



MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

24 OCTOBER 2019

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

PUBLIC BUSINESS PAPER

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

- TO:
- Councillors
 - General Manager
 - Director – Corporate Services
 - Director – Planning and Community Development
 - Director – Engineering Services
 - Manager – Water and Waste
 - Manager – Executive Projects

Notice is hereby given that the **Ordinary Meeting of Council** will be held in the Council Chamber, the Max Centre, 30 Heber Street, Moree, on **Thursday, 24 October 2019** commencing at **4pm**.

Please note that all Council meetings are recorded.

Yours sincerely



Lester Rodgers
GENERAL MANAGER

Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Leave of Absence requests
5. Declarations of Interest
6. Public Forum
7. Reports

Ordinary Council Meeting Public Business Paper

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Report Title	1. Appointment of Committee Members due to resignation from Councillor Price
Report by	Executive
Contact	Lester Rodgers, General Manager
Attachments	No attachment
File	FILE 19/363

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint members and/or delegates to each of the Committees to which representation is still required.

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

- An Inclusive, Caring Community**
Not applicable
- Sustainable Spaces and Places**
Not applicable
- A Vibrant Regional Economy**
Not applicable
- A Leading Organisation**
L1.2 Deliver the desired services throughout the Shire to meet community needs in an effective, efficient and financially viable way, having regard to compliance and risk obligations

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Moree Plains Shire Council (**Council**) is a member of, or has a formal affiliation with, a number of Committees and organisations. It is incumbent on Council to provide representation to these bodies to ensure that its voice is heard and the necessary feedback is obtained.

The appointment of delegates is often determined by a Councillor's particular field of interest and, in some instances, geographic location.

The purpose of this report is to consider delegates to each of the committees that require representation following resignation from Cr Price. Council should consider if it is necessary to field replacements for all of these as there are already other Councillors elected. A summary of this information is provided below:

- Mungindi Aged Care Committee
- Mungindi Showground and Racecourse Committee
- Weemelah Public Hall Management Committee

- Mungindi Crime Prevention Committee
- Arts North West

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

In accordance with the provisions of Council's Policy for the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities, Councillors are reimbursed for expenses incurred while representing Council. Provision has been made for the expenditure involved in the attendance at such meetings.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Under Section 377 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act), Council has the ability to delegate functions of the council to any other person or body. Council has exercised this right by developing a range of committees given powers under Section 355(b) of the Act for the care and management of its halls, community service functions and the Moree and Mungindi Youth Councils.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There are no asset management implications.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

Council at its 27 October 2016 meeting resolved:

16/10/18 RESOLVED (PRICE/CRAWFORD):

1. **That Council appoint the following delegates be appointed:**

	Committee Name	Appointed Delegates
Section 355 Committees	Ashley Centenary of Federation Community Hall Committee	Councillor Montgomery
	Boomi Pool Management Committee	Councillor Montgomery
	Boomi Memorial Hall Committee	Councillor Montgomery
	Garah Public Hall Committee	Councillor Humphries
	Gurley Hall Committee	Councillor Tramby
	Gwydir Daycare and Preschool Parents Committee	Councillor Tramby
	Moree Youth Council	Councillor Cassells
	Mungindi Aged Care Committee	Councillor Price
	Mungindi Showground and Racecourse Committee	Councillor Price
	Mungindi Youth Council	Councillor Price
	Pallamallawa War Memorial Hall Committee	Councillor Smith
	Weemelah Public Hall Management Committee	Councillor Price
	External Committees	Australian Rural Roads Group
Bushfire Management		Councillor Tramby Councillor Smith
Joint Regional Planning Panel – Northern		Councillor Montgomery Councillor Ritchie Alternate: Councillor Humphries
Melbourne to Brisbane Inland Rail Alliance		Councillor Price
Moree and District Chamber of Commerce		Councillor Chiu
Moree Plains Gallery Board		Mayor
Moree Reconciliation Group		Councillor Cassells Councillor Humphries
Northern Inland Weeds Advisory Committee		Councillor Smith
Rural Fire Service District Liaison Committee		Councillor Tramby Councillor Crawford
Saleyards Committee		Councillor Ritchie Councillor Chiu
Tourism Moree Board		Councillor Crawford
Advisory Committees	Boggabilla Crime Prevention Committee	Councillor Cassells
	Floodplain Risk Management Committee	Councillor Tramby Councillor Humphries
	Moree Community Safety Committee	Councillor Cassells Councillor Tramby Councillor Chiu
	Mungindi Crime Prevention Committee	Councillor Price

