sero Australia
- Jenny Smith - Tell Me A Story Books
- Paul Ryan - Nolans Transport

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# Best businesses in the running

THE finalists in this year's Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship awards have been announced.

See the column on the left for the training and apprenticeship award finalists. The finalists are:

## Tourism section

Branch Homestead Bed & Breakfast;  
Laidley Golf Club;  
Mulgowie Hotel.

## Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services

Scotbar Civil;  
Sereco;  
The University of Queensland Gatton Vocational Education Centre.

## Food and Dining

Eagle Rock Café;  
Killing Time with Coffee;  
Smileybelis Patisserie.

## Professional Service

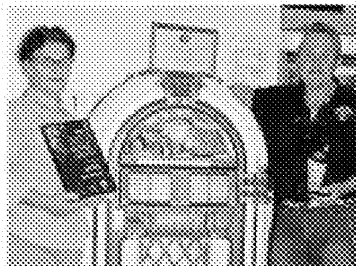
Gatton Real Estate;  
GBT Financial Group;  
Tell Me A Story Books.

## Retail

Foodworks Laidley;  
Laidley Butchery;  
Plainland Rural Hardware.

## Trade Service

Laidley Cleaning Services;  
Masterhire;



**FINALISTS:** Denise and Garry Morris from Eagle Rock Cafe are in the running.  
Photo: Sarah Fleming

## Valley Waste Water.

## Health Services and Fitness

Coast to Country Chiropractic;  
Step into Life Lockyer Valley;  
UQ fitness and Aquatic Centre.

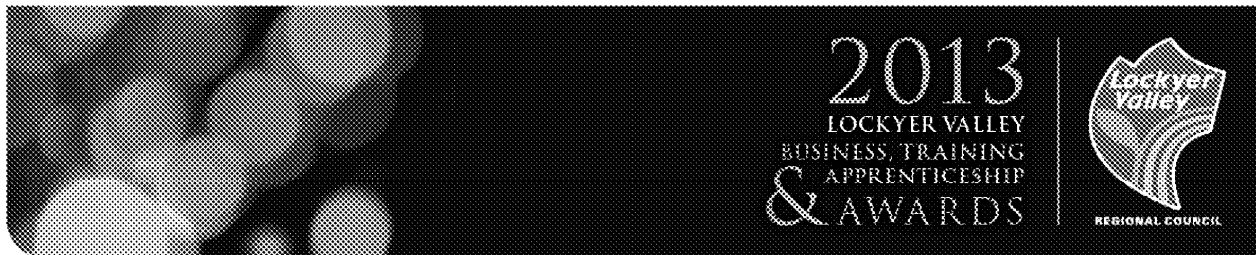
## Home Based Business

Kissed by Cupid;  
Laidley Cleaning Services;  
Tamor Roses;  
Thomson Refrigeration & Air Conditioning.

## Environmental and Sustainability Award

Laidley Butchery;  
Scotbar Civil;  
Sereco.





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# Field is full of quality

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"I don't envy the judges in picking a winner," Cr Jones said.

"Every year we have held these awards the quality of the entrants has risen. In a small region like the Lockyer Valley we are lucky to have so many wonderful businesses."

The finalists for Heritage Bank People's Choice award will be the eight businesses with the most votes.

The finalists will be announced in the Gatton Star of October 30.

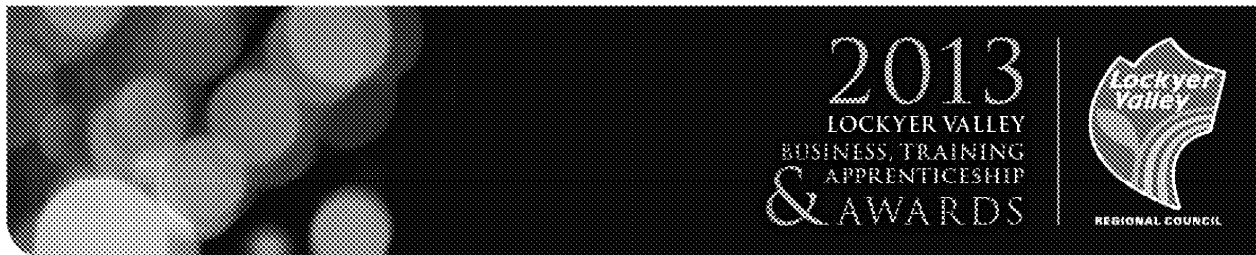
The 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards Gala Dinner will be held on November 23.



WHO WILL IT BE THIS YEAR? Rachel Waterhouse received the Mayor's Award from Mayor Steve Jones in 2012

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## A mystery shopper to select top Lockyer business

IN LESS than one month the winner of the Heritage Bank People's Choice Award will be announced at the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards.

The finalists for this year's award are:

- Annie's Place, Das Neumann Haus
- Coast to Country Chiropractic
- Eagle Rock Cafe
- Gatton Jewellers
- Laidley Town and Country
- Lockyer Laundromat
- Plaza Hardware Mitre 10
- Video Ezy Gatton

Lockyer Valley Mayor Steve Jones said the eight finalists would be visited by a mystery shopper in the coming weeks to determine an overall winner.

"I would like to congratulate the eight businesses who are finalists for the award this year," he said.

The eight finalists each receive two tickets to the gala night with the overall winner taking home a trophy and a prize pack to the value of \$500.

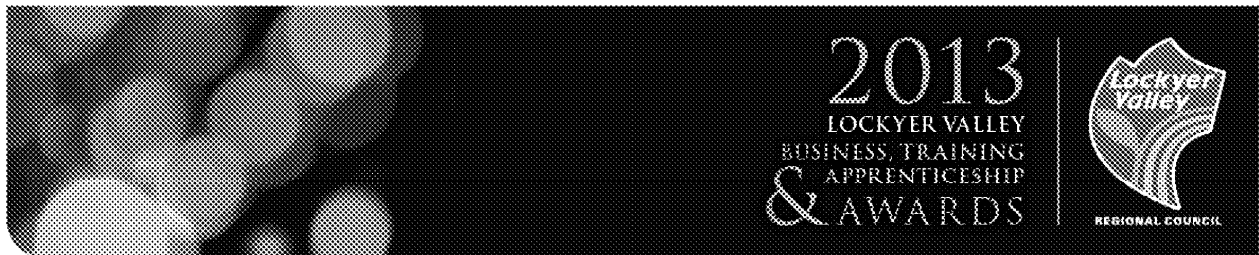
One customer who entered the competition will be drawn at random to win a \$500 voucher at the shop of their choice within the Lockyer Valley.

