

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

AGENDA

26 NOVEMBER 2014



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1. MEETING OPENED

2. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No Leave Of Absence

3. CONDOLENCES/GET WELL WISHES

3.1 Condolences/Get Well Wishes

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Susan Boland, Council Business Support Officer

Responsible Officer: Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance and 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 in 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. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

No Deputations/Presentations

6. MAYORAL MINUTE

6.1 Mayoral Minute

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Jason Cubit, Executive Liaison Officer Mayor/CEO & Coordinator

Mayor's Office

Responsible Officer: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer

File No: Formal Papers

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lockyer Valley Regional Council held on Wednesday, 12 November 2014 be taken as read and confirmed.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No Business Arising from Minutes

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Receival of Committee Reports as Minutes



10. QUESTION ON NOTICE

10.1 Question on Notice

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer Responsible Officer: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer

File No: Formal Papers

1. Question on Notice:

Question: Under what authority does the Mayor rely, to require Councillors not

to communicate or attend events at the invitation of State and/or Federal Members of Parliament, unless expressly authorised by himself to make that

communication or attend such events?

2. Background

I believe the Mayors directions in the below email, go much further than the code of conduct, which states Councillors must not meet with State or Federal members on behalf of Council without the express permission of the Mayor Please accept this Question on Notice to the Mayor.

Mayor's Email:

Councillors

In light of recent events, Councillors are reminded of obligations under section 12 of the Local Government Act 2009 to attend Council Meetings.

When a Councillor is unable to attend a Council Meeting or Council Workshop, the Councillor is to notify myself and the Chief Executive Officer formally in writing of their apology before the event. A phone call to the CEO is insufficient.

Councillors are also reminded once again of our Councillor Code of Conduct which requires Councillors not to communicate or attend events at the invitation of State and/or Federal Members of Parliament, unless expressly authorised by myself to make that communication or attend such events.

Councillors must also record details of any meetings or events attended in Council's corporate calendar through Annette Steinhardt, in advance of that attendance.

Councillors seem to be attending various events without informing myself, many of which are also not recorded in the corporate calendar which is simply unsatisfactory and is a clear breach of the Councillor Code of Conduct.

Given that it is Council's intention to publicly state in each year's annual report the number of meetings and community events attended by each individual Councillor, it is imperative you record such attendances in the corporate calendar as that is from where the figures showing your various attendances will be compiled.

I look forward to you meeting your obligations regarding these issues into the future.



Regards

A Copy of the Councillor Code of Conduct is provided for reference.

The matter is proposed to be discussed and debated.

Attachments

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Councillor Code of Conduct Guideline

November 2013

Document Control

Version	Date	Changed by	Nature of Amendment
1.0	09/06/2012	Corrin Bischoff	Initial Draft
1.1	22/08/2014	Corrin Bischoff	Revisions based on initial feedback
			Adopted 22/08/2012 resolution number
			2649
2.0	18/12/2013	Corrin Bischoff	Revised version of the document
			submitted for adoption (resolution
			number 5077) to update and refresh
			Councillor understanding.
2.1	09/07/2014	Corrin Bischoff	Additional two dots points under the Key
			Ethical and Behavioural Obligations
			section as per resolution number 3548.

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Introduction

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards of behaviour expected of councillors of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council.

The requirements of this code are in addition to the roles, responsibilities and obligations of councillors, as set out in the Local Government Act 2009.

Council considers this code to be a procedure, as per section 176(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 (see below).

Key Ethical and Behavioural Obligations

Councillors must:

- ensure their personal conduct at all times does not reflect adversely on the reputation of the Council
- demonstrate respect for fellow councillors, council staff and other members of the public
- refrain from harassing, bullying or intimidating fellow councillors, council staff or other members of the public
- not communicate with the public or media on behalf of the Council, unless expressly authorised by the Council to make that communication
- when communicating with the public or the media, make it clear when they are expressing a personal opinion, and when they are speaking on behalf of Council
- when communicating with the public or the media to express a personal opinion about a Council resolution, respect the democratic process by first acknowledging that Council resolutions represent the majority view of Council
- not communicate with state and federal members of parliament on behalf of Council, unless expressly authorised by the Council or the Mayor to make that communication.
- provide details of any public meeting, where the councillor is representing Council and have this recorded within Council's corporate calendar, preferably in advance of that attendance.

Consequences of Failing to Comply with this Code

Section 176(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 provides: -

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(4) Inappropriate conduct is conduct that is not appropriate conduct for a representative of a local government, but is not misconduct, including for example—

(a) a councillor failing to comply with the local government's procedures; or

(b) a councillor behaving in an offensive or disorderly way in a meeting of the local government or any of its committees.

A failure to comply with this code by a councillor (other than by the mayor or deputy mayor) will be inappropriate conduct (as defined in section 176(4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2009*) and render a councillor liable to disciplinary action prescribed by section 181) of that Act.

(1) If the chief executive officer refers a complaint to the mayor, the mayor may make either or both of the following orders that the mayor considers appropriate in the circumstances—

(a) an order reprimanding the councillor for the inappropriate conduct;

(b) an order that any repeat of the inappropriate conduct be referred to the department's chief executive as misconduct.

A failure to comply with this code by the mayor or deputy mayor will be considered misconduct and referred to the Chief Executive of the Department of Local Government (section 176C(3)(a)(i) of the *Local Government Act 2009*).

The mayor or department's chief executive may make either or both of the following orders that the mayor or department's chief executive considers appropriate in the circumstances—

- (a) an order reprimanding the councillor for the inappropriate conduct;
- (b) an order that any repeat of the inappropriate conduct be referred to the regional conduct review panel as misconduct.

If the mayor or the department's chief executive makes three of the above orders about the same councillor within the 1 year, the mayor or the department's chief executive must refer the repeated inappropriate conduct by the councillor to a regional conduct review panel or the tribunal.

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If the mayor or the department's chief executive refers repeated inappropriate conduct by the councillor to a regional conduct review panel or the tribunal:

- (a) the matter is taken to be a complaint about misconduct
- (b) the panel or tribunal must conduct a hearing of the complaint
- (c) sections 178 to 180 apply for the hearing of the complaint
- (d) the repeated inappropriate conduct by the councillor is taken to be misconduct.

If inappropriate conduct happens in a meeting of the local government or its committees, the chairperson of the meeting may make any one or more of the following orders that the chairperson considers appropriate in the circumstances:

- (a) an order that the councillor's inappropriate conduct be noted in the minutes of the meeting
- (b) an order that the councillor leave the place where the meeting is being held (including any area set aside for the public), and stay out of the place for the rest of the meeting
- (c) if the councillor fails to comply with an order made under paragraph (b) to leave a place—an order that the councillor be removed from the place

References

The Councillor Conduct Guide July 2013 – Crime and Misconduct Commission

Group: Governance & Performance

Unit: NA

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10. EXECUTIVE OFFICE REPORTS

11.1 Chief Executive Officer's Report

Date: 21 November 2014

Author: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer lan 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 at hand.

Officer's Recommendation:

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

Further:

That Council amend the workshop schedule to meet on Wednesday 3rd December 2014, in stead of Tuesday 2nd December 2014, and that Council confirm the meeting date for January 2015 as 28th January 2015 for Council's Ordinary Meeting, commencing at 10am.

Report

High-level Government of Disaster Management in Queensland

In conjunction with the Inspector-General Emergency Management, Queensland Police Service and Queensland Fire and Emergency services, the Department of the Premier and Cabinet led a review of the State's strategic governance arrangements for disaster management, focusing on the interplay of the State Disaster Management Group (SDMG) with the Disaster Management Cabinet Committee (DMCC).

One outcome of the review is the creation of a new Cabinet committee, the Queensland Disaster Management Committee (QDMC), to replace the DMCC and SDMG, reflecting the importance of the prevention and recovery phases and the importance of a smooth transition between preparation, prevention, recover and response.

While the strategic-level disaster management governance arrangements will change, the arrangements for Local Disaster Management Groups will not change.

A review of the operation of the State Disaster Coordination Centre has also occurred to improve the capacity and effectiveness of this Centre. Again there are no operational changes for the Local or District Disaster Management Groups.

