



South Burnett Regional Council

Minutes

Of The

General Council Meeting

Held in the Kingaroy Town Hall, Glendon Street Kingaroy

On Wednesday 16 March 2016

Chief Executive Officer: Gary Wall

Our Vision

"Individual communities building a strong and vibrant region."

Our Values

A	Accountability:	<i>We accept responsibility for our actions and decisions in managing the regions resources.</i>
C	Community:	<i>Building partnerships and delivering quality customer service.</i>
H	Harmony:	<i>Our people working cooperatively to achieve common goals in a supportive and safe environment.</i>
I	Innovation:	<i>Encouraging an innovative and resourceful workplace.</i>
E	Ethical Behaviour:	<i>We behave fairly with open, honest and accountable behaviour and consistent decision-making.</i>
V	Vision:	<i>This is the driving force behind our actions and responsibilities.</i>
E	Excellence:	<i>Striving to deliver excellent environmental, social and economic outcomes.</i>

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Wednesday, 16 March 2016

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Minutes of the meeting of the South Burnett Regional Council, held in the Kingaroy Town Hall, Glendon Street Kingaroy on 16 March 2016 at 9.04am

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Cr DW Kratzmann (Mayor), Cr KM Campbell, Cr KA Duff, Cr BL Green, Cr DJ Palmer, Cr DP Tessmann, Cr RLA Heit

Council Officers:

Gary Wall (Chief Executive Officer), Lester Schumacher (General Manager Finance), Peter O'May (General Manager Corporate Services), Russell Hood (General Manager Infrastructure)

1. Leave Of Absence

Nil.

2. (a) Prayers

A representative of the Kingaroy District Ministers Association, Reverend David Ferguson offered prayers for Council and for the conduct of the Council meeting.

(b) Receipt of Petitions

A petition has been received from residents at South Nanango requesting Council bitumen seal Nanango Neumgna Road South Nanango.

Motion:

Moved Cr DP Tessmann, seconded Cr DJ Palmer.

That the petition be received and referred to staff for consideration as part of the budget preparation.

Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously

3. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

3.1 South Burnett Regional Council Minutes

Officer's Recommendation

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2016 as recorded be confirmed.

Resolution:

Moved Cr KA Duff, seconded Cr RLA Heit.

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2016 as recorded be confirmed.

Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously

CONSIDERATION OF BUSINESS SECTIONS INCLUDING BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

See Business Function Headings

4. Portfolio - Economic Development, Governance and Communication

4.1 Economic Development, Governance and Communication Portfolio Report

No Report

5. Portfolio - Roads & Drainage

5.1 Roads & Drainage Portfolio Report

Summary

Roads & Drainage Portfolio Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Roads & Drainage Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Resolution:

Moved Cr DP Tessmann, seconded Cr KA Duff.

That the Roads & Drainage Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Design & Technical Services – March 2016

Capital Works:

- *Coulson Street Drainage, Blackbutt – Work has commenced on the southern pipeline between Taromeo Creek and the Hotel.*
- *Gladys Street, Blackbutt (Morris to Muir Streets) – the sealing and kerb and channelling of this section has been completed.*
- *Blackbutt Crows Nest Road, Blackbutt – Work has commenced on widening the existing single lane seal to a two lane standard from near Knaggs Court to past Ogilvie Road for a 2 km length.*
- *Glendon Street Carpark/Circular Place, Kingaroy – the southern side of the carpark is completed but we still need to complete the northern section of the carpark as well as reconstructing Circular Place.*
- *Fisher/Moore Streets intersection – The Water team are currently replacing the water-main and a roadworks team will commence after that is finished.*
- *Clark and Swendson Street, Kingaroy – work on installing a new floodway should commence early next month.*

- *Youngman Street, western side (Kingaroy Hotel to opposite Kingaroy Hospital – Work should commence shortly on constructing a 1.5m wide concrete footpath by a local contractor (once they have finished the Kingaroy Street footpath repairs outside the Banks).*
- *Kent Street, Wondai – concrete footpath construction from the showgrounds to the school.*
- *Tingoora school Carpark Improvements – seal widening, kerb and channelling and footpath concreting works should commence immediately after Easter.*
- *Tingoora Chelmsford Road curve realignment – clearing and other works should be commencing next week.*
- *Tingoora Chelmsford Road south of Old Chelmsford Road – sealed road reconstruction works are underway.*
- *Mt McEwan Road (between Wondai Proston and Dip Road) - sealed road reconstruction works are underway.*
- *The asphaltting work at Wondai Industrial Estate are finished, we now need to top up the shoulders*
- *Proston Boondooma Road – Seal widening is continuing on this job*
- *Road grading works are underway in several areas such as Booie, Burrandowan, Alice Creek Road and Neumgna Roads.*