The awards gala dinner will be held on November 23. Tickets are on sale at the Lake Apex Visitor Information Centre, Gatton.

Tickets are \$65 and will be sold on a first in, first served basis. For more information visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au) or contact council on 1300 005 872.

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## THE AUSTRALIAN

### Alan Jones to host rural Qld awards night

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**CONTROVERSIAL** Sydney radio broadcaster Alan Jones is presenting an awards night in rural Queensland - only a year after advertisers boycotted his show.

Lockyer Valley mayor Steve Jones announced the 2GB shock jock will host this year's business training and apprenticeship awards in the flood-prone vegetable growing area west of Brisbane.

"It is a real coup to be able to bring someone like Alan to the Lockyer Valley," Councillor Jones said in a statement.

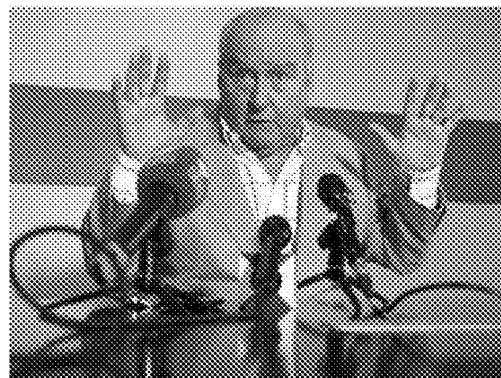
"He is a household name throughout Australia and will be a fantastic host later this month."

A year ago, advertisers pulled their radio campaigns from the Alan Jones program after he told a NSW Young Liberals function that then prime minister Julia Gillard's father had "died of shame" over her "lies".

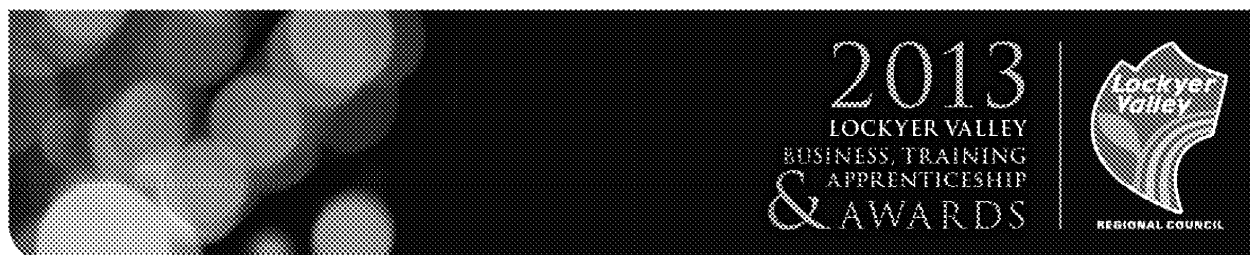
He later apologised for making the comments.

Sydney's No.1 breakfast presenter had previously suggested Ms Gillard should be put in a chaff bag and thrown out to sea.

He will be host the Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards gala dinner on November 23.

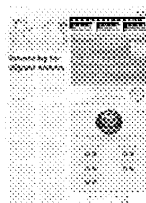


Controversial Sydney radio broadcaster Alan Jones will present an awards night in Queensland. Source: AAP



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## Radio identity Alan Jones special guest at event

ALAN Jones will host this year's Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards.

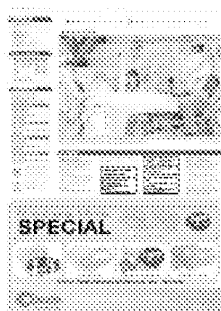
Lockyer Valley Mayor Steve

Jones said he was pleased to announce the high-profile media personality as the host of the November 23 event.

"It is a real coup to be able to

bring someone like Alan to the Lockyer Valley," Cr Jones said.

For more information on the dinner visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au) or phone 1300 005 872



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## Shock jock in town

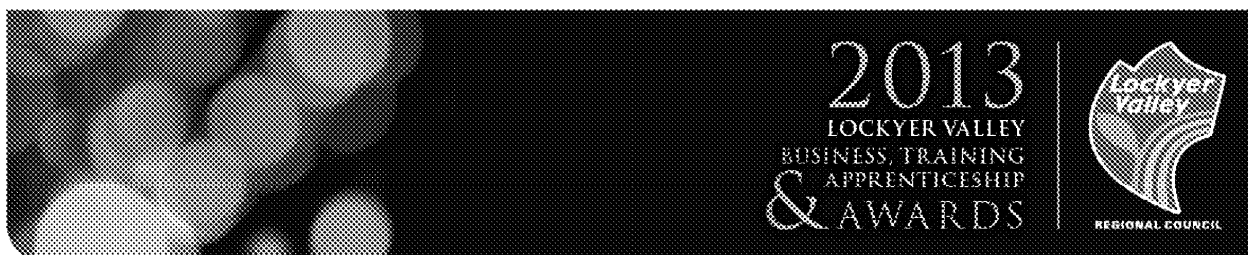
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Mr Jones is the current host of a breakfast radio program on 2GB.

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## High-profile radio host Alan Jones to host awards

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Lockyer Valley Mayor Steve Jones, said he was pleased to announce the high-profile media personality as the host of this year's event.

"It is a real coup to be able to bring someone like Alan to the Lockyer Valley," Cr Jones said.

"He is a household name throughout Australia and will be a fantastic host later this month."

Mr Jones is well-known for his role in the media, especially as host of Sydney radio station 2GB's breakfast program.

"Alan has had quite a decorated career," Cr Jones said.

"He has been awarded a Centenary Medal and the

Australian Sports Medal for his years of commitment to the sport and media industry."

The 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards gala dinner will be on November 23.

For more information visit [lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://lockyervalley.qld.gov.au) or contact the council on 1300 005 872.



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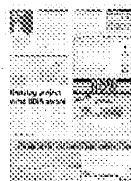
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Mr Jones is the current host of a breakfast radio program on 2GB. Away from the media, Mr Jones was a school teacher for many years, taking a special interest in coaching sporting teams. For more information on the event visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au) or contact 1300 005 872.