	Reconciliation Action Plan Committee	Councillor Cassells Councillor Humphries Councillor Ritchie
	Road Network Consultative Group	Councillor Price Councillor Smith Councillor Crawford Councillor Tramby
	South Moree Community Action Committee	Councillor Cassells
	Urban Advisory Committee	Councillor Cassells Councillor Tramby Councillor Ritchie
Multi-Organisational Committees	Big Sky Libraries Committee <i>Moree and District War Memorial Education Centre (Trust) as per the applicable legislation</i>	Councillor Tramby Councillor Crawford
	Border Regional Organisation of Councils	Councillor Ritchie
	Local Traffic Committee	Councillor Crawford
	Moree and District War Memorial Education Centre (Trust)	Councillor Tramby
	Namoi Joint Organisation of Councils	Mayor
	North-West Weight of Loads Committee	Councillor Montgomery Alternate: Councillor Ritchie
	Country Mayors	Mayor
	Newell Highway Task Force	Councillor Humphries
Operational Committee	Internal Audit Committee	Mayor Councillor Crawford
	Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre Limited Board	Councillor Sue Price Councillor Greg Smith
	General Managers Performance Review	All Councillors

2. That, in cases in where the delegate is unable to attend and an alternate is not appointed, then the Mayor and General Manager be authorised to nominate a Councillor to represent Council on that Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Councillor Price – Letter of Resignation

β4 Macdiarmid Road

CAMBOOYA 4358

23 September 2019

Dear Lester,

Due to my recent relocation I wish to resign from the following council committees as I will be unable to fulfil my obligations on these committees. I would ask that another Councillor be appointed to these committees; the most important being Arts North West and the Mungindi Crime Prevention Committee.

If there is no one available for the other committees I am happy to still receive minutes from these meetings and take any actions that are deemed necessary.

The committees of which I am a member are:

Arts North West

Mungindi Crime Prevention

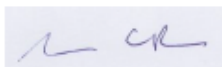
Mungindi Hall

Mungindi Home for the Aged

Mungindi Showground Trust

Weemelah Hall

Regards



Sue Price OAM

Councillor

Moree Plains Shire Council

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Report Title	2. Recommendation from the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held on 17 October 2019
Report by	Corporate Services
Contact	Mitchell Johnson, Director of Corporate Services
Attachments	No attachment
File	FILE 19/460

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses;

- a) The establishment of a \$500,000 budget for ongoing resourcing for multi model initiatives, funded from Councils cash reserves
- b) Council's Hardship Policy and the revised version be presented to Council in November
- c) Request the State and Federal Government offer financial support to Councils for land rate commitment obligations from land owners incurring hardship circumstances
- d) Review bulk domestic water supply charges from Council including a review of the existing \$3 per kl charge and the potential establishment of a new water supply category
- e) That a further report be brought back to Council detailing the financial impact of the following:
 - Loan 128 to be paid out and funded by the Debt Reduction Reserve
 - Loan 115,119 and 131 be paid out and funded by the Water Fund
 - Loan 102 and 111 be refinanced

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

- An Inclusive, Caring Community**

Not applicable

- Sustainable Spaces and Places**

Not applicable

- A Vibrant Regional Economy**

E1.3 Provide a local road network that meets the Shire's transport and freight needs

- A Leading Organisation**

Not applicable

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Finance and Governance Committee Meeting 17 October 2019

The following recommendation was made at the Thursday, 17 October 2019 meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee (**the Committee**). These recommendations are now being brought to Moree Plains Shire Council (**Council**) for endorsement, excluding those recommendations that are for information. The recommendations have been reformatted for clarity, but are functionally equivalent to the recommendations of the Committee.