Standing Members

Premier (Chair)

Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience



Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

Treasurer and Minister for Trade

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services

Minister for Public Housing and Public Works

Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

Attending Officials (Directors-General/CEOs):

Department of the Premier and Cabinet

Department of Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience

Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning

Under Treasurer

Commissioner - Queensland Police Service

Commissioner - Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

Public Safety Business Agency

Department of Housing and Public Works

Department of Transport and Main Roads

Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

Productivity Commission Inquiry into Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements

In April the Federal Government announced a Productivity Commission Inquiry into Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements (the commission).

The Queensland Government made a submission to the inquiry aiming to reinforce the importance of Federal Government funding support to help our communities recover and rebuild quickly from natural disasters, and mitigate their effects.

A draft report was released on 25 September 2014, which included 16 key recommendations that, if implemented, would have a disastrous effect on Queensland communities.

The draft report proposes reducing the current level of federal natural disaster funding support from 75 per cent to 50 percent of costs, and also increasing the threshold levels at which funding support is available. The increase of the small disaster criterion from \$240 000 to \$2 million per event would have particularly sever impacts on local councils.

In addition to the estimated \$3 billion Queensland has spent on natural disaster rebuilding since 2010/11, and the \$500 million invested in mitigation and resilience, the proposed reduction in federal funding would have meant that an extra \$5 billion in costs would have been borne by Queenslanders.

Such a reduction in federal funding would merely shift these costs to the states and territories, which have significantly less capacity to raise additional funds. The impacts of such a significant reduction in funding would not be able to be absorbed by the state, and would necessarily have major flow-on effects for local governments.

The Queensland Government does not believe there is a need to change the current levels of funding provided to recover from rapid onset disasters an,, in fact, believes that a change would have negative impacts on Queensland and other Australian communities.

In its submission to the commission the Queensland Government argued for an increase to federal funding for mitigation and resilience. The commission has proposed an increase of up to \$200 million



per year, allocated to states on a per capita basis. While the additional funding would be welcome, \$40 million for Queensland is nowhere near enough to help reduce future recovery and relief needs. The proposed funding should be increased and allocated to states, based on risk, in order to be effective.

Any increase in mitigation funding should not be at the expense of the safety net that recovery funding provides for our communities. The ability to quickly restore damaged infrastructure, rebuild communities and resume economic activity in disaster affected regions is critical to the continued economic growth of both the Queensland and national economies. Large scale, rapid onset natural disasters are of national significance, and require a cooperative effort from local, state and Federal governments to respond immediately to recover and rebuild, in order to preserve and protect life and ensure rapid economic and community recovery.

Proposals in the draft report have been vigorously opposed by the LGAQ which responded with a strongly-worded submission to the commission's Inquiry. The Policy endorsed the submission. "The commission's proposals would have an unacceptable and unsustainable impact on local government in Queensland". "To reduce the Australian government's share of funding for disaster recovery and significantly increasing the small disaster threshold that triggers relief funding would have significant impacts for councils across the state", Cr de Wit said.

"Under the draft proposals, over the period from 2009 to 2014, Queensland local government would have faced an additional cost of a least \$1.3 billion, or more that \$200 million on an annual average basis.

We reject strongly the view of the commission that the availability of NDRRA funding discourages councils from obtaining insurance. As has been independently by the Department of Finance and Deregulation, councils comprehensively insure their civic assets, despite the ongoing availability of NDRRA funding for natural disaster damage to those assets.

Expecting local governments to take out disaster insurance for roads would result in most councils being subjected to crippling premiums, Cr de Wit said.

New figures have revealed that a Productivity Commission proposal to lift the NDRRA small disaster threshold from \$240,000 to \$2 million would have cost Queensland councils up to \$9.3 million if it had been introduced before the recent spate of floods and cyclones in the state. The LGAQ will lodge a supplementary submission to the Commission's current inquiry using data supplied by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority. The LGAQ the \$9.3 million, based on events over the period March 2009 to January 2014, is higher than the \$6.3 million previously estimated by the QRA as that figure only included actual claims received to date.

District Disaster Boundary

In response to the Police and Community Safety Review (PACSR) Report, a Whole-of-Government Steering Committee was established to review the District Disaster Boundaries. Following extensive consultation across the State, at both the local and districts levels, the Working Group recently delivered their report and recommendations to the Steering Committee for consideration.

The District Disaster Boundary Review Steering Committee (DDBRSC) has now considered the Working Group's final report and will be providing the Commissioner, Queensland Fiore and Emergency Services (QFES) and Commissioner, Queensland Police Service (QPS) with their own recommendations which will include:-

• Gazettal Notice - that the Disaster Districts are Gazetted upon final determination



- **Disaster Boundary Review Cycle** that an appropriate process (including a review if necessary) of no longer than five years is undertaken to ensure that the Disaster District boundaries remain contemporary, effective and appropriate.
- Current Disaster District Boundaries that there is no change to the majority of current Disaster District boundaries with a small number being recommended to participate in atrial change of boundaries for a period of 12 months.

The consultation at local and district levels also highlighted a number of out-of-scope disaster management issues. It is recommended that the Commissioners (QFES and QPS) defer these to the Queensland Disaster Management Committee (QEMC) for further consideration.

Once both Commissioners have considered the Steering Committee's recommendation, all local government and District Disaster Management Groups will be formally notified of the outcomes.

Regional Round Table

Mayors & CEOs have been invited by the Hon David Crisafulli MP, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience to attend the second Regional Round Table to be held in Cairns on 1 and 2 December 2014.

The theme of the Round Table will be *Positioning Local Government for a Strong Future* and the agenda will focus on the steps that Councils need to take to ensure that the opportunities provided by the Queensland Plan and Smart Choices are utilised to maximise long-term outcomes and financial sustainability for Councils.

New ALGA Board Executive

The ALGA board and annual general meetings were held in Tamworth prior to the start of the 2014 Congress.

The general meeting was the last chaired by Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis as she stepped down from the position of President after two years.

Mayor of the City of Joondalup Troy Pickard was elected President of ALGA and Cr Bill McArthur and Cr Greg Belz were elected Vic Presidents.

Mayor Pickard has served on the ALGA Board since 2007 and has been involved in local government since 2001. He has been president of the Western Australian Local Government Association since 2010.

Cr McArthur is the President of Municipal Association of Victoria and is a councillor on Golden Plains Shire Council.

Cr Belz is a member of the Executive of the Local Government Association of Queensland and is a councillor on Rockhampton Regional Council.

Mayor Pickard paid tribute to his predecessor Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis who has not only stepped down from her role as ALGA President but who also do not re-contest for her role s Mayor of the City of Marion in the recent South Australian Local Government elections.

"Felicity-ann has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in local government, which included being the City of Marion's longest serving Mayor and the city's first female Mayor. She has serves as ALGA



president for the past two years, and capacity led the organisation during its push for a referendum on constitutional recognition of local government.

Mayor Pickard said his attention during his term as president would focus on a number of issues dominating the local government agenda including the Federation and Taxation White paper processes and ensuring a strong voice for local government in any reform of the Federation and Taxation; leading ALGA's campaign to have indexation of Financial Assistance Grants restored and continued advocacy for permanency for Roads to Recovery funding.

"It is crucial that local government maintains a direct relationship with the Commonwealth to ensure that the level of government closes to the community is financially sustainable, and able to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of the community it serves. We must make certain that local government is strengthened, not weakened, by any proposed reforms".

"The campaign to restore indexation of Financial Assistance is one that must continue to ensure all councils are able to provide their communities with an equitable level of services, no matter their size or location in Australia"

Meeting Schedule

For December 2014, the first workshop of the month planned for 2nd December will need to be changed due to a Regional Round Table meeting being convened by the Minister for Local Government in Cairns(FNQ) on 1st and 2nd December requiring the Mayor and CEO to be in attendance on those days. It is proposed that the workshop be rescheduled to the next day being Wednesday 3rd December 2014. There is a full agenda for discussion that day, and arrangements have been made with external presenters to attend subject to confirmation by Council. The final Council Ordinary meeting for the year is planned for Wednesday 17th December 2014, and is expected to be a full day including lunch.

For January 2015, it is planned to not hold a Council Ordinary Meeting until Wednesday 28th January 2015, with a workshop to follow the meeting if required. This will provide a break in Council activities from Wednesday 17th December 2014 until Wednesday 28th January 2015. An option to commence with a workshop discussion on the Tuesday 20th January 2015, is also available if the Council wishes to commence business earlier in the new year.