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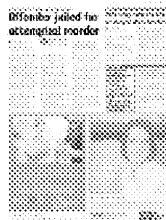
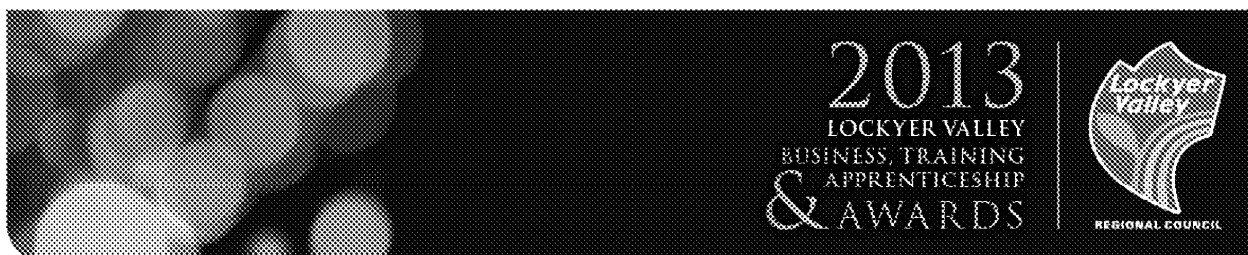
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### LOCKYER VALLEY

#### Tickets sold out for awards

TICKETS for the Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards are sold out and voting has finished.

Mayor Steve Jones said the Gatton Shire Hall would be packed this Saturday night for a celebration of business excellence in the region.



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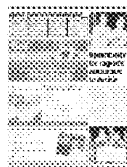
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"He is a household name throughout Australia and will be a fantastic host later this month."

Mr Jones is well-known for his role in the media industry which has included work in print, television and radio.

He currently resides in Sydney and is host of Sydney's highest rating breakfast radio program on 2GB.

Away from the media, Mr Jones was a school teacher for many years, taking a special interest in coaching sporting teams.

The early success Mr Jones had with his coaching

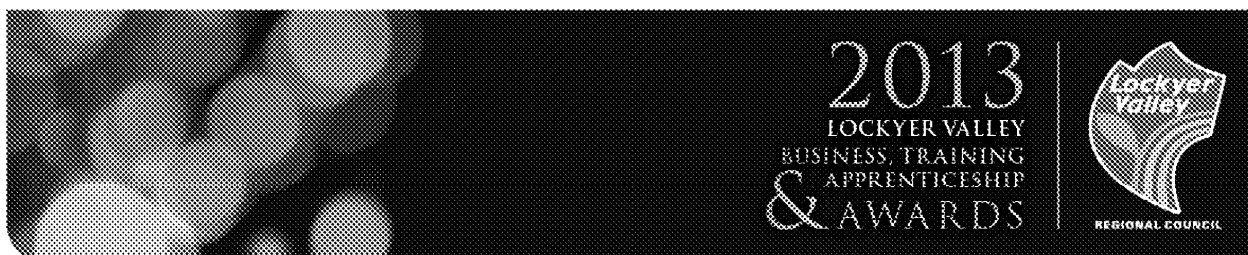
career saw him become coach of the Australian Wallabies rugby union team.

He led the Wallabies for four years and was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his service to rugby union in 1988.

The following year he was elected to the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

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## Eight finalists for top award

THE FINALISTS for the Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards have been selected, and only one question remains.

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"In a small region like the Lockyer Valley, we are lucky to have so many wonderful businesses."

Judging, which wrapped up on October 26, involved site visits.

Finalists of Business Award categories are published on Page 21.

All winners will be announced at the awards gala dinner, which will be held on

Saturday at the Gatton Shire Hall.

The finalists for Heritage Bank People's Choice award are the eight businesses with the most votes.

The finalists were announced in the Gatton Star on October 30.

They are:

- Annie's Place at Das Neumann Haus;
- Coast to Country Chiropractic;
- Eagle Rock Cafe;
- Gatton Jewellers;
- Laidley Town and Country;

■ Lockyer Laundromat;

■ Plaza Hardware Mitre 10; and

■ Video Ezy Gatton.

A trophy and prize pack to the value of \$500 will be presented to the winner.

Tickets are on sale at the Lake Apex Visitor Information Centre, Gatton.

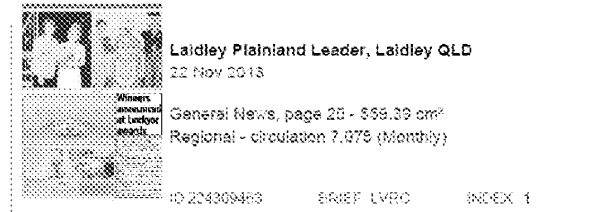
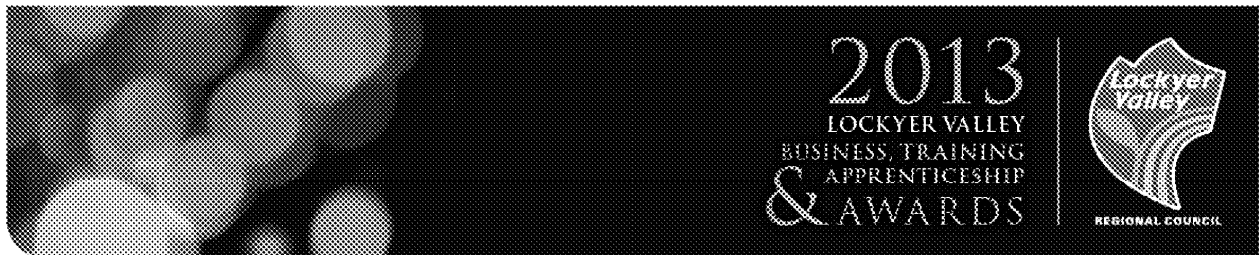
For more information on the gala event, visit [www.lockyvalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyvalley.qld.gov.au) or phone the council office on 1300 045 872.



WHO WILL IT BE? Rachel Waterhouse was shocked and honoured to receive the Mayor's Award from Steve Jones at the 2012 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards.

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# Winners announced at Lockyer awards

WINNERS of this year's Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards will be announced at the gala awards dinner at Gatton Shire Hall on Saturday.

Tickets for the gala awards dinner, which have been on sale since October 28, are available from 9am at the Lake Apex Visitor Information Centre, Gatton, at a cost of \$85 a person.

The gala awards dinner is a fantastic event where participants have a chance to meet and network with more than 300 business people.

The gala dinner will have a fantastic, three-course dinner, with wine and beer included.

The event will be hosted by well-known Sydney radio identity Alan Jones.

Mr Jones hosts a popular show on Sydney radio station 2GB, which is syndicated across Australia.

Mr Jones was an adviser to former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, and has even appeared as US president Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the musical Annie.

He is also a former coach of the Australian rugby union team from 1984.