Survey & Design

Survey and design for the following projects has either commenced or is in the process of being completed and on the program for construction:

- *Thorn St, Murgon –The water main has been designed and is currently being reviewed for the section between the Bunya Highway and Leroyd St.*
- *Stonelands Rd Bridge, Stonelands – This project involves the replacement of the timber bridge with twin box culverts (3600x3600). This has been designed and is currently being reviewed for the crossing just to the north of the intersection with Webber Bridge Rd.*
- *Mundubbera Durong Rd, Durong – This design involves the creation of carparking, formalised bus setdown area and turnaround facility adjacent to the Durong School.*
- *Main St, Tingoora - This has been designed and involves the creation of a bus setdown and carparking area to support the Tingoora State School.*
- *Tessmanns Rd North, Kingaroy – The design is currently being reviewed for works associated with the northern side of the Taylors Rd intersection in the unformed road reserve.*
- *Weens Rd, Crawford – The design is to widen the sealed road over a couple of crests that are located to the west of the Siefert Rd intersection.*

Bridges

- *15/16 Bridge Replacements – The bridge status at all site differs as follows:*
 - *Campbells Rd – The deck units have been landed along with the reinforced concrete deck formed and steel fixed ready for pouring this week. Earthworks and road approaches will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.*
 - *Mondure Rd –Wingwalls and abutments have been formed and poured as well as abutments backfilled. Relieving slabs will be boxed and steel fixed this week.*
 - *Weens Rd –Backfilling of the road approaches has commenced to get up to level for the forming and steel fixing for the relieving slabs that transition from the road on to the bridge.*
- *Timber Bridge Rehabilitation – The tenders have been received for this project for works at the following structures:*
 - *Webbers Bridge Road*
 - *Manar Road*
 - *Stumckes Road*
 - *Gayndah Hivesville Road (Horse Gully)*

This will be taken to the first Council meeting after the Local Government Elections have been completed to award a contractor.

- *Geotechnical Investigations - With the announcement of Marshlands Bridge, Silverleaf being co contributed to by the Federal Government under the Bridges Renewal Programme, Council will be commissioning a consultant to undertake geotechnical investigations at this site, as well as at Kings Bridge East, north of Nanango to assist with the delivery of the 2016/17 programme of works. Quotes will be received from potential contractors by the end of this week.*

Projects of Interest

- *Memerambi Subdivision - Works have commenced onsite with earthmoving plant in operation. The contractor, Newlands Civil Construction, is currently awaiting TMR approval for their traffic management plan allowing them to commence works along the Bunya Highway road corridor.*
- *Clark & Swendson/Kingaroy Barkers Creek Intersection, Kingaroy – This project has been reviewed by TMR and Council and will upgrade the intersection to accommodate B-Double operations. There will be kerb and channel extension on both the northern and southern sides of Kingaroy Barkers Creek Rd as well as drainage infrastructure installed. A floodway is proposed to be installed just south of the intersection with widening and overlay of the pavement extending south to a new access into Swickers. Other works that have occurred or will be undertaken in the coming weeks include well capping, tank removal & associated structure, land resumption, fencing, Telstra realignment, water main realignment, sewer rising main realignment and open channel construction in advance of the roadworks crews commencing.*

Materials Laboratory

The Materials Laboratory officers are currently undertaking construction materials testing for the following projects/clients:

- Downer EDI – SD27 Dam project at Tarong Mine

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

6. Portfolio - Arts, Communities, Health and Waste Services

6.1 Arts, Communities, Health and Waste Services Portfolio Report

Summary

Arts, Communities, Health and Waste Services Portfolio Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Arts, Communities, Health and Waste Services Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Resolution:

Moved Cr RLA Heit, seconded Cr KM Campbell.

That the Arts, Communities, Health and Waste Services Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Communities:

Film Festival

I am very pleased to be able to advise that the Heritage Nanango Community Fund has generously supported this year's Film Festival to the value of \$20,000. The event will be known as the Heritage Bank Nanango Film Festival hosted by South Burnett Regional Council. The festival will be once again held at the Nanango Cultural Centre with date claimers of 27, 28 & 29 of May 2016.

Community Assistance Grants Round 2

16 applications were received for Round 2 with 10 applications totalling \$11,842.77 being approved. The next round for the grants will be in August, so I encourage applications from not-for-profit organisations based within the region whose events and projects benefit our residents. The program has three strands of funding:

- *Community Assistance;*
- *Community In-kind Assistance;*
- *Community Elite Performance Assistance.*

SBRC Libraries:

South Burnett Libraries

The First 5 Forever initiative continues to flourish across the region, with increased attendance to story time sessions recorded across our branches. Already for 2016, story time has attracted a total of 162 children and 73 adults.

