



GLADSTONE
REGIONAL COUNCIL

**GENERAL MEETING NOTICE
AND AGENDA**

**TO BE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CIVIC CENTRE
101 GOONDOON STREET, GLADSTONE**

On Tuesday 4 June 2024

Commencing at 9.00am

**Leisa Dowling
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

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G/1. MAYORAL STATEMENT OF CURRENT ISSUES

G/2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

G/2.1. CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR 21 MAY 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 4 June 2024

File Ref: CM7.2

Purpose:

Confirmation of the minutes of the General Meeting held on 21 May 2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 21 May 2024 be confirmed.

Attachments:

1. Minutes of the General Meeting of Council held on 21 May 2024.

G/3. DEPUTATIONS

G/3.1. GLADSTONE REGION ENGAGING IN ACTION TOGETHER (GRT)

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Executive Secretary

Council Meeting Date: 4 June 2024

File Ref: CM7.6

Purpose:

For Gladstone Region engaging in action Together (GRT) to provide an update on the GRT initiative in the Gladstone Region.

Officer's Recommendation:

That the deputation from Gladstone Region engaging in action Together be received.

Background:

Deputation details are as follows:

Time of Presentation	9:10am
Duration of Presentation plus question time	15 mins
Speakers to present	Lorna McGinnis, Executive Director Melanie Ohl, Projects and Partnership Lead – Measurement and Evaluation Courtney Morrison, Projects and Sector Partnerships Lead

Attachments:

1. Gladstone Region Engaging in action Together (GRT) Presentation

G/4. OFFICERS' REPORTS

G/4.1. LEASE OF LOT 7 SP312056 AT 2 DAVE BURNS DRIVE TO COMMUNITY HOUSING (QLD) LIMITED

Responsible Officer: General Manager Assets and Environment

Prepared By: Manager Strategy and Improvement (Acting)

Council Meeting Date: 4 June 2024

File Ref: CP10.1

Purpose:

To allow Council to consider disposing of Lot 7 SP312056 at 2 Dave Burns Drive, for the fulfillment of its Strategic Priority and vision for the Phillip Street Precinct, defined in February 2021 as being *to enable seniors to have options to live, interact and contribute in a voluntary capacity to the activities and programs delivered at the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.*

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Resolves that s236(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* applies to the proposed lease of part of Lot 7 on SP312056 to Community Housing Queensland Limited to facilitate the provision of an affordable housing development with a focus on the over 55's market on the following terms and conditions:
 - a. A term of no more than 99 years;
 - b. At a rental of \$1.00 per annum payable on demand; and
 - c. Such other terms and conditions that the Chief Executive Officer deems appropriate in the circumstances; and
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate, finalise and execute any and all matters associated with or in relation to the Lease.

Summary:

On 4 July 2023 Council distributed an Expression of Interest for a parcel of land at Philip St, Gladstone – Lot 7 SP312056, 2 Dave Burns Drive. Three submissions were received, with the preferred applicant being Community Housing Queensland Limited (CHQL).

During preliminary pre-lodgement meetings with Council's Development Services Team, CHQL has proposed an affordable housing development of up to 230 dwellings and supporting services, which is consistent with the use for this land.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Connecting Communities - We work with you and for you, supporting the success of our communities.
Delivering Value - We work efficiently to deliver value for your rates.
Resilient Economy - We play our part in supporting the success of our region.

Background:

On 4 July 2023 Council released an Expression of Interest (EOI) for a freehold parcel of land owned by Council situated at 2 Dave Burns Drive otherwise described as Lot 7 on SP312056 (Lot 7). Three submissions were received in response to the EOI.

Following a merit-based panel assessment of the three responses, Community Housing Queensland Limited (CHQL) was selected as the preferred applicant based on their project scope, intent, ability to deliver, history of delivery and management of similar projects.

Discussions have commenced between Council and CHQL, regarding their proposed development. CHQL have commenced their funding application process, and Council has provided a non-binding Letter of Intent, to support their application.

A pre-lodgement meeting was held between CHQL and Council Planning staff on 28 March 2024. CHQL and their consultants presented a mixed-use concept, proposed to comprise of 50 two-storey townhouses, 180 3-storey townhouses and some supporting medical/commercial uses.

Officers discussed the Development Application requirements with CHQL, including the application fees, specialist reports required, referrals and the potential infrastructure charges. It is noted that the current concept would trigger an Impact Assessable material change of use, however, it remains generally consistent with the Preliminary Approval.

Risk Management Summary:

Council has established a minimal appetite to reputational risk and a moderate appetite to financial risk. The Officer's recommendation is consistent with Council's risk appetite.

Options and Opportunity Analysis:

Option 1: Accept the Officers Recommendation.

The Officer's recommendation involves Council leasing part of Lot 7 to CHQL to facilitate the provision of an affordable housing development with a focus on the over 55's market on the following terms and conditions:

- a. A term of no more than 99 years;
- b. At a rental of \$1.00 per annum payable on demand; and
- c. Such other terms and conditions that the Chief Executive Officer deems appropriate in the circumstances.