Mr Jones coached the Australian team for four years, with 86 victories from 102 matches, including 23 victories in 30 Test matches.

Later he managed the Balmain Tigers rugby league team.

He has been a radio presenter for almost 30 years and is sure to entertain on the night with interesting stories about the great and the good.

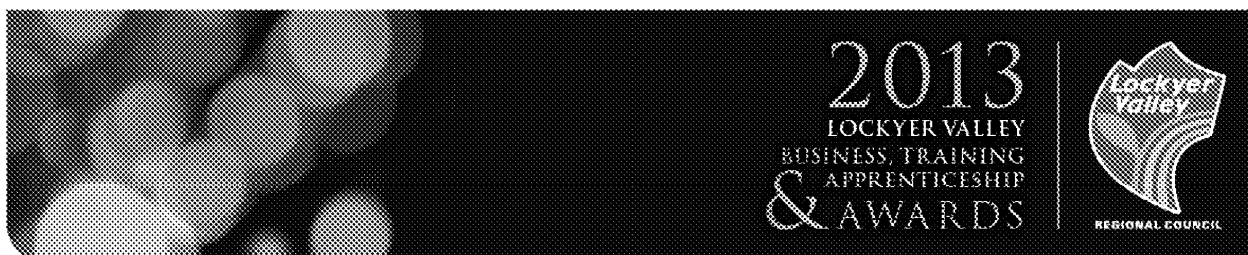
The gala dinner is a fantastic opportunity for business owners to invite their staff to reward, recognise and celebrate their valued contributions to their business.

For more information on the event, visit [www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalley.qld.gov.au), or contact council on 1300 005 872.

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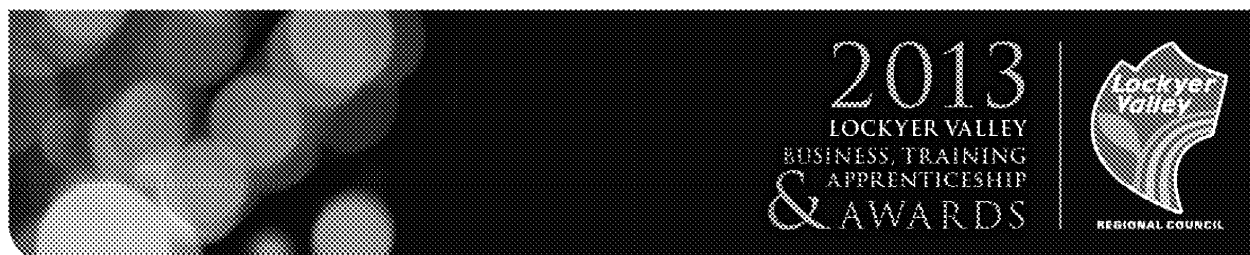


RECOGNITION: Kayla Cook (right) was the 2012 Apprentice of the Year.

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WINNERS: Dorise and Garry Murrie took out an award for their retro cafe in Laidley, Eagle Rock Cafe, in 2012.



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# Star presence shows up in successful business practise

THE Lockyer Valley Business Awards defied storms, rain and lightning to plan up for the annual business awards on Saturday.

Over 400 people crammed into the Gatton Shire Hall with the outdoor canopies just concluding before the heavens opened.

The choice of Sydney shock jock Alan Jones as MC made national news but the veteran entertainer steered clear of controversial statements.

Introducing Mr Jones, Lockyer Mayor Steve Jones described Alan Jones as the "Roger Federer of radio" and he didn't put a foot wrong as he skillfully guided

proceedings all night.

Mr Jones said he was delighted to be back in Gatton, an area he knew well from growing up on the Darling Downs.

"I had a tour around the town today and I didn't recognise it. It had changed so much for the better," Mr Jones said.

As for the awards themselves, the big winners on the night were Serco Australia, who run the Southern Queensland Correctional Centre.

Serco took out awards in three categories: sustainability and environment, transport, logistics, manufacturing and

agriculture services and the overall Business of the Year Award while one of the their staff also won the trainee award.

One of the most popular awards on the night was the People's Choice awards which is voted on by the general public.

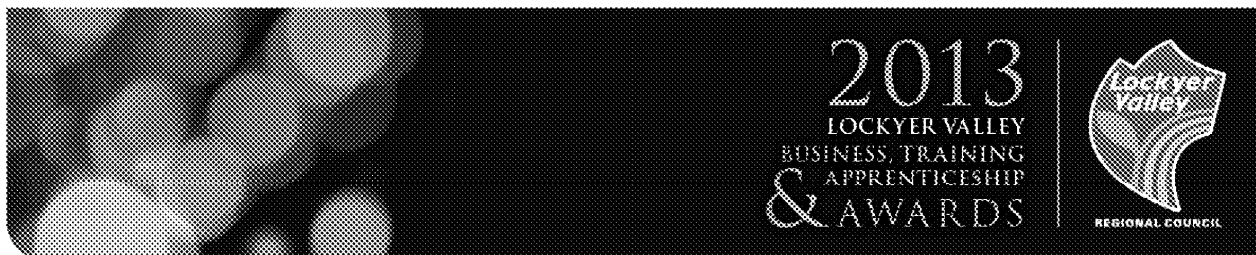
Gary and Denise Morris of Laidley's Eagle Rock Café took out the prize in the week they formally re-open after major flood damage, as well as a return visit by Premier Campbell Newman

PHOTO: DEREK BARRY  
to the popular café.  
Laidley also scooped the Mayor's Award taken out by Chris and Andrea Saffy of Laidley Landscaping

Supplies.

Mr Jones said Chris suffered a serious injury when volunteering after the floods with wife Andrea running the business while her husband was recovering.

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### WINNERS

#### Full list of winners:

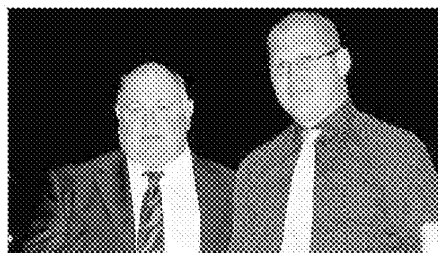
- ☒ Apprentice of the Year:  
Breanna Oyston from  
Bramwell Auto Group
- ☒ Trainee of the Year:  
Gary Everuss of Sercu
- ☒ Employer of the year:  
Trisha Colburn of Valley Waste Water
- ☒ People's Choice Award:  
Eagle Rock café
- ☒ Sustainability and  
environment: Sercu
- ☒ Retail: Laidley  
Foodworks
- ☒ Tourism: Mulgowie  
Hotel
- ☒ Food and Dining:  
Smileybella Patisserie
- ☒ Professional services:  
OBT Financial Group
- ☒ Trade services:  
Masterhire
- ☒ Health services and  
fitness: Coast to Country  
Chiropractic
- ☒ Home Based Business:  
Kissed by Cupid
- ☒ Transport, logistics,  
manufacturing and  
agriculture services:  
Sercu
- ☒ Mayor's award: Laidley  
Landscaping
- ☒ Business of the year:  
Sercu



STARRY NIGHT: Alan Jones and Matt Prondergast with  
Grassie and Noelene Diamond of Laidley Foodworks.