Recommendation:

That Council amend the workshop schedule to meet on Wednesday 3rd December 2014, in stead of Tuesday 2nd December 2014, and that Council confirm the meeting date for January 2015 as 28th January 2015 for Council's Ordinary Meeting, commencing at 10am.

ALGWA Queensland Branch – Financial Management Training

The Australian Local Government Womens Association (ALGWA) has arranged a workshop on Financial Management in Townsville on Friday 28th November, 2014, and a request has been made by Cr McLean to attend this training.

The Workshop will cover the following topics:

- Better understanding of the elected member statutory responsibilities, and the responsibilities of the CEO and Senior Managers in relation to financial management
- Identify the key elements of financial reports
- Recognize best practices and approaches



The cost to attend the course is \$20 plus the necessary travel costs to Townsville.

There would be benefit in conducting further training for all Councillors on these matters, and I have been requested to bring the matter to Council's attention for discussion and direction.

An in-house session could be planned and delivered, or Council can approve the request for Cr McLean to attend the workshop as requested.

4. Conclusion

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



11. GOVERNANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTS

12.1 Annual Report

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Rick Machin, Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Responsible Officer: Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance and Performance

File No: Formal Papers

Summary:

Council is required to adopt an Annual Report for each financial year, after the completion of the Annual Financial Statements prior to the end of November. The annual report document while in final draft is still subject to minor amendment.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT the 2013/2014 Lockyer Valley Regional Council Annual Report be adopted.

Report

1. Introduction

The annual report has been completed in accordance with the current corporate plan and details achievements of the organisation in completing corporate outcomes over the 2013/14 financial year. Under Section 174 of the *Local Government, Regulation 2012*, Council must adopt an Annual Report within 30 days of the completion of the audited financial statements.

2. Background

This document is to contain the audited financial statements for the financial year, an assessment of Council's performance in implementing its corporate and operational plans, and content about other issues of public interest.

A copy of the document is attached for Council adoption. The Annual Report contains information on the operations of Council over the report period. It can be seen that much has been achieved, however, the document is meant only to be a snapshot and as such does not contain information on everything actually done/planned over the year.

3. Report

The report has been compiled by Corporate Communications with content provided from across the Council organisation on the achievements of each department throughout the year. These have been reported against the activities of the corporate and operational plans over the last 12 months. The form of the document builds on the success of last year's Annual Report and meets Council's statutory obligations. It also remains one of the key documents published by Council each year.



There have been a number of key achievements for this year, and these have been reflected through the development of case studies, that highlight in some detail these achievements.

The linkage between Council's strategic plans and the delivery of outcomes remains a key focus which this Annual Report highlights, and with the supporting data now available through improved systems, the quality of the reporting has improved as a result of the better measurement and recording of information.

This Annual Report represents a great team effort from the organization, and reflects the professional approach we have taken to deliver and report on this year's achievements.

Additional information has been added at the request of council, and this information seeks to provide greater transparency in Council's business and activity.

4. Policy and Legal Implications

In order to meet the requirements of the Local Government Regulations 2012, Council must adopt an Annual Report within 30 days of the completion of the audited financial statements.

5. Financial and Resource Implications

The Annual Report has been produced within approved budgets and is a significant change in style from previous years with a more professional and story based approach to encourage readership.

6. Delegations/Authorisations

Should any further amendments be required, the Chief Executive Officer is authorisied to make these changes in the finalisation of the production of the Annual Report.

7. Communication

When the final report is complete it will be published on Council's website and hard copies will be available for inspection and purchase.

8. Conclusion

That the Annual Report is to be received and adopted subject to any minor adjustments. Further that the Chief executive Officer be delegated authority to finalise any changes as directed.

Attachments

An electronic copy of the Annual Report will be provided to Councillors prior to the meeting and hard copies will be provided on the day of the meeting.



12.2 Application for Renewal of Special Lease 0/203200 - Lot 50 on

CP860794 - Beckman Road, Mulgowie

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Caitlan Natalier, Solicitor/Legal Services Coordinator

Responsible Officer: Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance and Performance

File No: Formal Papers

Summary:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines is considering further dealing with Special Lease 0/203200 when it expires on 31 August 2015. The purpose of this Report is to consider whether Council has any objection to the renewal of the lease and provide any views or requirements that may affect the future use of the land.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT with respect to the correspondence received from the Department of Natural Resources and Mines dated 12 November 2014 requesting Council's advice in respect of the further dealing with Special Lease 0/203200 over Lot 50 on CP 860794, Council resolves to write to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines:-

- (a) offering no objection to the renewal of Special Lease 0/203200 over Lot 50 on CP 860794 for fire brigade purposes.
- (b) advising that no views or requirements have been identified which may affect the future use of the land and should be considered.
- (c) advising that the property is not rated; and
- (d) advising the present zoning of the land is Rural Agricultural and there is no proposal for the land to be re-zoned.

Report

1. Introduction

Special Lease 0/203200 is due to expire on 31 August 2015 and the Department of Natural Resources and Mines is considering further dealing with the lease.

Council has been requested to advise whether it has any objections to the renewal of Special Lease 0/203200, and any views or requirements that may affect the future use of the land.

2. Background



Special Lease 0/203200 commenced on 1 September 1995 over land described as Lot 50 on CP 860794 on the corner of Mulgowie School Road and Beckman Road at Mulgowie. The lease area comprises approximately 641m² and is used for fire brigade purposes.

The attached SmartMap and Aerial Plan show the subject land and the surrounding locality.

3. Report

Council is required to consider whether it has any objection to the renewal of Special Lease 0/203200 and any views or requirements which may affect the future use of the land. In particular, Council has been requested to advise:

- (a) the date to which rates have been paid; and
- (b) the present and/or proposed zoning of the land.

The application for renewal will be assessed in terms of Section 159 of the *Land Act 1994*, after considering the views of all interested parties and an inspection of the land. Relevant considerations include:

- (i) whether the public interest will be adversely affected if the lease is renewed.
- (ii) whether part of the land is needed for environment or nature conservation purposes.
- (iii) the extent and risk of land degradation.
- (iv) whether there is a more appropriate use for the land from a land planning perspective.
- (v) the natural environmental values of the land.

Investigations could result in an offer being made for an area smaller than the area of the current lease to enable the State to secure land for uses such as road or a reserve for community purposes. Investigations may also determine that another form of tenure is more appropriate than a new lease, although given the current use and purpose of the land an offer of a different form of tenure is considered unlikely.

If Council wishes to object to the renewal of the lease, a full explanation stating the reasons for the objection is required to be provided to the Department of Natural Resources and Mines.

Lot 50 on CP860794 is situated opposite the Mulgowie Cricket Grounds and is zoned as Rural Agricultural land. No proposal to change the zoning of the land has been identified.

It is in the public interest to maintain a rural fire brigade presence on the land given the topography of the surrounding area. A more appropriate use for the land from a land planning perspective has not been identified.

With close proximity to Laidley Creek, the land is potentially susceptible to flooding, however no land degradation has been noted. As the improvements constructed on the land cover the majority of the land, it is considered that the land is not required for environmental or nature conservation purposes.

Council's Rates Officer has confirmed that the property is not rated given its use by the State for rural fire brigade purposes.



The Executive Manager Infrastructure Works and Services and the Executive Manager Planning and Development Services have also had an opportunity to review this Report and no objections have been raised in respect of the renewal of Special Lease 0/203200.

4. Policy and Legal Implications

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines may alternatively decide to convert the lease to freehold tenure, in which event the Lessee will be required to purchase the land from the State. However, due to the proximity of the land to Mulgowie School Road and the use of the land for a community purpose, it is unlikely that a conversion of tenure will be considered appropriate.

5. Financial and Resource Implications

No Council financial or resource implications have been identified.

6. Delegations/Authorisations

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

7. Communication and Engagement

Relevant Council officers have been consulted in relation to this Report and their views included in the body of this Report.

The Chief Executive Officer, through Council's Legal Services Unit, will advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines of Council's resolution in writing as required.