Council will lease the land to CHQL and CHQL will be responsible for all development on the land including obtaining all necessary approvals, permits and authorities. The lease can be conditioned to include development milestones to ensure that the land is used for its intended purpose as soon as possible.

The opportunity associated with the Officer's Recommendation is that a lease allows Council as Lessor to impose conditions on the development and use of the land to ensure that the land is used for its intended purpose. A lease of up to 99 years will provide CHQL with sufficient tenure to secure funding for the project.

If Councillors resolve to lease Lot 7 to CHQL, officers intend to issue owners consent to CHQL to allow the Development Assessment process to begin while the lease is outworked. No development or works will commence until the lease has been finalised.

The risk to Council in retaining ownership of the land is that Council as landowner, will retain some level of liability however this liability can be mitigated through leasing conditions and contract management. There is both a financial and reputational risk to Council if CHQL is unable to complete the development, particularly if this results in a partially completed development on the land.

Option 2: Disposal of the land through a transfer of ownership (not recommended).

Council could elect to proceed with CHQL's proposal, with the intent to transfer the land to CHQL. If this approach is Council's preferred option, it is recommended that any transfer of land not occur until the development is constructed and operational. Initially the land would be supported by a lease to facilitate the development. While transferring the land would minimise Council's liability in relation to the development, this option may present a reputational risk to Council in that it may be difficult for Council to maintain the strategic intent for the land as once transferred, CHQL would be at liberty to sell the land. Once sold, outside the Planning Scheme, Council could not influence the use of the land.

Option 3: Do not provide any tenure to CHQL

Council could elect not to proceed with CHQL's proposal and either keep the land or explore opportunities with other applicants or readvertise. This would result in increased costs to Council and delays in delivering a project. Council may also consider an alternate use for the land.

Option 4: Proceed with a shorter-term lease (not recommended).

Council could elect to proceed with a shorter period for the lease term. This would potentially present risks for both Council regarding future management of the facility, and the proponent in relation to viability of the project, and ability to secure funding.

Stakeholder Engagement:

Stakeholders from across the business have informed the approach and progress of the EOI;

- Strategy & Improvement
- Assets & Environment
- Strategic Projects
- Community Partnerships
- Development Services
- Economic Development
- Strategic Property
- Governance
- Legal

Council's internal health and housing working group formed the assessment panel.

Legal and Regulatory Implications:

Under s227 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* ("LGR"), Council cannot dispose of a valuable non-current asset contract (a contract for the lease or sale of freehold land) unless it first invites written tenders or offers the non-current asset for sale by auction. The applicable exception to s227 in this case is

- Section 236(1)(b)(ii), where the valuable non-current asset is disposed of to ... a community organisation;

An Expression of Interest (EOI) process was undertaken, to test interest from the market. Officers acknowledge that this process is not as robust as a full Tender process and as such, require a resolution of Council to proceed.

Financial and Resource Implications:

The proposal by CHQL presents a low-risk opportunity for Council in terms of financial and resource implications. The proponent is proposing to undertake works and operationalise the development, at their cost.

Financial and resource implications are anticipated to be in line with other development projects.

Anticipated Resolution Completion Date:

30 June 2025

Attachments:

Nil

G/4.2. REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND ROUND 1 2023/2024**Responsible Officer:** General Manager Community and Lifestyle**Prepared By:** Manager Arts and Entertainment**Council Meeting Date:** 4 June 2024**File Ref:** CC7.16**Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee's recommendations for projects submitted to round one 2023/2024.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council accepts the recommendations of the Regional Arts Development Fund Committee and approve funding to applications received for Round 1, 2023/2024 as detailed in the table below:

Applicant	Requested Funding	Recommended Funding
Greg Duckham	\$1,000	\$1,000
Caitlyn Leeke	\$1,500	\$1,500
Capricorn Film Festival Inc	\$6,500	\$6,500
Embroiderers Guild Qld Inc	\$2,700	\$2,700
Gladstone Performing Arts Company	\$20,219	\$20,219
Noosa Film Academy Pty Ltd	\$15,969	\$15,969
FND Artworks	\$6,582	\$6,582
Donella Waters	\$5,000	\$4,500
Ocean Breeze Gallery	\$8,000	\$8,000
Gladstone News	\$9,200	\$9,200
Zeta Ware	\$11,400	\$11,400

Summary:

RADF and the funding partnership offered by Arts Queensland is an important component of arts and culture development in the Gladstone Region. The applications received were generally of a high quality and demonstrated alignment to the RADF priorities

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Background:

Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) is a Queensland Government and Gladstone Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture in Regional Queensland. Local arts, cultural groups, and individuals can apply for funding for short-term projects during two rounds each year in March and August. In round one 2023/2024 fourteen (14) applications were received, requesting a total \$119,237.00.