Across the South Burnett our libraries are also busy planning activities to entertain our school-aged community members during the upcoming holidays. From Easter egg decorating to playing a game of life-sized Monopoly, kids across the region are guaranteed to enjoy themselves at their local library.

Kingaroy Library

Local high school students, along with a couple of their parents, were thrilled to take part in the first ever session of life-sized Monopoly held at the Kingaroy Library on Wednesday 2nd March. Giant inflatable dice were rolled whilst tokens moved progressively along streets named after local streets in the region such as Freeman Court. Local utilities such as the Tarong Power Station were also part of the game. All players reported that they had a fantastic time battling it out to buy the best properties in the South Burnett.

On Thursday, 3rd March, the Kingaroy Library welcomed 39 prep students and 10 teachers from the Taabinga State School for a fun morning of stories and craft. Staff were delighted to take the children on a tour of the library, even showing them the special VIP staff area, where all of the book cataloguing and processing is done. The kids also enjoyed a story about a bug named “Doug” and finished their visit by making bug wrist bands to take home and show mum and dad.

Wondai Library

Mother Kate’s Early Learning Centre has become a regular visitor to Wondai Library First 5 Forever Story Time and Rhyme Time sessions with an average of 14 children and 4 adults attending each session.

The Wondai Conversations Group meet on the last Thursday of the month and have decided to change the format to include more discussions around ‘Good Read’ books and authors. All welcome.

Nanango Library

The Nanango Library continues to encourage local artists in the community by offering them a space to display their art. Local residents can book a wall at the library to display their work in the hopes of gaining exposure and increasing their profile in the South Burnett.

Murgon Library

The Murgon Library recently hosted an author talk with Hivesville resident Graham C. Braddock. Graham has been visiting libraries across the region to share with library patrons the story of his first novel, “Operation Gravelrash”, a thriller set in Queensland.

Proston Library

The Proston Library is back in business having been freshly repainted. Feedback from patrons about the painting has been overwhelmingly positive, with customers commenting how nice the library looks.

Public Health:

Mosquito Control

Environmental Services was focused on carrying out house to house inspections and treatment of potential mosquito breeding sites in the township of Wondai over the last few weeks. Particular attention was given to houses where breeding of *Aedes aegypti* had previously been found. A

follow up campaign will occur in about 2 weeks in order to assess how successful the treatment has been.

Monitoring for the Aedes aegypti mosquito around the South Burnett also continues. Thankfully no other Aedes aegypti mosquitoes have been detected anywhere else as yet.

Queensland Health is developing an Exotic Mosquito Incursion Emergency Response Framework in reaction to the revelation of the Zika virus.

Animal Control

The State government recently passed legislation (17 February 2016) in relation to regulating Puppy Farms. The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) is the responsible Agency, however Local Government may end up with some form of involvement through delegation. It is our understanding that all breeding will now have to be registered, or have a permit issued. As more details come to light further information will be provided.

Recycling

A Discussion paper has been released about a “Container Deposit Scheme”. The state is presently only committed to investigating the possibility of such a scheme. NSW is also presently dealing with this particular issue so it will be interesting to see what developments happen in this space.

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

6.2 Arts and Communities

Officer's Reports

6.2.1 C - 1581898 - Minutes of the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2016

Summary

Providing a copy of the Minutes of the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund Management Advisory Committee Meeting held at the South Burnett Regional Council Chambers held on Tuesday 8 March 2016.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council endorse the attached minutes and recommendations of the Mayor's Community Benefit Management Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2016



Minutes

Of the

Mayor's Community Benefit Fund Assessment Committee

Held in the Corporate Meeting Room, 45 Glendon Street Kingaroy

on Tuesday 8 March 2016

Commencing at 5.26pm

Senior Officer Community & Sport: Michael Hunter



Mayor's Community Benefit Fund Assessment Committee Minutes

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Minutes of the meeting of the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund Assessment Committee, held in the South Burnett Regional Council Corporate Meeting Room, Glendon Street, Kingaroy on Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 5:26pm.

Present

Michael Hunter (Senior Officer Community & Sport), Cheryl Dalton, Marie Shaw, Lesley Dennien, Jim Young, Mark Huston, Scott McLennan, Lynelle Paterson (Minutes)

1. AGENDA ITEMS

1.1 Welcome

The Chair Cheryl Dalton welcomed all Committee Members to the meeting.

A discussion was had in regard to continuing membership and all Committee Members indicated that they would like to continue in this role.