8. Conclusion

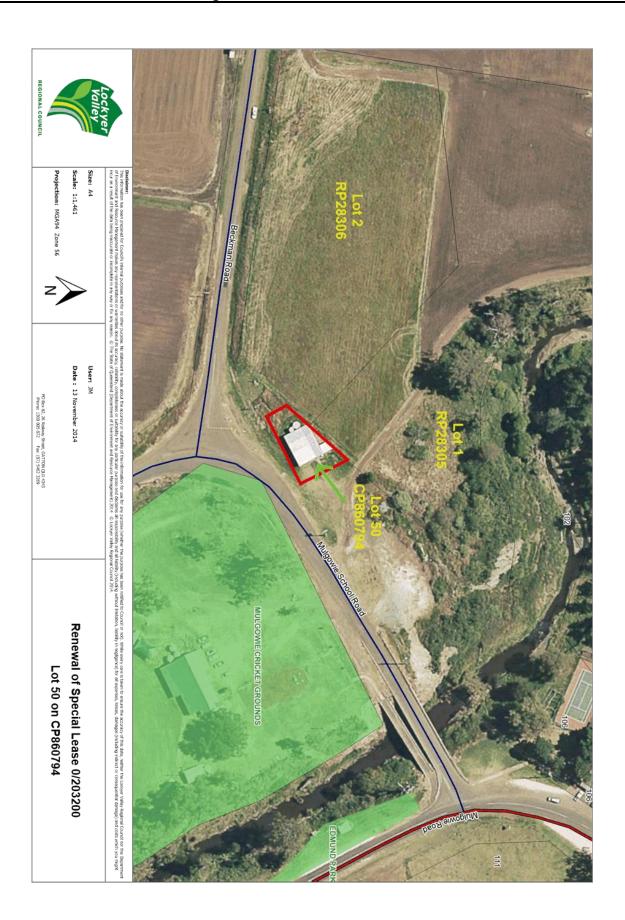
The Recommendation made in this Report will enable Special Lease 0/203200 to be renewed by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines when it expires so that the current rural fire brigade use of the land can continue.

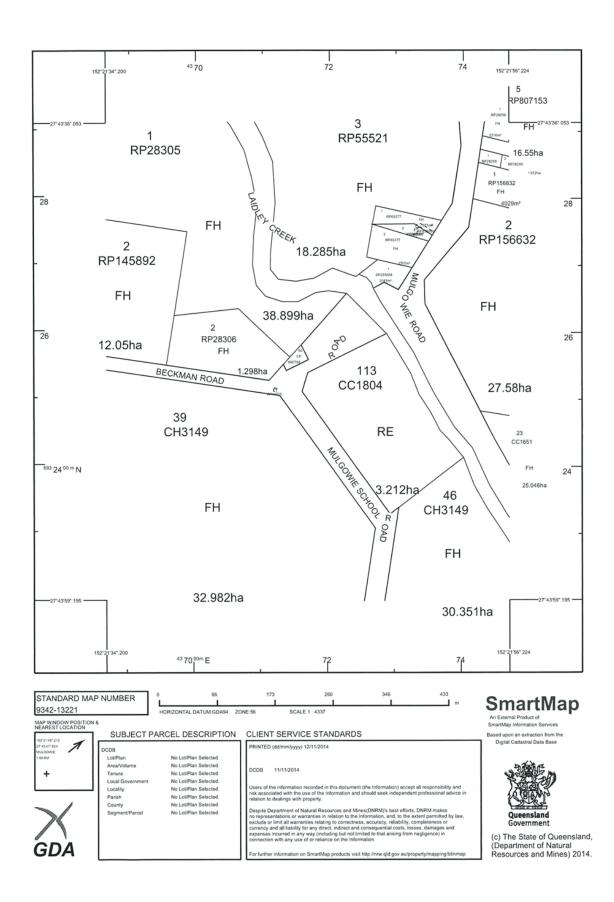
9. Action/s

Advise the Department of Natural Resources and Mines of Council's resolution.

Attachments

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12. ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENGAGEMENT REPORTS

No Organisational Development and Engagement Reports

13. CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORTS

No Corporate & Community Services Reports



14. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORTS

15.1 2014 Good Food and Wine Show Post Event Report

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Michelle Brown, Event & Marketing Cooordinator

Responsible Officer: Mark Piorkowski, Executive Manager Planning & Development Services

File No: Formal Papers

Summary:

Council recently attended the 2014 Good Food and Wine Show held at the Brisbane Convention Centre, South Brisbane from 17-19 October. The region showcased the best of its producers including four stallholders, the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre and a tourism promotion section in an effort to promote what *Australia's Salad Bowl* has to offer and encourage visitation to the region. This report will highlight the key outcomes achieved through attendance at this tradeshow and recommends attending again in 2015.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT Council supports attendance to the 2015 Good Food and Wine Show, Brisbane, through provision of a budget allocation in the 2015/2016 budget.

Report

1. Introduction

The Good Food and Wine Show is a ticked event ran annually in Brisbane at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. This year was the fourth year that that Council has attended and with Alastair McLeod now on board as a Food Ambassador and the MC of the shows main stage area, it was a great opportunity to leverage our presence at this show and ensure the region was well represented at the show.

2. Background

This year stallholders from the region included Schulte's, Preston Peak Wines, Bauer's Organic Farm and Seatonfire Chilli Chocolate; each contributing \$500 cash towards their attendance as well as commitment to promoting their region and their businesses for the three days and providing products free of charge for the media bags and prize giveaways. These stallholders were supported by the Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre, who cooked samples of producers products, ran cooking demonstrations and sold menu items across the shows duration. A section of the stand was also dedicated to distribution of tourism information and encouraging visitation to the region. A total of 48m2 was used to promote the region with an additional 6x3 being supplied **free of charge** by the organisers to position the refurbished fruiterer's truck for added promotion.

This year, as a result of continually building relationships with the organisers and promoting our presence in the market place, we also received many opportunities to take part in media and promotional opportunities' arranged directly by the Good Food and Wine Show. These will be addressed in the report section. In addition, due to our relationship with Alastair McLeod



there were also two cooking demonstrations held in the 500 seat Celebrity Theatre that showcased Lockyer Valley produce and promoted the region.

3. Report

The following indicative results and exposure were obtained through attendance at this year's Good Food and Wine Show:

GENERAL

- Exposure to just under **20,000** attendees to the event over the three days.
- Just under **1,000** tourism destination guides were distributed.
- 165 competition entries were received.
- LuvYa Lockyer website traffic during the show and the week after the event increased by **90%** on the same period last year.
- The Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre sold over 220 thai salads over the duration of the show with income of \$2250. This salad further showcased products available from the region and sales assisted to offset costs of café staff attending the event.

MEDIA LAUNCH

- Invitation to attend the pre-media launch and have two stalls sampling food and promoting the region.
- Lockyer Valley products, collateral and promotional USB's with media releases in **90 media bags.**
- Exposure in media launch editorial Lockyer Valley products featured in news story in Courier Mail.
- Exposure to 90 media guests and celebrity chefs as well as gathering of key media contact details.

CELEBRITY THEATRE COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

- Two cooking demonstrations were held in the **500 seat** celebrity kitchen theatre at the show featuring Alastair McLeod and Matt Golinski titles "Lockyer vs Gympie" in a region verses region.
- The demonstration used Lockyer Valley produce and promoted the region, key agricultural facts and location.
- A video was also played on the big screen at the beginning of the session showing footage of the region, key producers, crops and road side stalls (a copy of this video is still be obtained and will be distributed by Regional Development).
- Branded recipe cards featuring Alastair's recipe, tourism guides and lettuce seeds were distributed at each session to the audience.

MEDIA COVERAGE

This year we were invited to partake in a number of media initiatives in addition to the launch which resulted in a wealth of exposure and news stories for the region. Below is a short list of the coverage we were able to get access to:

- Follow A Foodster Story following a week at work in the shoes of a farmer, cheese maker and celebrity chef. The farm followed was Bauer's Organic Farm on Councils recommendations. Story featured in **BMag, Gatton Star and the Rural Weekly.**
- Pre event story on Bauer's in Courier Mail.
- Pre event story featuring the region and product images in the **Courier Mail and Queensland Country Life.**
- Radio segment on **ABC Southern Queensland** with Bauer's Organic Farm.



- Coverage in Courier Mail event lift out.
- Coverage in event program.
- Post event stories in Queensland Country Life and the Rural Weekly.