Report 1 FINANCE WORKSHOP ADGENDA – OCTOBER 2019

The purpose of this report was to receive direction from Council on several financial issues that will have a budget impact on the current and future financial years. These issues were workshopped and the following was discussed:

- Reviewing Council's Hardship Policy (and other options for financial relief for ratepayers) with the aim of presenting a revised Policy to Council in November
- Update on the progress of multi modal initiatives and discussion on the additional resources required to continue this project(s)
- Continuing the review of Council's outstanding debt position, with the aim of achieving best value for money by either refinancing or paying down loans.

19/10/04 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (MOVED: CASSELLS/ SECONDED: CHIU)

That Council endorses;

- a) The establishment of a \$500,000 budget for ongoing resourcing for multi model initiatives, funded from Councils cash reserves***
- b) The ongoing review of Councils hardship policy***
- c) Request the State and Federal Government offer financial support to Councils for land rate commitment obligations from land owners incurring hardship circumstances***
- d) Review bulk domestic water supply charges from Council including a review of the existing \$3 per kl charge and the potential establishment of a new water supply category***
- e) That loan 128 from the loan refinance attachment be paid out, that loans 115,119 and 131 be paid out from the water fund and that loan 102 and 111 be refinanced.***

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

The financial impacts will be discussed at the 24 October 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

No statutory or policy implications have been identified.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

No risk implications have been identified.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No asset management implications have been identified.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

At the 17 October 2019 Finance and Governance Committee Meeting, Council recommended:

19/10/04 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (MOVED: CASSELLS/ SECONDED: CHIU)

That Council endorses;

- a) The establishment of a \$500,000 budget for ongoing resourcing for multi model initiatives, funded from Councils cash reserves***
- b) The ongoing review of Councils hardship policy***
- c) Request the State and Federal Government offer financial support to Councils for land rate commitment obligations from land owners incurring hardship circumstances***
- d) Review bulk domestic water supply charges from Council including a review of the existing \$3 per kl charge and the potential establishment of a new water supply category***
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ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

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Report Title	3. Schedule of Investments held as at 30 September 2019
Report by	Corporate Services
Contact	Andrew Probert, Finance Manager
Attachments	One (1) attachment; refer to Attachments section
File	FILE 13/680

RECOMMENDATION

That the schedule detailing Council's Investments held as at 30 September 2019 be received for information.

REPORT

ALIGNMENT WITH MOREE PLAINS 2027 – YOUR SHIRE. THE PLAN. OUR FUTURE

An Inclusive, Caring Community

Not applicable

Sustainable Spaces and Places

Not applicable

A Vibrant Regional Economy

Not applicable

A Leading Organisation

L1.1 Ensure Council's operations are financially sustainable and we responsibly manage our organisational resources, systems and processes

BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

This report is presented in accordance with the provisions of both Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993* (**the Act**) and Clause 212 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 (**the Regulations**).

Under the provisions of Clause 212 of the Regulations, the Responsible Accounting Officer is required to furnish Moree Plains Shire Council (**Council**) on a monthly basis a written report detailing the amount of money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the Act.

Clause 212 also provides that the report must include a certificate as to whether or not the investments has been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Councils investments policies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT TO COUNCIL

The submission of the schedule of investments is a statutory requirement under Section 625 of the Act. The Operational Plan contains a significant income stream from interest on investments. Council's intent is to maximise its return on investments whilst at the same time ensuring protection of capital.

STATUTORY AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Under the provisions of Clause 212 of the Regulations, the Responsible Accounting Officer is required to furnish Council on a monthly basis a written report detailing the amount of money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the Act.

Clause 212 also provides that the report must include a certificate as to whether or not the investments has been made in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and Councils investments policies.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

There are no risk implications that have been identified for the presentation of the schedule of investments.

ASSET MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

No asset management implications have been identified.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

Under the provisions of Clause 212 of the Regulations, the Responsible Accounting Officer is required to furnish Council on a monthly basis a written report detailing the amount of money that Council has invested under Section 625 of the Act.