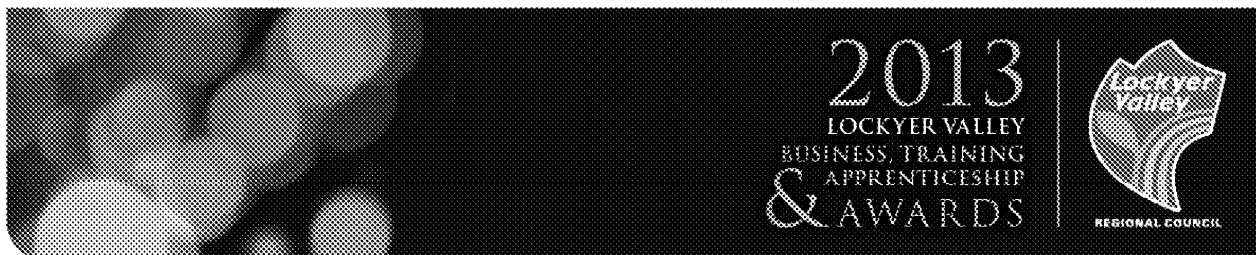


HIGH ACHIEVER: Trisha  
Colburn of Valley Waste  
Water.



MODEL FOR SUCCESS: Mayor Steve Jones presents Sercu its  
Sustainability and Environment Award.

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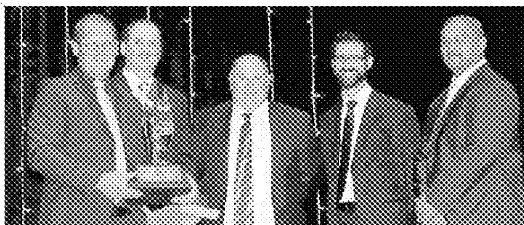
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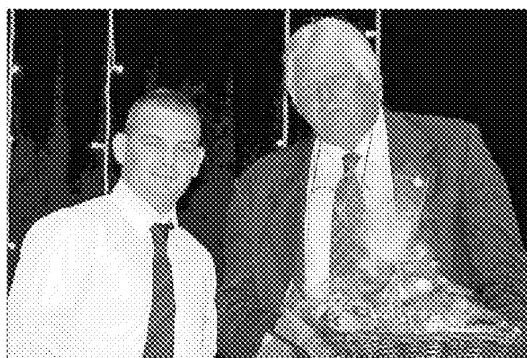
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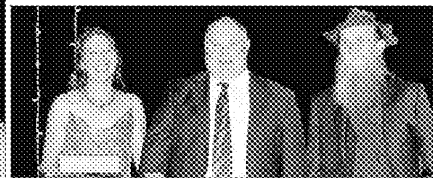
Judy Walters presents Dary and Denise Morris, of Eagle Rock Cafe, with the People's Choice award, a popular decision.



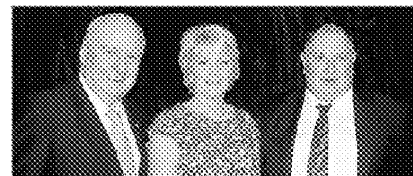
Mayor Steve Jones presents Serco with its overall Business of the Year Award.



TRAINEE OF THE YEAR: Gary Evers of Serco receives his award from Alan Payne.

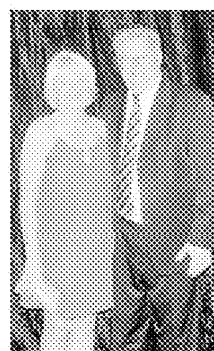


Mayor Steve Jones presents Soleyhells Farm's owners with their food and drink award.



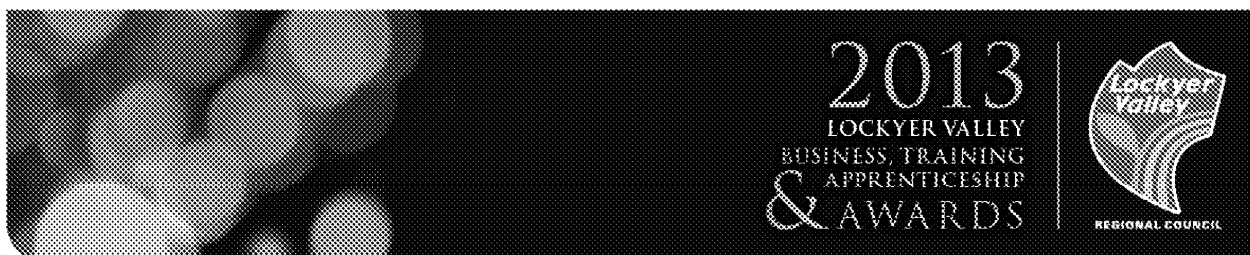
Alan Jones with son and Steve Jones at the awards.

Photo: Alan Jones



LEFT: Megan and Ian Flint.

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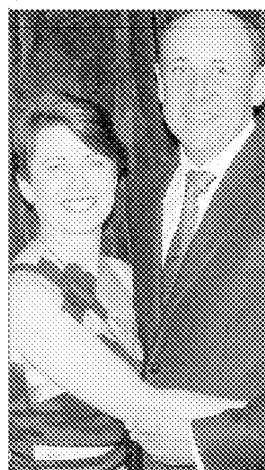
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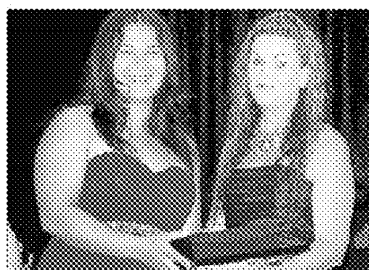
**TIDY AWARD:** Steve Jones, Chris Saffy, Mayor Steve Jones and Andrea Saffy. Chris and Andrea of Laidley Landscaping won the Mayor's award.