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were received from the following Committee members:

Ross Heaney, Rod Morgan

Resolution:

Moved Lesley Dennien, seconded Marie Shaw

That the apologies be received.

Carried 5/0

1.3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution:

Moved Marie Shaw, seconded Lesley Dennien

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 2 February 2016 as recorded be confirmed.

Carried 5/0

1.4 Business Arising Out of Minutes

Email from Rod Morgan regarding Cultural Care Network - Rod advised that he spoke by phone twice to the applicant. He inspected the subject property externally and is convinced of authenticity and value of the project. Committee Member Rod Morgan agrees that the funding level be set at \$10 000, rather than the \$20 000 as originally considered.

Moved Jim Young, seconded Mark Huston

That Funding of \$10,000 be approved for 'Cultural Care Network' subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The Committee request the successful applicants make themselves available to attend a special function to receive the funds*
- 2. Financial evidence (Receipt of payment invoices and payments of the accounts)*
- 3. Evidence that South Burnett residents benefitted*
- 4. Evidence of overall community benefit*
- 5. Acknowledgement of South Burnett Regional Council support*

Carried 5/0

1.5 Correspondence

Ross Heaney - Forwarding an apology for the meeting today and advising he wishes to retire from the Committee.

Moved Marie Shaw, seconded Jim Young

That the correspondence be received.

Carried 5/0

1.6 Review of Round Eight Applications

Council has received two (2) applications for Round Eight with a total amount requested of \$26,000.

Organisation: Benarkin State School

Description of Project: Educational Program - Kitchen Garden Health Program

Cost: \$16,000

Organisation: Tableland Hall Committee Inc.

Description of Project: Restumping of Tablelands Hall

Cost: \$10,000

A late application was received on 8 March 2016 from Nanango Tourism & Development Association Inc.

Organisation: Nanango Tourism & Development Association Inc.

Description of Project: Guy Fawkes Rock & Blues Explosion

Cost: \$4,000

ATTENDANCE:

Scott McLennan entered the meeting at 5.36pm

Resolution:

Moved Marie Shaw, seconded Scott McLennan

That the three applications not be approved as the committee believe that they are outside the funding round criteria.

Carried 6/0

1.7 Round 9 Funding Criteria and Dates

Moved Scott McLennan seconded Jim Young

That

- 1. the Criteria for Round 9 of funding is open to South Burnett organisations with a focus on early intervention projects (eg. sport, health, welfare, education) that delivers a meaningful outcome to the wider community of the South Burnett and that meet the funding criteria outlined in the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund Guidelines.*
- 2. Applications will open on Monday 2 May 2016, close on Tuesday 31 May 2016, be assessed on Tuesday 14 June 2016 at a meeting commencing at 5.30pm in the Kingaroy Council Committee Room, Glendon Street Kingaroy.*
- 3. The allocated amount of funding for Round 9 is \$10,000.*

Carried 6/0

2. GENERAL SECTION

2.1 General Business

2.1.1. Resignation of Committee Member

Moved Marie Shaw seconded Jim Young

That the committee acknowledges the resignation from Ross Heaney and thanks him for his valuable contribution and advise the Council of the resignation and that there is a vacancy on the committee.

Carried 6/0

2.1.2. Vote of Thanks

The committee would like to recognise and thank Mayor Wayne Kratzmann for his vision, drive and passion in ensuring people in need in the South Burnett community have had an opportunity to benefit from this fund.

Since the inception of the Mayors Community Benefit Fund in 2013 there has been eight (8) funding rounds and two (2) Expression of Interest rounds distributing \$114,000 to South Burnett organisations. The funding delivered services, activities and programs for the following purposes; Junior Sport, Mental Health, Disadvantaged

People, Older People, Families and Children, Support for people in need at Christmas and Drug and Alcohol initiatives.

The committee strongly encourages the new Council to consider the continuation of the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund.

The Chair Cheryl Dalton thanked the committee for their dedication and commitment to this voluntary role and the South Burnett Regional Council staff for their administrative support.

The committee thanked Cheryl for her dedication and guidance.

ATTENDANCE:

Cheryl Dalton left the meeting at 6.28pm

2.1.3. Request for Funding - South Burnett Women

Cheryl Dalton had a discussion with the Mayor about the Mayor's Community Benefit Fund contributing \$1000.00 towards a new project in the South Burnett as outlined below. He agreed that this would be a worthy cause to support. Cheryl Dalton requested that the item be put on the agenda for ratification at the next meeting.

South Burnett Women (a steering Committee has been formed) are aiming to create a group of women across the South Burnett to support, mentor and raise awareness of the needs of women in our communities. The first function will be a sponsored breakfast at Cassis on International Women's Day to launch the group with fundraising to commence to create an education bursary for young disadvantaged women developing an education and career path.

