

PUBLIC GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

NOTICE OF MEETING
Wednesday 15 January 2014
Council Chambers, 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine
To be held at 9.00 am

Councillors

Rob Chandler (Mayor)
Jenni Gray (Deputy Mayor)
Garry Bettiens
Russ Glindemann

Andrew Cowper
Phil Mitchell
Gary Peoples

Officers

Des Howard (Chief Executive Officer)
Rob Bauer (Executive Manager - Alpha)
Greg Buswell (Executive Manager – Aramac)
Brett Walsh (Executive Manager – Barcaldine)
Mike Donald (Manager – Engineering Services)

In Attendance

Alison Newton (Minute Secretary)

Please find attached agenda for the General Meeting to be held on **Wednesday 15 January 2014**, at the Council Chambers, 71 Ash Street, Barcaldine commencing at **9.00 am**.



D A Howard
Chief Executive Officer

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

Our Vision - A cohesive community with lifestyle, opportunity, facilities and services

Our Mission - To deliver the Region's Vision in partnership with the community and other stakeholders through committed leadership, and the efficient delivery of quality services and facilities that support the economic, environmental and social needs of our community

Opening of Meeting**Prayer**

Almighty God,

We acknowledge that we have a responsibility to look after your creation, especially this region we call Barcaldine Regional Council.

We are also conscious that our decisions are going to affect deeply the lives, land and property of the people we have come here to serve.

Remind us to exercise respect for each of our fellow Councillors and for the people of our region.

Help us in this meeting to act wisely, justly and intelligently in all our deliberations.

Thank you Lord for the privilege of both leading and serving and assist us to do these well.

AMEN

Condolences**Apologies****Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners****Declarations of Councillors Material Personal Interest on any items of business****Declarations of Councillors Conflict of Interest on any items of business****BUSINESS****1. Confirmation of Minutes**

- General Meeting 18 December 2013 (Copies have been sent under separate cover)

2. Petitions - Nil**3. Reports****3.1 Chief Executive Officer****3.1.1 Councillor Information Bulletin**

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer tabling a list of items sent to Councillors in the Councillor Information Bulletin up to and including 10 January 2014.

3.1.2 Revised Tender – Aramac Showground Pavilion

Summary: From the Chief Executive Officer advising of the receipt of a revised tender for the construction of the Aramac Showground Pavilion.

3.1.3 Workplace Health and Safety Policy

Summary: From the Workplace Health and Safety Officer submitting a proposed policy for adoption by Council.

3.1.4 Marathon Bore Water Supply Board

Summary: As referred from the General Meeting held on 18 December 2013, the Chief Executive Officer is advising that a letter has been received for a ballot to convert Marathon Bore Water Supply Board to a Closed Water Activity Agreement.

3.2 Finance

See Item 3.6.2

3.3 Manager Engineering Services**3.3.1 Works Report for the Period December 2013**

Summary: From the Engineer submitting for Council's advice and consideration his report on engineering works and environmental matters in Barcaldine, Alpha, Jericho, Aramac and Muttaborra for the period ending 31 December 2013.

3.4 Executive Manager - Alpha**3.4.1 General Information Report**

Summary: From the Executive Manager, Alpha submitting the General Information Report for information.

3.4.2 Electricity Supply to Alpha & Jericho Showgrounds

Summary: Ergon Energy replying to a Council request to upgrade the Electricity supply to the above showground facilities. They advise that a new Zone substation & approx 40Km of 22Kv Feeder will be required at an estimated cost of \$18M. They would have to complete a detailer report for each site, at an estimated cost of \$20,000 each. Ergon Energy has quoted a budget estimate cost to council of \$7150 per site to proceed with the proposed detailed planning report. Council has 60 days from the 16/12/2013 to accept.

3.4.3 Proposed New Alpha Swimming Pool

Summary: J. H. Cockerell Pty Ltd providing a quote for the design and construction of the proposed new swimming pool in Alpha.

3.4.4 Meals on Wheels

Summary: The Central West Hospital and Health Service has advised that the cost of meals supplied to the Meals on Wheels organisation is increasing from \$5.50 to \$6.00 as from the 01/01/2014 then \$6.50 from the 01/07/2014 and \$7.00 from the 01/01/2015.

3.4.5 Regional Sponsorship by Council in 2014

Summary: In 2013, Council resolved to partner with the Alpha, Aramac, Barcaldine & Muttaborra Race Clubs to provide a bonus incentive scheme for the racing industry in the Barcaldine Regional Council area. The reception & success of the incentive scheme has been a major boost to the area.