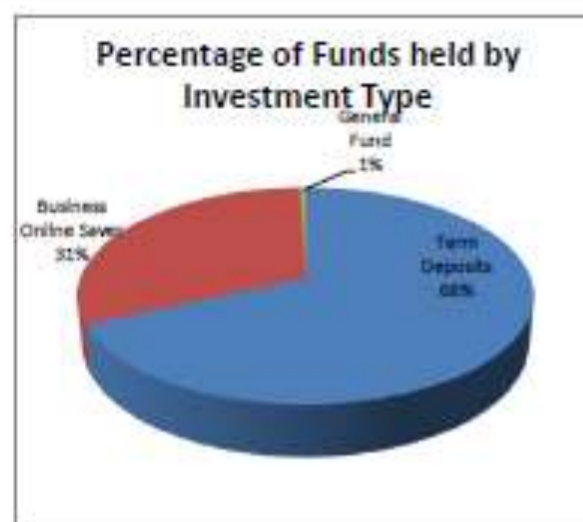
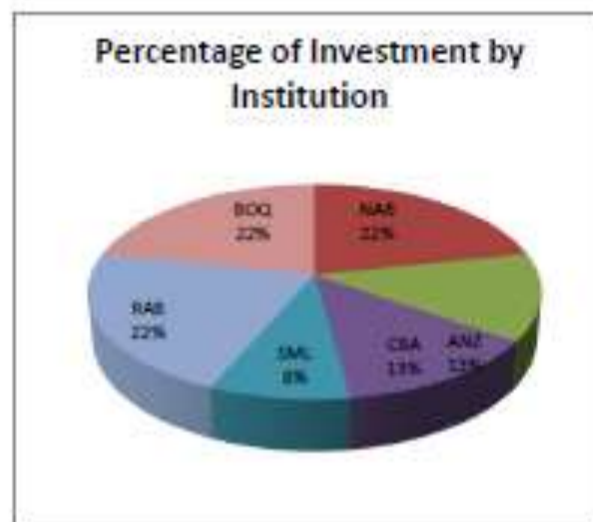
ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 2 Total Cash and Investments as at 30 September 2019

Total Cash and Investments as at 30 September 2019

Institution	Lodgement	Maturity	Face Value	Rate (%)
National Australia Bank	03-Apr-19	02-Oct-19	\$ 2,000,000.00	2.50%
National Australia Bank	05-Jun-19	09-Oct-19	\$ 2,000,000.00	2.20%
Bank of Queensland	17-Apr-19	16-Oct-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.50%
Commonwealth Australia Bank	14-Aug-19	16-Oct-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	1.63%
Regional Australia Bank	24-Apr-19	23-Oct-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.60%
Regional Australia Bank	24-Jul-19	23-Oct-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	1.96%
Bank of Queensland	05-Jun-19	06-Nov-19	\$ 2,000,000.00	2.15%
Bank of Queensland	12-Jun-19	13-Nov-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.15%
Regional Australia Bank	22-May-19	20-Nov-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.40%
Bank of Queensland	19-Jun-19	20-Nov-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.10%
Commonwealth Australia Bank	31-Jul-19	04-Dec-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	1.70%
Regional Australia Bank	04-Sep-19	04-Dec-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.01%
Commonwealth Australia Bank	07-Aug-19	11-Dec-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	1.69%
National Australia Bank	19-Jun-19	18-Dec-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.05%
Regional Australia Bank	18-Sep-19	18-Dec-19	\$ 1,000,000.00	2.01%
Australia & New Zealand Bank	18-Sep-19	22-Jan-20	\$ 3,000,000.00	1.67%
Suncorp Metway Limited	31-Jul-19	29-Jan-20	\$ 2,000,000.00	1.80%
Total Term Deposits			23,000,000.00	
Business Online Saver Account			10,542,224.66	1.10%
General Fund Account			142,601.88	0.50%
Total Cash and Investments			33,684,826.54	
Less Restrictions				
External			-16,046,000.00	
Internal			-13,239,000.00	
Total Unrestricted Cash			4,399,826.54	

N.B The restricted funds figures reported are estimated figures only and subject to change



I, Lester Rodgers, certify that the above list of investments is a complete and accurate account of all investments that have been made on behalf of council in accordance with Section 625 of the Local Government Act, 1993 (amended), its regulations and Council's policy.

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