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Two posts (that we know of) as a result of attendance at the launch, on Instagram by Brisbane Instagrammers @Digella and @Brisgrammer with exposure to over **5,300 followers.**
- Several posts at the event on Instagram and Facebook from the Good Food and Wine Show total combined audience in excess of 60,000; AmeriAus food audience 8,500 as well as several posts from members of the public.

ADDITIONAL SHOW SPACE

This year we approached the show organisers with a proposal to display the fruiterer's truck in the foyer. This location was not possible however they offered us **free** display space in the exhibition hall.

4. Policy and Legal Implications

This report and recommendations align with Council's Operational Plan.

5. Financial and Resource Implications

With the majority of the Good Food and Wine Show costs for the 14/15 financial year now received, the total operational expenditure is under budget at \$26,024. The operational budget for this event included \$25,000 plus an additional \$2,000 income contribution from stallholders – total \$27,000.

Adoption of the recommendations contained in this report will be managed through the 2015/16 financial year budget.

6. Delegations/Authorisations

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

7. Communication

Attendance at this event was supported through additional marketing and media coverage. See attachments for marketing and media examples.

8. Conclusion

The recommendations of this report will allow Council to continue delivering the strategy for tradeshows identified in the Tourism Destination Plan 2013 – 2019 previously adopted by Council.

9. Action/s

The next step is to secure space and confirm our booking for the 2015 Good Food and Wine Show and further leverage the Lockyer Valley's position as a tourism and food destination, whilst monitoring any further outcomes that occur due to attendance at this tradeshow.



Attachments

1 View Good Food & Wine Show 29 Pages

STAND DESIGN



Close up of Tourism section of stand



Crowds lining up for food samples and watching cooking demonstrations



Internal shot of stand



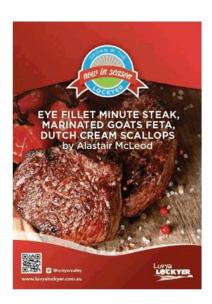
View on entrance arches into stand



Fruiterers Truck on display

MARKETING COLLATERAL





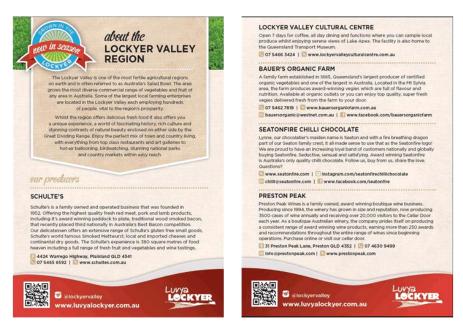
Recipe cards distributed at Alastair McLeod's demonstrations



Menu board



Beetroot dip recipe cards for Bauer's Organic Farm



Producer promotional flyer

PHOTOS AT EVENT



Alastair on stage wearing branded apron



Matt Golinski and Alastair on stage



Maq and Maggie Beer



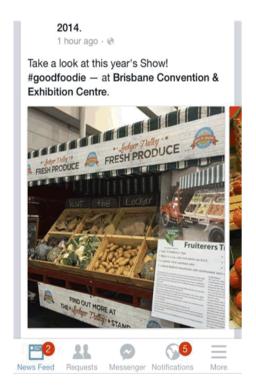
Alastair on the big screen from afar

SOCIAL MEDIA

(4512 followers)



Instagram repost from launch by @digella Instagram post at launch by @brisgramer (over 800 followers)



GFWS Facebook album featuring our truck (53,0000 followers)



GFWS Facebook wrap up photo featuring our stand display bottom left (53,0000 followers)



GFWS Facebook post about the delicious potatoes (53,0000 followers)



GFWS Instagram post to over 7,000 followers



Personal Instagram post by audience member



Instagram post about our potatoes by @ameriaus_food 8,500 followers



Personal Instagram post by @emajudd about the LVCC Chicken Salad – 495 followers

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EDITORIAL COVERAGE



MEET THE MAKERS FROM ALL OVER QUEENSLAND



Alongside the best interstate food and wine products, Queensland's finest local farmers and producers will feature prominently at the 2014 Brisbane Good Food & Wine Show.

The Lockyer Valley's Peter Shulte, from Schulte's Meat Tavern, is one such person.

Mr Shulte's beef are reared in Goondiwindi and his products transported more than 350km to Brisbane tables – via his butchery in Plainland, which is 50km from Toowoomba.

He said the event would provide an ideal opportunity for people to meet the farmers who put fine foods on their tables, and learn something about lifestyle outside of Queensland's capital.

"Our pork also comes locally from Millmerran," Mr Shulte said. "Many people don't know that 75 per cent of Australian pork is imported.

"We encourage people to get behind the local Australian producers as there are so many fresh and fantastic discoveries in our backyard."

Lisa Blainey-Lewin understands the fascination people have with farmers and their lifestyles. She operates *Food Tale Tours* to Sunshine Coast properties and is launching a new Brisbane-departing tour at the October 17-19 show.

She said many people would be surprised with some of the practices taking place only an hour from Brisbane.

"We've found nomadic chickens at Cambroon who move around the Walker Family Farm in a specially designed caravan and there are herds of buffalo and camels kept in the Glass House Mountains by local cheesemakers," Ms Blainey-Lewin said.

"Queensland is such an exciting place to explore for foodies if you just scratch below the surface."

Brisbane Good Food & Wine Show Event



Director, Claire Back said one of the great things about the event was the opportunity it provided to acknowledge the farmers and producers.

"We're really excited to help people discover more about the food from Queensland and the faces behind it," Mrs Back said.

Logan City Council is another region keen to showcase its farming products. Its Division 6 councillor, Luke Smith – who is the governance, finance and economic development chairperson – said food tourism was one of the Logan region's growing industries.

"The city of Logan is made up of 63 suburbs covering 957 sq kms – and almost 80 per cent of that area is rural, semi-rural or conservation," Cr Smith said.

"We have an abundance of local farmers and growers who produce tonnes of fresh fruit and vegetables every week and even supply to major outlets..."

Gympie's Cecilia Diaz-Petersen is another making the trip to Brisbane for the show

Together with her husband, Greg, Ms Diaz-Petersen operates CC's Kitchen, which specialises in delicious chutneys, relishes and jams, made from fruit and vegetables grown on the couples Woolooga property.

In addition to regional Queensland, some of Australia's most famous food and wine regions will also feature, including the Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale and more.

"We're really excited to help people discover more about the food from regional Queensland and the faces behind it" Claire Back, Event Director, Good Food & Wine Show

Close up of Courier Mail lift out story 14th October

fare tickles taste buds









Jim and Cathie Tanner, Jim's Jerky, Toowi give guests the beef on their jerky.





RAZING on seasonal produce and sipping away on wine from regional Queensland was all the go for thousands of people who attended the Brisbane Good Food and Wine Show from October 17-19.

Celebrating its 10th year, the show attracted more exhibitors than ever with the best of Gympie, the Lockyer Valley and Logan well represented among the throngs of trade stalls.

Culinary legend Maggie Beer had swarms of foodies flocking to her as she wandered through the Brisbane Convention and Entertainment Centre. The

fans delighted as she paused to stop and talk along the way. Seeing his opportunity, Lockyer Valley Cultural Centre chef Maq Radebe left his post at the region's stand to politely duck in and offer her a taste of his chicken Thai salad made fresh from local produce. Gracefully responding with a warm smile as she tasted his dish, Maggie's review of top marks left Maq modestly smiling with glee. He wasn't the only one happy, though - foodies had a blast as they took part in master cooking classes and taste journeys with

celebrity chefs and wine gurus. Producers from Australia's most recognised food and wine regions also came from interstate for the event, including representatives from the Barossa Valley, Margaret River, Mornington Peninsula, Yarra

QLD Country Life Story 23rd October

BRISBANE GOOD FOOD AND WINE FEST

BEST FROM OUR OWN

44 If it's going to cost a little more for something tasty and incredibly fresh, we'll take some pride in supporting our local region.

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MY FIANCE and I are foodies through and through.

Naturally the Good Food and Wine Show in Brisbane last weekend was a must on our calendar in the same way others might circle the date of a footy grand final, their child's birthday or even their own wedding date.

Eagerly standing outside Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre at 8.5-5am Saturday, we could actually hear the rumble of other foodies' stomachs who, like us, had forgone breakfast in

company, makes its popular spread with Kingaroy nuts as they are the best peanuts they could find.