Moved Mark Huston seconded Jim Young

That \$1,000 be donated to South Burnett Women in support of International Women's Day.

Carried 5/0

ATTENDANCE:

Cheryl Dalton returned to the meeting at 6.32pm

The meeting closed at 6.36pm

Resolution:

Moved Cr RLA Heit, seconded Cr DJ Palmer.

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted.

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

7. Portfolio - Property and Human Resources

7.1 Property and Human Resources Portfolio Report

Summary

Property and Human Resources Portfolio Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Property and Human Resources Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Resolution:

Moved Cr DJ Palmer, seconded Cr KA Duff.

That the Property and Human Resources Portfolio Report to Council be received.

1. Get Out Get Active Program

South Burnett Regional Council and the pool managers have been working in partnership to deliver the Department of National Parks, Sporting and Racing Get Out, Get Active program. This grant has provided new swimming exercise programs and equipment targeting inactive women and girls across the South Burnett region. Total number of 31 classes has been offered across the region and 232 participants. Continuation of programs and classes will be available over the winter period at the South Burnett Aquatic Centre.

2. Proston Library

The Capital works project for painting and repairing water damaged timber in the Proston Library is now complete. This project involved many volunteers as all books had to be moved from shelves, boxed and stored and then resorted back onto the newly painted shelves. The library has a nice fresh and bright look. Thank you to the volunteers for helping with this project.

3. South Burnett Aquatic Pool Filters

The filters have been replaced at the South Burnett Aquatic Centre for the leisure and hydrotherapy pool. Due to the age of the existing filters the replacement parts were no longer available for the multiport valves and a new filter system was installed. This included the media inside (sand) to be replaced to improve filtration and cleaning of the pool water, replacement of the rusted lint filter with a new poly lint filter, installed glass viewing windows to assist with viewing water during backwashing procedures, installed a manifold system to allow probes to be cleaned regularly and to prevent shutting the entire system down. This replacement equipment will improve the efficiency of pumps and reduce the fluctuating quality water levels and chemical usage as the filters will be working at optimum levels.

4. Grease Traps at Council Kitchens

South Burnett Regional Council has installed grease traps at Wondai Town Hall, Murgon Town Hall and Murgon PCYC.

Carried 7/0

FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously

8. Portfolio - Water, Wastewater and Sport Development

8.1 Water, Wastewater & Sport Development Portfolio Report

Summary

Water, Wastewater & Sport Development Portfolio Report

Officer's Recommendation

That the Water, Wastewater & Sport Development Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Resolution:

Moved Cr BL Green, seconded Cr KM Campbell.

That the Water, Wastewater & Sport Development Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Kingaroy Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Kingaroy Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project is progressing well. The bulk of the civil work is now complete with just roadworks and the bund wall to complete. Process commissioning has started with water being run through the system to test the operations and commission pumps and other components of the new plant. The project is on track to reach 'practical completion' by the end of April which will then enable the old plant to be decommissioned and for the operation of the new plant to be fine-tuned.

Gordonbrook Water Treatment Plant upgrade

Gordonbrook Water Treatment Plant is nearing the 'practical completion' stage of the process with the proof of performance stage 1 looking to be completed and the new plant being operational by the end of March. This will then enable Council operators to be fully trained in the new plants operational procedures and for the old plant to be decommissioned.

Murgon Water Treatment Plant

Design of the refurbishment of the Murgon Water Treatment Plant is progressing. M2O will be on site in the next 2 weeks to commence work on Filter Train 3 which is currently not in operations. Once the upgrade work is completed on the 3rd train, the 2 existing trains will be able to be taken offline with the newly refurbishment 3rd train being used to supply the town water supply whilst the remaining work is completed.

Carried 7/0

FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously

9. Portfolio - Natural Resource Management, Parks and Indigenous Affairs

9.1 Natural Resource Management, Parks and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio Report

Summary

Natural Resource Management, Parks and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Natural Resource Management, Parks and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Resolution:

Moved Cr KA Duff, seconded Cr DP Tessmann.

That the Natural Resource Management, Parks and Indigenous Affairs Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Parks and Gardens

As this is my last report for this term of Council, I thought that I would give a brief overview of some of the highlights of the last four years.

I have enjoyed holding the Portfolio of NRM, Parks & Gardens under the Management of Greg Griffiths. The NRM Parks & Gardens team moved their office to Murgon during this term of Council and it has been well received by the town to have a fully staffed office in Murgon.

The highlight for park upgrades in Murgon has been the Skate Park with the new climbing wall, rotary swings, shelter & BBQ. It is fantastic to see the number of young people every day enjoying this facility.

