



# **BUSINESS PAPER**

## **Special Council Meeting**

**29 March 2021**

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**Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council of the  
Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council  
will be held in the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council Chambers on:  
Monday 29 March 2021 at 10:00am**

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- 1 WELCOME**
- 2 APOLOGIES**
- 3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST – COUNCIL / REGISTER UPDATES**

**4 MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION****4.1 MAYOR NEW VEHICLE**

**File Number:** 01. MFD\_SM20210329

**Author:** Jemma Lichtenfeld, Director - Corporate Services

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To approve the purchase of a new motor vehicle for the Mayor at a cost of \$54,394.54 ex GST which is an amendment to current budget. The current budget provides for a purchase of a backhoe to the value of \$50,000. We propose to reallocate these funds towards the purchase of the new vehicle and the additional \$4,394.54 will be covered out of untied funds.

**BACKGROUND**

As per *Local Government Regulation 2012 section 173* Unauthorised spending:

- (2) the local government may spend money, not authorised in its budget, for genuine emergency or hardship if the local government makes a resolution about spending the money before, or as soon as practicable after, the money is spent.
- (3) The resolution must state how the spending is to be funded.
- (4) If the local government's budget for a financial year is amended after the money is spent, the amendment must take the spending into account.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

To ensure parity amongst Executives, the CEO was considering the purchase of another Executive style vehicle (as per contractual requirements with Executive staff). Due to safety considerations in relation to traversing the range and other locations in adverse/inclement conditions, it is appropriate that any further vehicles purchased for Executives have higher clearance and the option for AWD (All Wheel Drive) than the Camrys currently being used by most of the Directors.

The Mayor's current vehicle, is a Toyota Rav4 AWD and was purchased by Council on 4 August 2017.

With the new purchase of the Toyota Prado GXL (4WD), it will provide the Mayor with a vehicle that has higher clearance/capabilities when conducting visits to other communities (eg: Wujal Wujal / Hope Vale) and is comparative to other Mayors in remote/regional areas.

This will further allow for the re-allocation of the Mayor's current vehicle, alleviating the necessity for the additional purchase of a vehicle for Executive use.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to approve the budget amendment to include the purchase of a new vehicle to the value of \$54,394.54 ex GST.

**4.2 2021-24 WORKS FOR QUEENSLAND (W4Q) PROPOSED PROJECTS**

**File Number:** 02. MFD\_ SM.20210329

**Author:** Mike Mair, Finance Manager

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide Council with the proposed projects for the 2021-2024 W4Q funding of \$3.280m.

**POLICY/FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS**

Funding is to be used to support the delivery of job creating new infrastructure, maintenance or minor works projects, maintenance or capital works that are focused on essential services, economic development and community wellbeing outcomes.

**ATTACHMENTS****1. 2021-24 Works for Queensland List of Projects****RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to accept the proposed projects for submission to DSDILGP.

**4.3 REQUEST TO DEMOLISH INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN LOT 905 SP265165 WORKSHOP STREET.**

**File Number:** 03.MFD\_SM.20210329

**Author:** Leon Yeatman, Chief Executive Officer

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Seek Council's approval to demolish infrastructure from within Lot 905 SP265165, known as the Women's Resource Centre. The demolition allows to make way for the 'Beautification and Upgrade Project' to Bishop Malcolm Park to take effect. Project to be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

**BACKGROUND**

Council to be informed that there is no existing lease for the facility. The infrastructure exists on the whole of Lot 905 (Bishop Malcolm Park), with no clear boundary reference points (survey information) which has led to asking the question about leases and property ownership. Recent asset audit also identified that the building is a registered asset of Councils.

It has been noted verbally that Council had gifted to the house to the Women's Resource Centre some years ago. Formal documentation has been limited. The Women's Resource Centre were issued with a letter approving hand over of the building. Decision made at an operational level. However, formal lease transfer did not progress.

Since 2017, the tenure leasing, situation in Yarrabah evolved and we now rely on the Aboriginal Land Act Leasing process. This evolution has provided Council the opportunity to formulate a Planning Scheme, allowed us to better define the land (and occupants) and to improve the governance arrangements regarding leasing.

**COMMENT****POLICY/FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS**

Master planning for Malcolm park. Scope requires this piece of infrastructure to be removed.

**RISK**

Project funding

Planning

Infrastructure / asset management

Reputation – stakeholder engagement.

**CONSULTATION**

The process of consultation has largely been

Associated with the 2017 Master Planning process. Correspondence with Woman Shelter regarding the property has gone unanswered.

Meeting held with new Chairperson Donna Singleton, noted an aspiration to refurbish the building – but no identified funding source. Whilst the aspiration is honourable, the building remains in a dilapidated state and may prove to be beyond economical repair. This is compounded by lack of funds for these programs.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Design concept of Beautification & Upgrade
2. Map Lot 905 Bishop Malclom Park (under separate cover)
3. YACW WRC.pdf

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council resolve to approve the demolition of infrastructure within Lot 905 SP265165 Workshop Street Yarrabah (Women's Resource Centre).

**5 STRATEGIC PORTFOLIO UPDATE**

**6 CLOSE OF MEETING**