Armed with fliers and a bag Armed with fliers and a bag full of local cheeses, meats, vegetables and spreads, we went home to see how our new treasures would go in our favourite recipes and to work out how to source more.

If it's going to cost a little more for something tasty and incredibly fresh, we'll take some pride in supporting our local region.

order to fit in more delectable gourned stamples.

The stamples was a rush as everyone spirit up following the scents of the most enticing aromas. Some smoked ham and salami from Barossa Fine Foods, hard cheese from the Brury Island Cheese Co in Tasmania, and the unusual flavours of sheep's cheese from the Grandwew Cheeses in Victoria.

There was food all around. People were actually encouraging us to sample their best dish – something the supermarkets had already told us they don't appreciate – and we were fast fittling our cooler bag with our favourte finds.

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As we ate our way through, talking at each stand about each product, we discovered something interesting.

While we expected gournet foods from Insemania, the many growing regions of Victoria and even the valleys of New South Wales, we weren't expecting all the local. of New South Wales, we weren't expecting all the local producers.

We tasted soft creamy cheeses from Kingaroy Cheese, the Woombye Cheese Company on the

Sunshine Coast, and a number of other places just a short drive from Brisbane. They weren't just making good cheeses; they were making great cheeses, rivalling some of Australia's most prestigious gourmet brands.

Noting our surprise, one of the producers sent us up to a section of the show dedicated to local producers, in particular, the Lockyer Valley.

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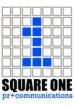
■ HAPPY FIND: Rural Weekly contributor and unashamed foodle Nath Martyn was impressed at the variety of quality foods being grown locally.

PHOTO: JESS YOUR

Rural Weekly story 24th October - readership 58,692



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DATE	Oct 6
CIRCULATION	167,172
SPONSOR MENTIONS	
CHEF MENTIONS	

Real food is selling really well

A LOCKYER Valley 400ha organic farm expects to see demand rise in double-digit percentages as chemical-free vegetables become a lot more mainstream, not just at home but also abroad.

Bauer's Organic Farm managing director Rob Bauer siad demand for organic products had been rising about 15 per cent per annum for a number of years.

"It's a nice growth which I feel will continue, especially if everyone involved continues to market the benefits of eating organic," Mr Bauer said.

In the past year, Bauer's Organic increased its exports to Malaysia, Singapore and China, and national sales have grown

steadily at supermarkets and organic retailers.

The Bauers, who next year celebrate 160 years of family farming in Queensland, have also set up an online store where customers can buy vegetables from 1kg bags through to a pallet direct from the farm.

'Organic vegies are certainly becoming more mainstream now," Mr Bauer said, though it was "simply known as food in our ancestors' days".

"We are just going back to the way earlier generations farmed and ate before the poisons arrived on the scene following WHI," he said.

The firm will be one of hundrede schibiting at the Brisbane Good Food & Wine Show from October 17 to 19.





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RHIAN DEUTROM

Queensland producers will showcase some of the best food and wine from throughout the state at this year's Good Food & Wine Show - with more than half of the 249 exhibitors being newcomers. From the Granite Belt to the Lockyer Valley, the

show will exhibit crowd favourites, such as delicious fried haloumi and tease new and existing products, such as Zoe's Brownies, Kokopod chocolates and Merbye fresh pineapples.

"We have seen this year's show explode with producers," show director Claire Back (pictured) said. "The show represents all the amazing produce our

country has to offer. It's all about keeping the economy vibrant and encouraging people to choose locally before they go interstate or abroad."

Ms Back said her team was expecting up to 25,000 people over the three-day festival. Queensland was rapidly emerging as a destination for gourmet produce.

"When you live in Queensland and have such amazing local produce, it's important to support that," Ms Back said. "We have beautiful cheese producers, amazing wines coming out of the Granite Belt and a lot of gorgeous local chocolate producers.

Ms Back has been working with the Good Food &

Wine show for II years and said Brisbane had always been one of her favourite venues. "Brisbane is always my favourite because it's the last show of the year, it's a lovely time of year and Queenslanders are so interested and inspired by food," she said. "It's such an engaged audience, so it's a great venue and a great show."

To cater to Queensland's growing hunger for epicurean delights, Ms Back said the show committee had introduced an exciting new concept to showcase undiscovered labels.

"Visitors want to see more local products that they can't necessarily find on shelves and new brands they

can use in their everyday cooking," she said.

The show will launch the Love Local Vote program, encouraging Queenslanders to "source their favourite Queensland ingredients any time of the day" and upload

a photo of it to social media.

Ms Back said locals had embraced the competition, with hundreds of votes for the best labels pouring in.

"The purpose of this concept is to look at all the fantastic food and wine Queensland has to offer and give credit to producers who are working hard to create these amazing products," Ms Back said. She has already noted a few of her personal

favourites among this year's stalls.
"I have a sweet tooth and one of my favourites is the Carcamos Gourmet Caramel Apples from Brisbane that look fantastic and are always really well received," Ms Back said. "Sirromet Wineries are also showcasing some beautiful wines, including a world-class sparkling and very well-structured chardonnay.

If you're craving something slightly savoury, the busy Melany cuisines will be selling their olive oils and vinaigrettes, and the Byron Bay Cheese Company will be on hand with a selection of their creamy artisan range. A new addition to this year's show is a craft beer

theatre, hosting tasting classes with discerning drinkers. The Good Food & Wine Show runs October 17-19. Tickets cost \$26. See goodfoodshow.com.au/brisbane





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TYPE	Print - newspaper
DATE	Oct 8
CIRCULATION	20.089
SPONSOR MENTIONS	
CHEF MENTIONS	

Farm a busy life

A CHEESEMAKER, chef and farmer have been put to the test to find out who is the busiest of them all.

the busiest of them all.
As part of the Brisbane
Good Food and Wine Show,
the three were part of a
contest called Follow a
Foodster.

The winner was the farmer, Ian Murray, from Bauer's Organic Farm in the Lockyer Valley. He went up against chef Alastair McLeod and Sunshine Coast cheesemaker Stefan Wilson – all three are part of the festival this year. According to the data

According to the data collected through a survey and tracking devices, Ian was the hardest working, accumulating 102.4km in five days.

This was compared with

30.2km for the cheesemaker and 24.15km for Alastair.

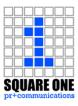
Ian said his average work day started at 6am and his day involved shifting hoses and pipes and managing the irrigation system at the 1000-acre farm at Mt Sylvia.

The Good Food and Wine Show will be held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre from October 17 to 19.



EXTRA MILE: Ian Murray from Bauer's Organic Farm, has been crowned the busiest in a competition against a chef and cheesemaker.

PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED



MEDIA	Queensland Country Life
TYPE	Magazine
DATE	Oct 16
PAGE	35
CIRCULATION	28,329
SPONSOR MENTIONS	
CHEF MENTIONS	Matt Golinski, Matt Moran

Best of regional produce on show

By ANDREA CROTHERS

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REGIONAL produce is set to be the focus of this year's brisbane Good Food and Wine Show on October 17-19 and foodies couldn't be happier.

Pre-show festivities kicked off last Wednesday at Limes Hotel, where guests had the opportunity to get up close and personal with producers and sample a delectable array of goods to feature at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre next weekend.

Celebrity chefs Matt Golinski and Matt Moran hosted the event, with Mr Golinski sharing his engagement with Gympie Regional Council as its food and culinary tourism ambassador.

Mr Golinski said that as consumers we can often be found questioning the value of regional produce.

"What makes the stuff special

often for me, personally, as a chef, is that they [producers] are as passionate about the food as I am. They're really great characters as well, he said.
"The people out there growing the special stuff and doing it themselves, they usually love what they do and you can feel that in

they do and you can feel that in their produce."

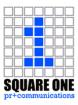
The three-day event will feature hundreds of producers from across Australia, including plenty of Queensland's finest, such as Bauer's Organies, Lockyer Valley, Gympie Gold Regional Produce, Kingaroy Cheese, Ballandean Estate wine, Stanthorpe, and

Silverwood Organics, Longreach. It will also include a vast number of food demonstrations, master classes and plenty of good food and wine to taste. The show is open 9am-5pm all three days.