In Proston the opening of Railway Park with skate equipment, shelter and seating is a fantastic asset for the community. Hivesville Sportsgrounds will soon have a new toilet block as the Market committee have been successful with a grant for \$35000 and Council is providing an equal amount to complete the project.

The Wondai Village Green is the highlight for Wondai as well as the overnight rest area with toilets and showers and the new shed, toilet fence and shelter at the cemetery. In Wooroolin the highlight is the fenced playground and there have also been upgrades to Mt Wooroolin Park including the walking track

In Kingaroy there has been amazing upgrades to Memorial Park with the amenities, play equipment, fencing, shelter, seating and the ANZAC mural. Both Apex and River Road Park have new toilets, shelters and seating and the climbing wall is a special feature at River Road Park. There is also the work at Glendon St car park which will be a feature area for Kingaroy into the future.

In Nanango there have been upgrades to Pioneer Park, Lions Park and Scotts Park with shade sails, extensions and toilets. The Nanango Cemetery has also had a major upgrade including internal roads, a water feature, carpark and entrance fence. Blackbutt and Benarkin have both had new toilets in the parks and the toilets have been refurbished at Kumbia. Another highlight was the construction of the boardwalk at Coomba falls from recycled plastic.

Our two dams Boondooma and Bjelke Petersen each have 3 new cabins. There has also been extensive refurbishment of existing toilets and upgrades to existing cabins. The rail trail has four

bridges completed and the contract for the sealed surface has been signed. Through the Biodiversity grant we have planted 14000 trees and partnered with schools and community groups to achieve some good outcomes. We have developed 31 Fire Management Plans on Reserves and been involved in 24 prescribed burns.

NRM

We have been involved in two extremely successful trapping programs fully grant funded. There were 155 wild dogs, 81 pigs, 20 cats and 51 foxes trapped during those programs. Our equipment loan program has 3 quick spray units, 10 splatter guns, 50 dog traps, and 3 hog hoppers all free for use by the rate payers and there is a waiting list now from 1-3 months on all weed treatment equipment. In the last four years we have treated 1,424 hectares of weeds with one million, five hundred and ninety four thousand dollars of funding attracted from external sources. We have coordinated or assisted in 11 weed programs including parthenium, honey locust and African lovegrass.

Indigenous Affairs

I have enjoyed this role and I think that we have established a very good working relationship with in particular our neighbours the Cherbourg Aboriginal Council. We have partnered with Cherbourg with the Reconciliation Fun Run; we participate in NAIDOC celebrations and have worked closely with Cherbourg on many projects including the successful joint parthenium project after the two floods. We continue to work closely with Cherbourg on the South Burnett and Cherbourg on Show weekend and this year Cherbourg will be hosting an Arts, Music and Film Festival to celebrate the October long weekend.

Close.

In closing I would like to thank all of the Councillors and the Mayor for what I think has been four challenging but successful years. I think that we have made a positive difference to our region. I think that every decision we have made has been done with care and concern for our community and that the new Council will inherit a region that is in good shape, has been carefully looked after and is well placed to take advantage of whatever the future holds. To the retiring Councillors and the Mayor may I wish you well, good bye and good luck in your future endeavours and to the remaining Councillors seeking positions in the new Council I hope that March 19th is a good day for you whatever the outcome may be. Thank you to the Staff, the Mayor and Councillors of this Council for a great four years.

Carried 7/0

FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously

9.2 Natural Resource Management & Parks (NRM&P)

Officer's Reports

9.2.1 NRM&P - 1582588 - Request for consideration on possible options for the future management of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail.

Summary

The Department of Transport and Main Roads are seeking Council's views on the future operation of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail and in particular options for management of the trail by local government.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council continue to liaise with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and participating local governments regarding the future operation of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail with a view to establish a joint agreement that preserves Council's ability to manage the applicable section of the Rail trail within South Burnett Regional Council area.

Resolution:

Moved Cr KA Duff, seconded Cr DJ Palmer.

That Council continue to liaise with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and participating local governments regarding the future operation of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail with a view to establish a joint agreement for the future management of the Brisbane Valley Rail Trail that preserves Council's ability to retain the current sub lease with the State of Queensland (represented by the Department of Transport).

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

10. Portfolio - Finance, Planning and ICT

10.1 Finance, Planning and ICT Portfolio Report

Summary

Finance, Planning and ICT Portfolio Report to Council.

Officer's Recommendation

That the Finance, Planning and ICT Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Resolution:

Moved Cr KM Campbell, seconded Cr DJ Palmer.

That the Finance, Planning and ICT Portfolio Report to Council be received.