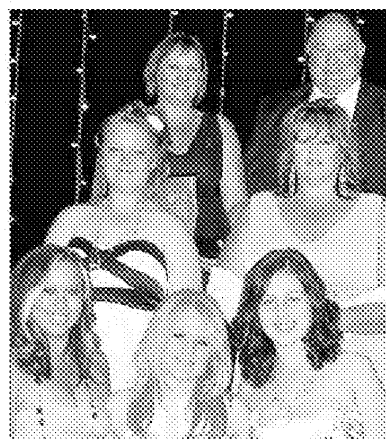
Mayor Steve Jones presents Coast to Country Chiropodists the health services and fitness award.



Mayor and Mayor's spouse.

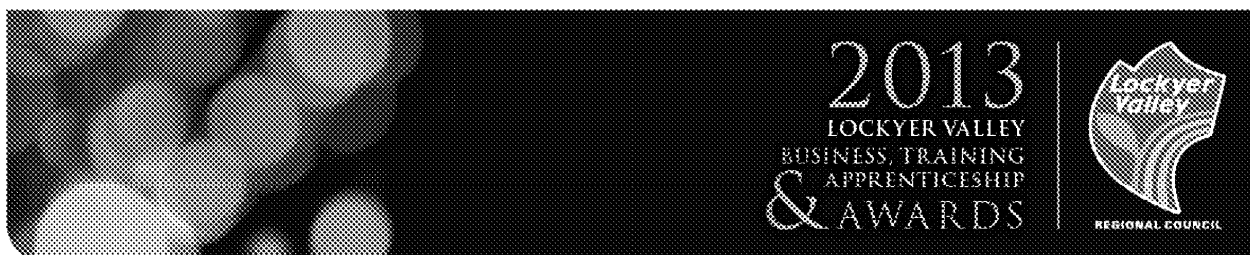


**RIGHT:** Apprentice of the Year winner Bryson Gysin from Bramwell Auto Group receives her award from Deputy Mayor Yanya Milligan.



Mayor Steve Jones presents Kissed by Cupid the Home Based Business Award.

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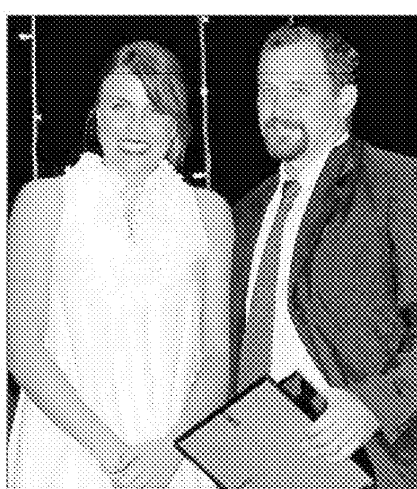
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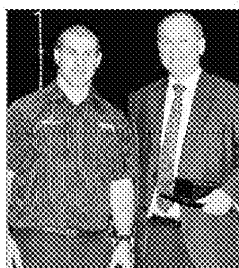


Mayor Steve Jones presents Matt Prenerkast of Masterhire with the Trade Services Award.

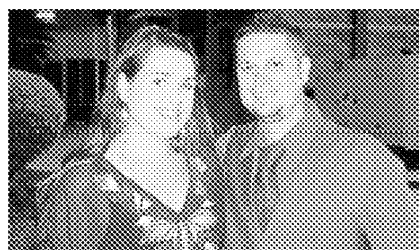
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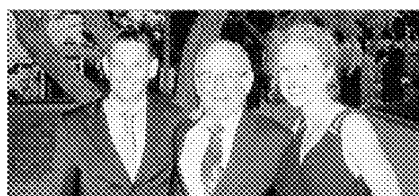
Candice Kelly presents Mulgowie Hotel owner Simon Emmerson his Tourism Award.



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Olivia and Paul Lehne.

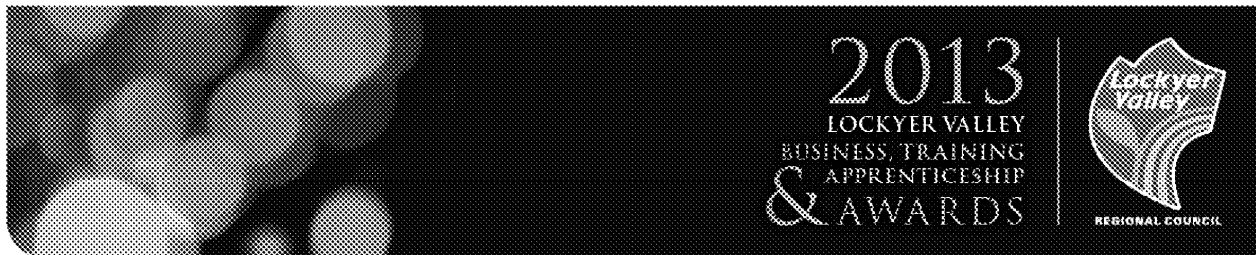


Darryl Keats, Terry Sparr and Sian Reese.

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## Serco wins acclaim at business gala night

SERCO Australia has taken out four awards at the 2013 Lockyer Valley Business, Training and Apprenticeship Awards, including Business of the Year.

At the awards gala dinner held on Saturday night, Lockyer Valley Mayor Steve Jones named Serco Australia the best business in the region in front of more than 400 people at the Shire Hall in Gatton.

"There were some outstanding candidates this year for Business of the Year," Cr Jones said. "Serco Australia is a thoroughly deserving winner and the entire team at Serco who helped make this award possible are to be congratulated."

Serco Australia also took home the Transport, Logistics, Manufacturing and Agricultural Services Award, the Environmental and Sustainability Award and Serco's Gary Everuss was named the Trainee of the Year.

The Mayor's Award went to Laidley Landscaping Supplies while the hotly-contested People's Choice Award went to the Eagle Rock Café.

"The entire event was quite incredible and I would like to thank everyone who helped make the night such a success," Cr Jones said.

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**15.5 Executive Manager Infrastructure Works and Services Monthly Update**

**Date:** 20 February 2014  
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**Responsible Officer:** Myles Fairbairn, Executive Manager Infrastructure Works & Services  
**File No:** Formal Papers

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**Summary:**

This report is to update Council on the emerging matters arising since Council last met in regards to the Infrastructure Works and Services Group.

**RESOLUTION:**  
**This report is for Council's information only.**

**Report**

**1. Introduction**

This report is to provide an update to Council on current matters arising for the Infrastructure Works and Services Group since Council's last meeting held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.