RIGHT: Kacey Walker, Walker Farm Foods, Sara Bucher, Maleny Cheese, and Lisa Blainey-Lewin, Sunshine Coast Food Tale Tours, are gearing up to put their region on show this weekend! show this weekend.



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TYPE	Newspaper
DATE	Oct 10
CIRCULATION	58,692
SPONSOR MENTIONS	
CHEF MENTIONS	Alastair McLeod

HARDEST WORKER

PADDOCK-TO-PLATE QUEST TO FIND THE...

Farmer puts in the hard yards for food consumers

WHEN it comes to farmers, cheese makers and chefs.

cheese makers and chefs, the people growing the greens are the hardest workers. That's what the Follow the Foodster team discovered when they followed Bauer's Organies feamer and jurist to Organics farmer and irrigator lan Murray, chef Alastair McLeod and cheese maker Stefan Wilson from Woombye

Cheese.
Over five days, lan walked about 103km and burnt about 6200 calories, making him the hardest worker in the

him the hardest worker in the multi-faceted paddock-to-plate process.

Stefan walked about 30km making cheese over the five days, while Brisbane chef Alastair walked about 24km.

Jan's employer Pol Bauer

lan's employer, Rob Bauer, said it wasn't quite as clear

said it wasn't quite as clear cut when it came to figuring out who worked the hardest. "There's a lot to it when it comes to working on the farm," he said. "You're bending down

"you're bending down picking things up, weeding, stepping over plants, making sure you don't step on things... there's a lot to it." But has lan racked up the same amount of miles Rob

has over the years working on

the farm?

the farm?
"He's got a long way to go
to catch up to me," Rob said.
Rob fully endorsed the
initiative which is helping to
promote the Brisbane Good
Food and Wine Show to be
beld at the Brisbane. held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition

Centre on October 17-19. He said the festival went a long way to showing the end consumer the amount of work that went into producing

foods. The passionate clear-labelling advocate said clear-labelling advocate said every person in the supply chain was an integral link, and by showing city residents a glimpse of what goes into food from the ground to the plate, more appreciation and steps towards a change in consumer attitudes were achieved.

He added the farmers of

today would pale in comparison to the physicality of farmers 100 years ago

of farmers 100 years ago who produced foods without the assistance of machines and modern technology. "I'd like to see the country go back to 100 years ago, just for a day, and see how everyone fares," he said.
"The average man on the

"The average man on the land is nowhere near as

land is nowhere near as physically robust as what the men on the land were then." Ian's daily tasks revolve around shifting hoses and pipes and managing the irrigation system of the Bauer's 1000 acre chemical-free property at Mt

chemical-free property at Mt Sylvia. When it came to the final assessment of who worked the hardest, even chef Alastair wasn't too surprised at the findings the farmer

topped the list. "He's the one facing

climactic challenges and who

climactic challenges and who works long hours," he said.
"Having said that, the cook, as the farmer's advocate, must not only meet but exceed the end user's expectations."

The 10th annual Brisbane Good Food and Wine Show kicks off next weekend. Entry is \$26. Visit goodfoodshow.com.

He's got a long

way to go to

catch up to me. ROB BAUER BAUER'S ORGANIC FARM















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Discover delicious food and wine samples, see iconic chefs or attend a hands-on session with friends, all included in the cost of the general entry ticket.

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companies, Artisan Lane gives you the opportunity to expand your focal foodie knowledge and your focal foodie knowledge and pick up a regional treat or two.

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sights into tastes and flavours of the world of food Masterclasses





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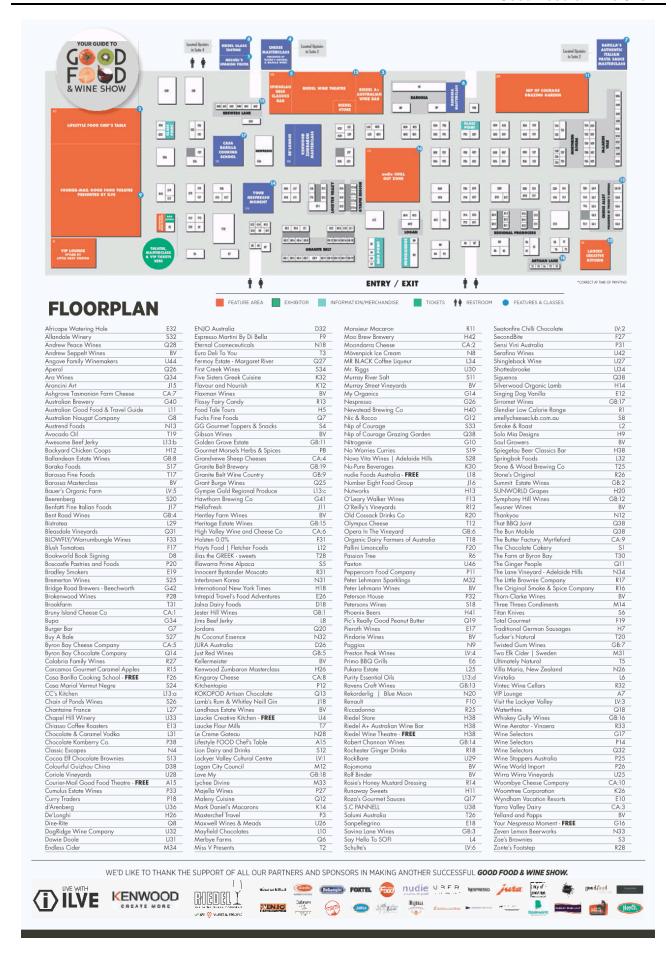






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15. INFRASTRUCTURE WORKS AND SERVICES REPORTS

No Infrastructure Works & Services Reports

16. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

17.1 Disaster Management Update - Operation Westwind

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: David Mazzaferri, Manager Disaster Management (Recovery &

Resilience) & Community Engagement

Responsible Officer: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer

File No: Formal Papers

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the activities of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) and Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) during Operation Westwind - 14 November to 17 November, 2014.

RESOLUTION:

This document is for Council's information only.

Report

1. Introduction

Over the last few weeks the Lockyer Valley has experienced unstable weather conditions, giving rise to a heightened awareness of the possibility of storm, heat or fire events. As a result of this level of awareness the Disaster Management Unit has been sending out daily weather briefings on current weather conditions.

2. Background

On Tuesday 11 November a Fire Weather Briefing was released by the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES). This weather brief was concerned with the forecasted predictions of very hot, dry conditions for the region. The briefing was entitled Operation Westwind. As a result of this information, discussions were held with the Chair and Local Disaster Coordinator (LDC) of the Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG), and it was decided to raise our level of preparedness. On Wednesday 12 November QFES representative, Craig Lashman, attended the LDCC at the request of the Manager Disaster Management to discuss fire weather planning and to provide a briefing regarding Council resource availability. On Thursday 13 November 2014 the Lockyer Valley Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) was established.



Further information was received on Thursday from QFES to advise they were at Wildfire Alert Level (WAL) 3 and Qld Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) Southeast Region at Level E (the highest level of fire alert).

With that information to hand, a risk assessment was conducted based on G20, local knowledge, and further confirmation of heat-wave conditions over the weekend. The LDMG moved to 'Alert' level from 1700 hours on Friday 14 November. Members were advised shortly thereafter.

3. Report

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council is focussed on lessons management and continuous improvement. With the information provided and intelligence gained during the course of the week, the Disaster Management Unit in consultation with the Chair and the LDC the LDCC and LDMG raised their level of activation.

The activation of the LDCC provided an opportunity to ensure full operational capability of the centre including structure, systems and ICT. It was also an opportunity to train personnel in the new functionality of Guardian. The LDCC was set up, staff logons and passwords were checked for currency, and Coordination Centre staff were given the opportunity to attend and familiarise themselves with the set up. Direct linkages were established with Customer Service to ensure interoperability and establish a 'one point of truth' through the Guardian system, in order to provide the most up to date information to call centre staff and assist with customer enquiries.

The LDCC staff were exercised in the production of an Event Action Plan (EAP) that set out the Situation, Mission, Objectives, Strategies, Weather, Key Messages, Future Outlook, Briefing Cycle and Incident Management Structure. This EAP was uploaded into Guardian for all staff to access via intranet. For the first time a direct link to State was established via the Guardian system and the EAP was shared directly to the State Disaster Coordination Centre (SDCC). Lockyer Valley were the first in the state to trial this process.