3.5 Executive Manager - Aramac**3.5.1 General Information Report**

Summary: From the Executive Manager, Aramac submitting the General Information Report for information.

3.5.2 Offer on House and Land

Summary: Council has received an offer from the tenderer to purchase the house and land described as Lot 6 on SP259561 and situated at 26 McWhannell Street Aramac for \$21,500.00 after their tender was not accepted.

3.6 Executive Manager – Barcaldine**3.6.1 General Information Report**

Summary: From the Executive Manager, Barcaldine submitting the General Information Report for information.

3.6.2 Monthly Financial Report – December 2013

Summary: The financial report for the period ending 31 December 2013 is presented to Council.

3.6.3 H1 2014 Revenue and Expenditure

Summary: The half year Revenue and Expenditure Statement for 2014 is presented for Council's review.

3.6.4 Q2 Review – Annual Operational Plan

Summary: The Chief Executive Officer's progress report on the implementation of the Annual Operational Plan.

3.6.5 Remuneration Tribunal Report 2013

Summary: The Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal has released its report for 2013.

3.6.6 Central West Aboriginal Corporation - Request to Fence Land

Summary: A request has been received from the Central West Aboriginal Corporation to fence Council owned land.

3.6.7 Qantas Airport Charges

Summary: A letter from Qantas Airways Ltd requesting a review of fees.

3.6.8 Amended Advertising Spending Policy

Summary: The amended Advertising Spending Policy is presented for adoption by Council.

3.6.9 Amended Investment Policy

Summary: The amended Investment Policy is presented for adoption by Council.

3.6.10 Amended Expenses Reimbursement Policy

Summary: The amended Advertising Spending Policy is presented for adoption by Council.

3.6.11 Amended Entertainment and Hospitality Policy

Summary: The amended Entertainment and Hospitality Policy is presented for adoption by Council.

3.6.12 Amended Community Grants Policy

Summary: The amended Community Grants Policy is presented for adoption by Council.

3.6.13 Price of Council Woodchip

Summary: Council has received a complaint regarding the increase in price of Council woodchip.

3.6.14 Planning and Development Report – December 2013

Summary: The Planning and Development and Adopted Infrastructure Charges Notices Report for December 2013 is presented for consideration.

3.7 Rural Services Matters**3.7.1 Regional Rural Lands Coordinator's Report**

Summary: From the Regional Rural Lands Coordinator submitting a review of 2013 rural lands activities and proposed programs for 2014.

3.8 Confidential Reports - Nil

3.9 Notified Motions – Nil

4. Close of Meeting

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL					
Statement of Income & Expenditure					
For the 6 months ending 31 December 2013					
		2014	Actual /	2014	2013
		Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual
		\$	%	\$	\$
Recurrent Revenue					
Net rates and utility charges		2,852,318.65	49.35%	5,779,219.00	5,583,647.40
Fees and charges	1	581,533.35	59.82%	972,058.00	883,844.39
Rental income		170,586.84	50.56%	337,389.00	318,396.88
Interest received		393,336.09	58.88%	668,000.00	626,661.20
Recoverable works income	2	9,774,876.33	62.52%	15,635,621.00	29,166,201.16
Grants, subsidies, contributions, donations		2,374,398.26	49.98%	4,751,165.00	8,090,615.64
Other recurrent income	3	228,631.84	99.97%	228,700.00	273,087.75
Total Recurrent Revenue		16,375,681.36	57.72%	28,372,152.00	44,942,454.42
Recurrent Expenses					
Employee costs		5,184,183.22	49.79%	10,412,328.00	10,625,263.97
Materials & Services costs	4	10,639,183.98	64.03%	16,616,377.00	27,466,237.60
Finance costs		74,331.80	64.64%	115,000.00	91,362.44
Depreciation	5	3,500,000.00	63.40%	5,520,200.00	8,346,461.92
Total Recurrent Expenses		19,397,699.00	59.39%	32,663,905.00	46,529,325.93
Net Operating Income/Loss		- 3,022,017.64		- 4,291,753.00	- 1,586,871.51
Capital Revenue and Expenses					
Gain/(Loss) on sale of non-current assets		526,357.49	49.12%	1,071,657.00	- 1,642,306.20
Grants, subsidies, contributions, donation	6	858,647.74	2.31%	37,247,285.00	2,869,547.05
Net Capital Income/Loss		1,385,005.23		38,318,942.00	1,227,240.85
Net Income/(Loss)		- 1,637,012.41		34,027,189.00	- 359,630.66
<i>The above Statement is unaudited and may not include all transactions for the period.</i>					
Major Variances					
1 Fees & Charges increased across all areas					
2 Flood Damage funding received in advance				3,885,564.32	
3 Outback Trailblazer income over budget					
4 Flood Damage contractors					
5 Depreciation increased to reflect higher asset values after revaluation					
6 Alpha Pool funding not received				- 3,400,000.00	
6 Alpha Airport funding not received				- 30,000,000.00	

BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL					
Statement of Financial Position					
As at 31 December 2013					
			31-Dec-13	30-Jun-14	30-Jun-13
			Actual	Budget	Actual
Current Assets					
	Cash		19,899,764.95	14,104,914.00	19,378,090.97
	Receivables		1,232,170.70	2,989,340.00	4,432,327.45
	Inventories		595,285.30	597,255.00	557,232.18
	Other financial assets		-	146,417.00	149,621.29
	Non-current assets held for sale		1,235,495.02	331,281.00	1,229,757.53
	Total current assets		22,962,715.97	18,169,207.00	25,747,029.42
Non-current Assets					
	Property, plant and equipment		296,184,226.10	261,288,966.00	299,650,783.61
	Capital works in progress		6,056,196.85	5,486,787.00	2,870,881.67
	Total non-current assets		302,240,422.95	266,775,753.00	302,521,665.28
	TOTAL ASSETS		325,203,138.92	284,944,960.00	328,268,694.70
Current Liabilities					
	Trade and other payables		126,225.03	1,083,361.00	1,481,843.60
	Borrowings		131,650.90	256,496.00	271,877.62
	Employee benefits		877,628.04	1,114,315.00	810,326.12
	Total current liabilities		1,135,503.97	2,454,172.00	2,564,047.34
Non-current Liabilities					
	Borrowings		2,783,198.42	2,518,797.00	2,783,198.42
	Employee benefits		1,783,521.90	1,537,376.00	1,783,521.90
	Total non-current liabilities		4,566,720.32	4,056,173.00	4,566,720.32
	TOTAL LIABILITIES		5,702,224.29	6,510,345.00	7,130,767.66
	NET COMMUNITY ASSETS		319,500,914.63	278,434,615.00	321,137,927.04
COMMUNITY EQUITY					
	Retained surplus/(deficiency)		142,726,439.58	181,491,851.00	144,363,451.99
	Asset revaluation surplus		176,774,475.05	96,942,764.00	176,774,475.05
	TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY		319,500,914.63	278,434,615.00	321,137,927.04
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BARCALDINE REGIONAL COUNCIL				
Statement of Cash Flows				
For the 6 months ending 31 December 2013				
	2014	%	2014	2013
	Actual	Budget	Budget	Actual
<i>Cash flows from operating activities:</i>				
Receipts from customers	19,188,987.67	73.63%	26,059,809.00	43,836,484.32
Payments to suppliers and employees	- 17,086,670.62	64.92%	- 26,320,705.00	- 37,764,947.59
	2,102,317.05		- 260,896.00	6,071,536.73
Interest received	393,336.09	58.88%	668,000.00	626,661.20
Net cash inflow (outflow) from operating activities	2,495,653.14	613.03%	407,104.00	6,698,197.93
<i>Cash flows from investing activities:</i>				
Payments for property, plant and equipment	- 3,218,757.67	7.23%	- 44,514,654.00	- 8,824,734.15
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	526,357.49	19.05%	2,763,000.00	809,644.00
Grants, subsidies, contributions and donations	858,647.74	2.31%	37,247,285.00	2,869,547.05
Net cash inflow (outflow) from investing activities	- 1,833,752.44	40.71%	- 4,504,369.00	- 5,145,543.10
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>				
Proceeds from borrowings	-		-	2,042,432.78
Repayment of borrowings	- 140,226.72	54.96%	- 255,140.00	- 325,180.02
Net cash inflow (outflow) from financing activities	- 140,226.72	54.96%	- 255,140.00	1,717,252.76
Net increase (decrease) in cash held	521,673.98	-11.99%	- 4,352,405.00	3,269,907.59
Cash at beginning of reporting period	19,378,090.97		18,457,319.00	16,108,183.38
Cash at end of reporting period	19,899,764.95		14,104,914.00	19,378,090.97
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