**2. Background**

Previous Infrastructure Works and Services report to Council up to and including the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.

**3. Report**

*NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND RECOVERY ARRANGEMENTS (NDRRA)*

*2011 NDRRA program*

A current financial summary of the above-mentioned program follows:

- ☐ Current estimated final cost (EFC) = \$115.5 million
- ☐ 2011 emergent works (now paid and acquitted by QRA) = \$20.7 million
- ☐ Value of works completed to end of January = \$104.3 million
- ☐ Submissions forwarded to QRA awaiting acquittal = \$20 million
- ☐ Submissions that have been acquitted by the QRA = \$3 million

Projects of note:

- ☐ Rockmount Road bridge tenders procurement process has moved to Part B. Meetings between Council and the Contractor's design team nearing completion and award of contract by CEO should occur last week of February.
- ☐ Asphalt works, two-coat seal works and linemarking to complete a large number of NDRRA road projects are all nearing completion

Key risks at the moment:



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- ☐ Potentially ineligible works already constructed (ongoing discussions with QRA)
- ☐ Non-approval of some works by QRA
- ☐ Delays in Council making final submissions of projects for QRA acquittal
- ☐ Delays in subsequent QRA acquittal of Council submissions
- ☐ Project management office costs may be deemed by the QRA as being too great
- ☐ All of 2011 program not completed by the QRA deadline (June 2014)

*2013 NDRRA program*

A current financial summary of the above-mentioned program follows:

- ☐ Current estimated final cost (EFC) = \$53 million (includes 2013 approved Betterment projects)
- ☐ 2013 emergent works (paid, but not yet acquitted by QRA) = \$14.7 million
- ☐ 2013 works completed to end January = \$4.5 million
- ☐ Submissions forwarded to QRA awaiting acquittal = \$0
- ☐ Submissions that have been acquitted by the QRA = \$0
- ☐ 2013 Betterment projects approved = \$6.4 million, Council contribution = \$1.3 million (needs to be included in the 2014-15 budget)
- ☐ Betterment project that has not been approved worth \$4.7 million
- ☐ Thistlethwaite bridge tenders process has moved to Part B. Meetings between Council and the Contractor's design team have commenced. Award of Contract anticipated 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 (subject to Energex asset relocation being completed).
- ☐ Clarke Bridge, Tenders for D and C contract have been called.

Key risks at the moment

- ☐ Fisheries issue causing potential delays to commencing works – QRA have not been able to assist with approvals. Proceeding to lodgement of DA's for works. Pushing works to much later in Program than originally anticipated.
- ☐ Extent of complementary works, whilst good value, requiring Council contribution in 2014-15
- ☐ Approvals from QRA not being timely; a potential problem after May 2014 will be keeping adequate work in front of day labour a
- ☐ Failure to obtain approval of final 2013 Betterment project in the Three Valleys, meaning that Council reverts to the 'base case' of restoration
- ☐ All of 2013 program not completed by the QRA deadline (June 2015) due to approvals issues for floodways

*INVESTIGATION, PLANNING AND DESIGN UNIT*

*Laidley flood mitigation projects (DSDIP funding)*

- ☐ Narda Lagoon levee – Expecting to commence works in Q1 of 2014 calendar year, subject to weather. Finalisation of Agreement with the adjacent property owner required prior to commencement of works.
- ☐ Storr Street drain – this 'missing link' in the drainage system is expected to be executed in conjunction with the Narda Lagoon levee (which will receive some of the excavated fill material).
- ☐ Laidley CBD preparatory works (service relocations, vegetation removal, but no earthworks) – forecast to commence in Q2 of 2014

*Forest Hill flood levee*

- ☐ Design of levee progressing.
- ☐ Qld Rail has commissioned SKM to provide flood modelling expertise, and it is understood that Qld Rail has formulated a construction project.
- ☐ Council is awaiting formal notification from Qld Rail regarding the proposal so that it can be taken by Qld Rail to the community at the next information evening, which is therefore yet to be arranged.

#### *Council's Planning Scheme*

- ☐ Infrastructure Works and Services are supporting the Planning team through a review of the draft Planning Scheme.
- ☐ Works Manual preparation and review progressing well. Workshop held and weekly meetings now underway to ensure good progression of the document development.

#### *ASSET MANAGEMENT UNIT*

- ☐ Asset Inspector commenced in role on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2014.
- ☐ Initial inspections have identified a number of drainage culverts of concern. Detailed investigations and risk management are ongoing.

#### *PLANT AND FLEET*

- ☐ Road stabiliser and tractor combination has been commissioned
- ☐ Purchasing and disposal of the remainder of plant and fleet for 2013-14 is the subject of a separate report to this Council Meeting.
- ☐ Some small items of plant appear to have been stolen from the Gatton Depot over the weekend of 15 and 16 February 2014, and this has been reported to the police. Security and access arrangement will be improved.

#### *ROADS AND DRAINAGE UNIT*

- ☐ New carpark and road at Lake Apex is under construction
- ☐ NDRRA road stabilisation and digout programme ongoing
- ☐ Construction of the new NDRRA floodways is going well, which is a project type that is new to many staff
- ☐ The movement of staff from the Parks and Open Spaces section to Roads and Drainage has required some restructuring of the unit, but appears to be going very well.

#### *PARKS AND OPEN SPACES UNIT*

- ☐ Team member Steve Moore began his journey in this year's LGMA Challenge.
- ☐ New entry garden to the Gatton Administration was completed.
- ☐ The team received an e-mail of appreciation from the Gatton and District Historical Society for the excellent service and assistance provided in the lead up to the Australia Day celebrations.
- ☐ Council received favourable mention from Ipswich Rugby League officials regarding the condition of the Laidley Recreation Reserve grounds for the recent trials between the Ipswich Jets and East Tigers.

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- ☐ There has been team member involvement in forming a working partnership between the Bendigo Bank, Laidley Better Business, Laidley Garden Club and Council to beautify the Patrick Street planter boxes.
- ☐ There has been team member involvement in the Sydney Royal Easter Show Project to promote the Lockyer Region's agriculture in the Council display.

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**15.6 Executive Manager Planning and Development Services Monthly Update (January 2014)**

**Date:** 21 February 2014  
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**Responsible Officer:** Mark Piorkowski, Executive Manager Planning & Development Services  
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**Summary:**

This report is to update Council on the big issues currently being actioned.

**RESOLUTION:**  
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**Report**

**1. Introduction**

This report provides an update on key matters arising and being addressed since the last report.