Financial Report

The attached periodic financial statements are as at 2 March 2016.

The cash, operating cash and working capital ratios are all within reasonable parameters. The Funded Long Term Liabilities ratio computed at 64%; exceeded the 60% benchmark.

The increase in cash and cash equivalents and the decrease in receivables are mainly on account of the 3rd quarter rates collection. The discount period ended on the 1st of March.

With regard to the Comprehensive Income Statement:

70% of the total revenue budget has been achieved mainly due to recognition of the 3rd quarter rates. Timely receipt of grants and the quarterly recognition of interest income on investments also contributed to the attainment of the revenue budget as at reporting date.

In terms of operating expenses, 60% of the total recurrent expenses budget has been spent. Costs incurred for employee benefits are within the expected budget limit. The expenditures under materials and services are currently under review for the 3rd quarter operating budget revision.

Capex Report

Capital expenditure to date including commitments amounts to \$43.4 Million equivalent to 77% of the \$56.5 Million revised 2015/16 Capex Budget.

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

10.2 Finance (F)

Officer's Reports

10.2.1 F - 1581556 - Monthly Financial Statements

Summary

The following information provides a snapshot of Council's Financial Position as at 2 March 2016.

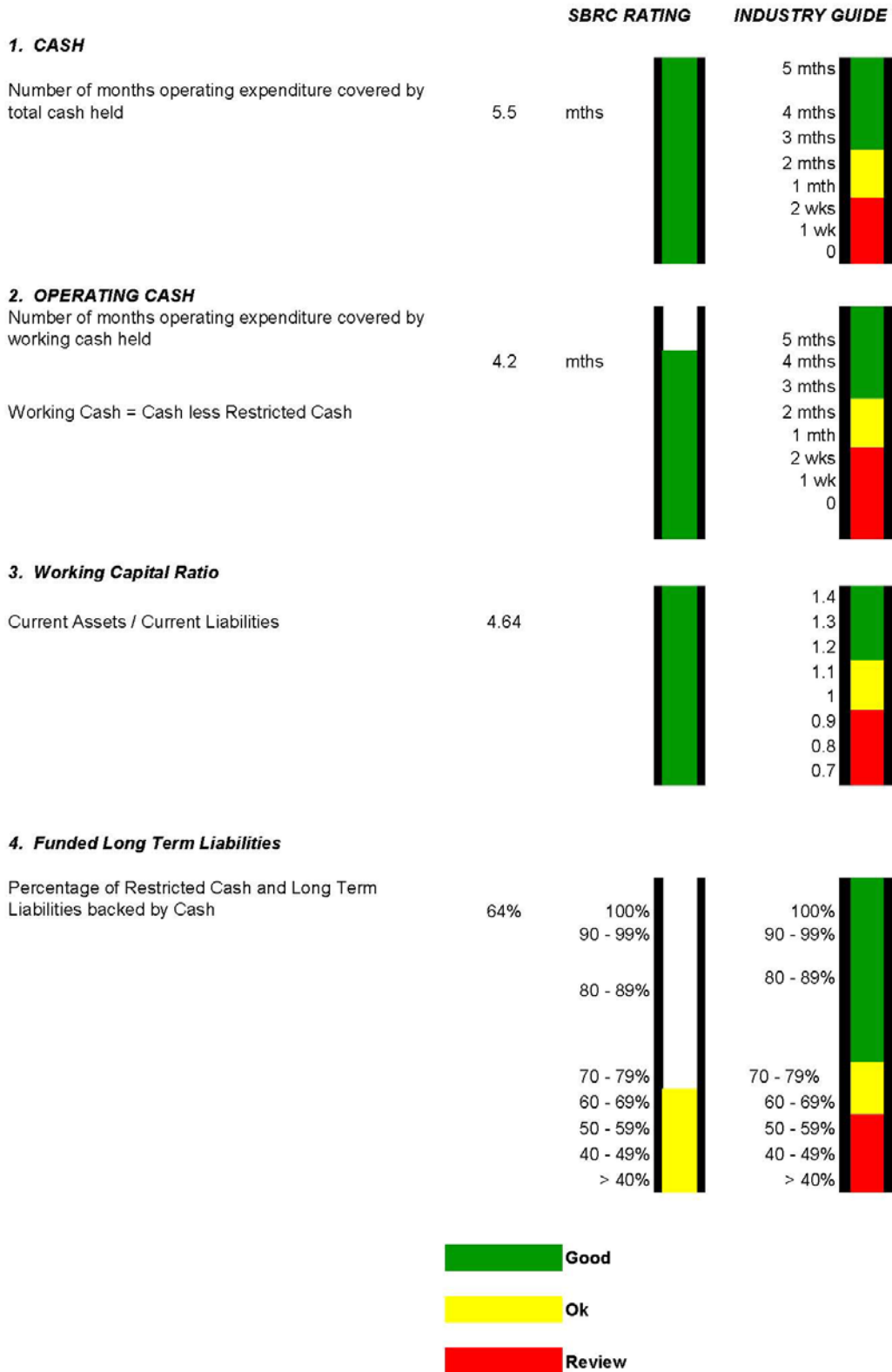
Officer's Recommendation

That the Monthly Financial Report as at 2 March 2016 be received and noted.