The objectives of the LDCC for the period 14 November to 17 November were to:

- Ensure water trucks are strategically located across the region in order to respond to a fire event in the Lockyer Valley
- Ensure the Local Disaster Coordination Centre (LDCC) is operational
- Ensure location of Council resources are updated and accessible
- Ensure Council owned bushfire tanks are inspected and filled with water
- Identify alternative water sources and access
- Ensure stakeholders identified and contact lists maintained
- Develop a communication strategy

Links in the Bushfire Sub Plan were tested and conversations were had with Infrastructure Works Services (IWS) staff regarding the allocation of resources including water trucks, other earthmoving equipment and operators. Contact lists were developed to ensure efficient communication. Further requests were made of IWS for details of locations and method of access to Council bores. A check of water tanks throughout the region was undertaken and a report provided regarding their condition.

Discussions were had with Queensland Urban Utilities (QUU) regarding access to hydrants and a list of their available standpipes provided



Notification was provided that the QFES South Eastern Region Regional Operations Centre (ROC) was activated on Friday 14 November. Information began to be received from the ROC Saturday morning after Lockyer Valley being added to the distribution list.

The weekend gave us the opportunity to test remote operation capability, with information being received and updates disseminated on a regular basis. This information included:

- Queensland Emergency Management Reports (QEMR)
- BOM Fire Weather Intelligence Briefings
- State Operations Centre State Activity Briefs
- State Operations Centre Fire Weather Briefings

Staff continued to liaise with agencies including Queensland Rail (QR) for train time tables and providing information as requested by the ROC of Council's evacuation capabilities if required. Confirmation was received from the SES of their capability to assist in evacuation, welfare or assistance in the Evacuation Centre if needed.

Saturday's conditions exceeded the forecast maximums, reaching a top of 42°C in Gatton at 4.30pm with wind gusts of 39 km/h being experienced at midday.

At 7.00am on Sunday 16 November 2014, QFES South Eastern Region moved to WAL4, their highest alert level, in order to maximise their response capabilities. The Region was experiencing the worst fire conditions since 1994. Community warnings were issued and fire bans enforced.

The LDCC continued at 'Stand Up' level, with the Disaster Management team monitoring the situation remotely while the LDMG remained on 'Alert'. The maximum temperature of 39.4°C was reached at 1pm on Sunday, lower than the expected 43°C. Wind gusts also reached their peak of 52 km/h at the same time.

Five fires were reported in the Region on Sunday including:

- Gatton Laildey Road College View
- Krugers Rd Spring Creek
- Brightview Rd, Brightview
- Gatton Laidley Rd West Forest Hill
- Mountain View Drive, Plainland.

All incidents were reported as closed by Monday morning.

After confirmation that QFES had downgraded to WAL3, discussion was had with both the Chair and LDC of the LDMG. As a result, the Lockyer Valley LDMG and LDCC stood down as at 0800hrs on Monday 17 November.

The Disaster Management Unit maintained a monitoring watch during the day with the capability of activating and scaling up the LDCC on short notice. Disaster Management staff conducted a debrief Monday morning. Improvements to the process were identified:

- Addition of 'pre-defined actions' and checklists in Guardian in the case of experienced staff being unavailable
- Development of a Business Continuity Plan for Disaster Management staff
- Floor plan of the LDCC to be developed in consultation with IT in order to map data points



A debrief on the functionality of the process was also had with the Customer Services Team Leader. The process was seen as being efficient and Guardian as the 'one point of truth' had been embraced by staff using the system. However, this event gave rise to questions about improvements that could be made for larger scale events including:

- A link from Guardian to CRM and vice versa. This would be especially helpful at the end of a large event when the operation was closed.
- Addition of Council's Facebook page and Twitter feeds to Wallboards in Guardian
- Ability for Call Centre Staff to be included in event updates and briefings in the LDCC via GoTo Meetings
- Process for Call Centre Staff to register at the LDCC, added to Guardian and have a distribution list created for distribution of information and invitation to GoTo meetings
- Steps for Call Centre
 - Once operation is set up, advise Customer Services Team Leader Guardian is available for information purposes only
 - Advice to Customer Service Team from member of Disaster Management Team that logging of jobs in Guardian is to commence.

Post activation discussions with IWS confirmed the efficiency of the system and how well communication flowed between teams. It was noted however, that in these situations relying on one on call officer could present difficulties. It was recommended that at least two officers be on call in similar situations.

4. Policy and Legal Implications

Policy and legal implications will be addressed through existing allocations and reprioritisation as required.

5. Financial and Resource Implications

Budget impacts will continue to be addressed through existing allocation and reprioritisation as required.

6. Delegations/Authorisations

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

7. Communication

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

8. Conclusion

That Council review and adopt the Disaster Management Update on Operation Westwind as per the Recommendations above.



17. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

18.1 Application for Temporary Road Closure - Part of Morgans Road,

Grantham

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Caitlan Natalier, Solicitor/Legal Services Coordinator

Responsible Officer: Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance and Performance

File No: Formal Papers

That the above item be considered in Closed Session to the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with Section 275 (1) (e) of the Local Government Regulation, 2012, as the matter involves other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

Summary:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines has received an application for the temporary closure of part of Morgans Road, Grantham. The purpose of this Report is to consider the application and provide any views and requirements that should be considered in assessing the application.



18.2 Application for Conversion of Term Lease 0/210252 to Freehold -

Lot 53 on CC1011

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Caitlan Natalier, Solicitor/Legal Services Coordinator

Responsible Officer: Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance and Performance

File No: Formal Papers

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Summary:

The Department of Natural Resources and Mines has received an application from the lessee of Term Lease 0/210252 to convert the leased land to freehold. The purpose of this Report is for Council to consider this request and advise of any views and requirements which should be considered in assessing the application.



18.3 NDRRA Program Update

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Anthony Trace, Manager Business Improvement & Program

Performance

Responsible Officer: Jason Bradshaw, Executive Manager Governance and Performance

File No: Formal Papers

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Summary:

The following Report provides a status of the 2010/11 and 2013 Lockyer Valley Regional Council (LVRC) NDRRA Program as at 31 October 2014.

The NDRRA arrangements are administered and managed State-wide by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QldRA). Ongoing liaison and negotiation with QldRA is essential to ensure the constructed works meet the NDRRA guidelines for funding.

NDRRA works were completed "on the ground" by June 2014 for the 2010/2011 restoration program, with submission acquittals still to be finalised.

NDRRA works are progressing towards being completed by June 2015 for 2013 restoration program.



18.4 Laidley Futures - Business Incubator

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Helen McCraw, Senior Economic Development Coordinator

Responsible Officer: Mark Piorkowski, Executive Manager Planning & Development Services

File No: Formal Papers

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Summary:

The Laidley Futures project identified activation of the former Laidley Library building as a short to medium term opportunity in the overall project scope for the future of Laidley. Subsequent investigation, discussion and research has identified that a viable and productive use for this building is the establishment of a business incubator to support business growth in the region. The business incubator supports the establishment and growth of new business and helps to create local jobs. Once established and operational the business incubator will benefit the local economy and provide additional local retail options for local and visiting consumers.



18.5 National Rodeo Association Limited - Request for Funding

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Jason Cubit, Executive Liaison Officer Mayor/CEO & Coordinator

Mayor's Office

Responsible Officer: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer

File No: Formal Papers

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Summary:

The National Rodeo Association Limited staged Round One of the NRA Finals in Gatton on Saturday 22 November, 2014.

On 11 November, 2014, Council received a request for assistance from the company to fund the booking of the Gatton Equestrian Centre for the event.



18.6 Advocacy Agenda of the Executive Office - Progress Report

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Jamie Simmonds, Executive Policy Advisor Mayor/CEO

Responsible Officer: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer

File No: Formal Papers

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Summary:

This report is to provide an update on developments in relation to opportunities for Lockyer Valley growers to export produce directly to Asian markets.



18.7 Unlawful Signs in the Region

Date: 20 November 2014

Author: Jason Cubit, Executive Liaison Officer Mayor/CEO & Coordinator

Mayor's Office

Responsible Officer: lan Flint, Chief Executive Officer

File No: Formal Papers

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Summary:

18. MEETING CLOSED