**2. Background**

The previous report provides the background information to date and only progress is being reported during January 2014.

**3. Report**

Regional Development, Planning and Environment and Plumbing and Building Services are working together to provide meaningful data that will show trends, projections and benchmarking on development in our shire.

*Council of Mayors SEQ (COMSEQ)*

While there were no key COMSEQ meetings being held in January 2014 the agenda for COMSEQ is anticipated for 2014 to be focused on managing waterways in SEQ and the development of the new regional plan. At the upcoming Board meeting scheduled the agenda includes action to be undertaken to develop a set of priority actions for 2014 and tailor the operation of COMSEQ around that proposition.

*Queensland Urban Utility (QUU)*

The relationship with QUU continues to move positively forward with their acknowledgement and agreement to grow scenarios put forward by Council in the development of the new Planning Scheme. The subject of the "Utilities Model" with QUU is a separate report that outlines the implications for LVRC on the shift to the new Utility Model.

*SEQ Regional Plan*

Into the month of January the State initiated further meetings with Local Government officers. Whilst the overall intent of the new regional plan is to foster economic growth as directed by

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both State and Local Government political leaders there have been some delays as a consequence of ongoing queries by nominated Council representatives which are not always aligned with the political intent. LVRC is represented on the Project Control Group that has been drawn together by the State to provide advice on the overall direction of the SEQ Regional Plan.

*PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT*

*Dead flying-foxes*

The Environmental Planning Team was actively involved in the planning for, and implementation of, the collection of dead flying-foxes in Gatton and Laidley. The Cultural, Health and Regulatory Services Team took the lead role in managing this event.

*Bat Management*

Recognising that the mass mortality event is part of the broader issue of flying-fox management in the Lockyer Valley work is underway in developing management tools which will meet State and Commonwealth legislative and regulatory requirements to permit Council to undertake a range of actions that will include education, vegetation clearance and culling if (when permitted by law) deemed necessary by Council.

*Environment and Regulatory Taskforce*

Whilst the function of the Taskforce has been drawn down recommendations were made that Council continue key projects, which have been developed by the Taskforce. Under this Taskforce a recommendation was made to continue work on the development of an investment strategy for ensuring the resilience of the Lockyer Valley's waterways and landscapes. It is anticipated that strategy will be based a mapping product which will identify where work is being, or planned, to be undertaken, where opportunities lie and the most appropriate approach to be used and, most importantly, gaps that need to be addressed.

*Wallangarra Pastoral Company Application*

Final Judgement was issued on 15 January 2014 for Planning and Environment Court Appeal No.3506 of 2011, being Wallangarra Pastoral Company Pty Ltd v Lockyer Valley Regional Council & Anor. This finalises the appeal lodged against Council's refusal in August 2011 of a development application for a 145 lot rural residential development located in Redbank Creek Road and Adare Road, Adare. Council's was directed by the Department of Environment and Resource Management to refuse the application.

*Laidley Futures*

The Laidley Futures Draft Urban Design Framework was presented at Councillor workshop on 22 January 2014 by the consultants RPS Australia. A Council report will be presented at Council meeting on 26 February 2014 on behalf of the committee to endorse the framework, nominated initiatives and delegate the project management to the committee.

*REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT*

*Business Awards*

Engaged Ken Wright from Engage 4 Results, to deliver the prize workshops for the Business Awards 2013 on 20 February 2014. Invitations have been distributed to all business category winners, and People's Choice Finalists. Sponsors report has been prepared and reviewed by the Executive Leadership Team and Council for distribution to sponsors.

#### *Australia Day Awards*

Australia Day celebrations went well. Preliminary reports from Laidley Pioneer Village and Gatton Historical Society said that numbers were quite good with consideration given for the long weekend. Council staff attended both preliminary events in support with set up and with any minor issues. The formal proceedings flowed well and were well attended by approximately 200, with an estimated 800 at the Australia Day Festivities at the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre. An event debrief will be conducted with staff, and more detailed information will be gathered. It is worth noting that the event was delivered with a \$16,000 reduction in budget for 2014.

#### *Regional and Economic Development Taskforce*

Whilst the function of the Taskforce has been drawn down recommendations were made that Council continue key projects, which have been developed by the Taskforce. Under this Taskforce key projects/initiatives that have been developed and to continue include the ongoing support of the **Lockyer Valley Farmer and Industry Group** which is in the process of developing a priority list of activities. More broadly support was also given to develop in the **Lockyer Valley Regional Development Strategic Planning Advisory Panel**. The Panel consists of a range of key business, council and community stakeholders and is intended to inform Council on policy, projects and plans to assist in their effective implementation. Meeting schedule for the year has been circulated and an invitation to sit on the panel has been extended to the new Lockyer Valley Growers Group.

#### *Sydney Royal Easter Show*

A meeting was held with the Mayor and then followed by a meeting with Councillors Holstein and Milligan to provide an update. Weekly and Fortnightly meetings are set in calendars leading up to this event with the Executive Leadership Team, Councillors and staff to ensure all parties are briefed correctly. Accommodation for staff rostered has been booked and trade show site has been confirmed. Scheduling of staff rostering was underway in January. Assistance has been offered by executives and managers across the Easter weekend to assist with lowering the staffing costs. Full budget costs are being scoped. Current capacity in 2013/14 budget line items is being identified in order to deliver the project objectives. There has been a commitment from the Mayor and two Councillors to attend the event along with three industry partners, Bauers, Schultes and Seaton Fire Chilli Chocolate. Industry partners will be covering their own costs in lieu of promotion of their own businesses.

#### *Food Branding*

Development of a Lockyer Valley food brand is currently being undertaken by Regional Development in partnership with Shane Rodgers from Brisbane Marketing. Scheduled workshop programs are planned for February 2014 targeting primary marketers and food industry people in the Lockyer Valley.

#### *Australia Made Logo*

A meeting was held with Roger Gorrel of Chamber of Commerce Industry Queensland to discuss Australian made Lot and Campaign. Intent is to sign a licencing agreement as an LGA supporter of Australian grown/made and/or produced.

#### *Tourism Destination Guide*

Planning for a new guide has commenced for a launch planned in May 2014. The remainder of old stock should be dispersed at the completion of the Sydney Royal Easter Show based on current distribution figures.

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*LGA Hero Experience Workshop*

Workshop was completed on 23 January 2014, presented by Brisbane Marketing in an endeavour to develop 3 key local hero experiences to align to the Brisbane Marketing and Tourism Queensland.