Key Financial Ratios

SOUTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINANCIAL SCORECARD



Statement of Comprehensive Income

Statement of Comprehensive Income As at 2 March 2016 67% of Year Complete

	2016	Amended Budget	Variance
	\$	\$	%
Income			
Revenue			
Recurrent Revenue			
Rates, levies and charges	31,059,252	42,456,132	73%
Fees and charges	2,871,425	4,456,330	64%
Rental Income	292,861	492,885	59%
Interest received	957,006	1,561,575	61%
Sales revenue	2,925,155	4,104,010	71%
Other Income	233,365	777,545	30%
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donations	7,643,527	12,145,770	63%
	45,982,590	65,994,247	
Capital Revenue			
Grants, Subsidies, Contributions & Donations	4,898,599	7,480,151	65%
Total Revenue	50,881,189	73,474,398	
Total Income	50,881,189	73,474,398	
Expenses			
Recurrent Expenses			
Employee benefits	16,455,906	25,293,928	65%
Materials and services	11,944,649	23,987,497	50%
Finance costs	1,364,445	2,373,090	57%
Depreciation and amortisation	8,738,637	13,215,467	66%
	38,503,637	64,869,982	
Capital Expenses			
	(207,957)	(750,000)	28%
Total Expense	38,295,681	64,119,982	
Net Result	12,585,508	9,354,416	

Statement of Financial Position

Statement of Financial Position
As at 2 March 2016

	2016 \$	Original Budget \$
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	35,170,317	18,776,575
Trade and Other Receivables	9,755,505	6,348,249
Inventories	1,117,181	1,046,188
Investments	-	-
Total Current Assets	46,043,003	26,171,012
Non-Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	1,500	-
Property, Plant and Equipment	867,264,937	909,874,578
Intangible Assets	7,786,872	7,643,981
Total Non-Current Assets	875,053,309	917,518,559
TOTAL ASSETS	921,096,312	943,689,571
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	4,380,318	4,454,835
Borrowings	2,213,721	4,192,710
Provisions	3,322,358	3,264,734
Total Current Liabilities	9,916,397	11,912,279
Non-Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	40,010,463	47,222,598
Provisions	11,612,607	10,616,231
Total Non-Current Liabilities	51,623,070	57,838,829
TOTAL LIABILITIES	61,539,467	69,751,108
NET COMMUNITY ASSETS	859,556,845	873,938,463
Community Equity		
Asset Revaluation Surplus	430,783,167	432,824,725
Retained Surplus/(Deficiency)	428,773,678	441,113,738
TOTAL COMMUNITY EQUITY	859,556,845	873,938,463

Resolution:

Moved Cr KM Campbell, seconded Cr RLA Heit.

That the Monthly Financial Report as at 2 March 2016 be received and noted.

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

10.2.2 F - 1580593 - Proston Playgroup Association Incorporated Requesting that Council Waive the Outstanding Rates for Property at 5 Blake Street, Proston (P40273-00000-100)

Summary

A request has been received from the Proston Playgroup Association to waive outstanding rates for 5 Blake Street, Proston due to the playgroup being inactive due to lack of numbers.

It is recommended that Council agree to waive the outstanding rates of \$197.89.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council agree to waive the outstanding rates and write off \$197.89.

Resolution:

Moved Cr KM Campbell, seconded Cr KA Duff.

That the Officer's Recommendation be adopted

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

11. Consideration of Notices of Motion

No Report.

12. Information Section (IS)

12.1 IS - 1581569 - Reports for the Information of Council

Summary

List of Correspondence pending completion of Assessment Report
Delegated Authority
South Burnett Regional Council Monthly Capital Works Report
Workplace Health & Safety Report
Road Maintenance Expenditure Report

Officer's Recommendation

That the reports be received.

Resolution:

Moved Cr DP Tessmann, seconded Cr DJ Palmer.

That the reports be received.

*Carried 7/0
FOR VOTE - Councillors voted unanimously*

13. Confidential Section

No Report.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 10.57am.

Confirmed before me this day of2016

..... **MAYOR**