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At the RADF Committee meeting Monday 29 April, eleven (11) of the fourteen (14) applications were recommended for funding, totaling \$72,101.00, application summaries as follows;

Applicant	Greg Duckham
Recipient	Isobelle Duckham
Project Title	Creative Generation 2024 Featured Vocalist
Project Description	Selected to represent Gladstone State Highschool at Creative Generations in Brisbane.
Total Value	\$5,300.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$1,000.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended in full \$1,000.00

Applicant	Caitlyn Leeke
Recipient	Rauri Boon
Project Title	Recording Music
Project Description	Professional recording of music for two young autistic artists, enabling them to share their music with the community and inspiring other special needs artists to achieve their creative goals.
Total Value	\$1,750.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$1,500.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended in Full \$1,500.00

Applicant	Erin Fisher
Organisation	Capricorn Film Festival Inc
Project Title	CAPS Filmmaker Workshop: Sharko, Behind the lens
Project Description	An intimate filmmaker workshop with the Director & Producer of Central Queensland made feature documentary, Sharko aligned with its local premiere for Gladstone residents. Workshopping and professional development led by industry professionals, for up to 50 participants, designed to inspire youth and emerging film producers.
Total Value	\$10,500.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$6,500.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended in Full \$6,500

Applicant	Lyn Baldock
Organisation	The Embroiderers Guild QLD Inc- Gladstone Branch
Project Title	Merrilyn Whittle Beading Workshop
Project Description	Professional development workshops in Japanese beading for Embroiders Guild members to expand on skills and knowledge and broaden techniques.
Total Value	\$2,700.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$2,700.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended in Full \$2,700.00

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Applicant	Kerry Birt
Organisation	Gladstone Performing Arts Company
Project Title	Christmas Panto
Project Description	<p>Christmas Pantomime Show “Robin Hood Babes in the Wood”, a Ben Crocker Pantomime produced by GPAC.</p> <p>GPAC will work with experienced professionals within Gladstone to mentor the creative crew and the performers themselves. In addition to the show, 3 professional workshops will be offered by respected performers in the Gladstone region covering topics such as Acting, Vocal work and Choreography during the period of preparing for this event. By offering comprehensive training and development opportunities, GPAC aims to equip community members and committee members with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to pursue their artistic endeavors, contribute to project development, and thrive in the performing arts landscape.</p> <p>This investment in capacity building and performance opportunity will not only benefit individuals but also strengthen the overall arts ecosystem in Gladstone, fostering creativity, innovation, sustainability and generating community pride.</p>
Total Value	\$38,497.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$20,219.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended In Full \$20,219.00

Applicant	Andrea Huglin
Organisation	Noosa Film Academy Pty Ltd
Project Title	Youth Acting and Screen Production Workshops and Red Carpet Community Screening
Project Description	<p>Academy Award Winning Cinematographer, Greg Huglin, and Noosa Film Academy return to Gladstone building on the previous schools-based education initiative delivered in 2023. Having access to education pathways in this sector can prove difficult in Regional areas, however due to popular demand, with a further 5 Gladstone Regional Schools expressing their interest, Greg and his team hope to return to Gladstone with a program which will extend over 9 days and deliver 11 youth acting for screen, screen production Industry Immersion workshops and screening events to; Mt Larcom SS, Rosedale SS, Calliope SHS, Discovery CC and Gladstone West SS. Developing skills across art forms, 150 outer regional students engage as the film crew in work experience activities. While receiving training with industry experts' participants also gain career and tertiary pathway advice. The project will conclude with a premier screening event at Gladstone Cinemas.</p>
Total Value	\$53,001.00

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Total Requested Funding Requested	\$15,969.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended In Full \$15,969.00

Applicant	George Parkyn
Organisation	FND Artworks
Project Title	Artist in Residency on Heron Island
Project Description	Two-week artist in residency on Heron Island where George will create work inspired by the natural environment and resort lifestyle. Daily workshops offered to guests and staff, in order to educate about Functional Neurological Disorder (FND) and introduce artwork.
Total Value	\$17,782.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$6,582.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended in Full \$6,582.00

Applicant	Donella Waters
Organisation	NA
Project Title	Vocal & Performance Coaching
Project Description	12 week course with vocal and performance coach Donella Waters. Collaboration with a group of adult participants, will provide weekly classes that will guide each individual to reach their full potential, and ensuring the longevity of their unique instrument—the human voice, which is a one-of-a-kind instrument, uniquely linked to the body.
Total Value	\$5,000.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$5,000.00
RADF Recommendation	\$4,500.00 Partial Funding Recommended
Notes	Some uncertainty with estimated quote for guest speaker \$500.00 - optional. Recommendation to partially fund excluding this component.

Applicant	Stevie Russell
Organisation	Ocean Breeze Gallery
Project Title	Ocean Breeze Gallery 10 Year Anniversary
Project Description	The Ocean Breeze Gallery's 10th Anniversary event celebrates a milestone in the community and provides exposure for all artists and vendors involved. Many locals are unaware of the gallery, and this event will promote the gallery's presence, recognition and familiarity within our community while entertaining and engaging in fun social activities. The event also creates opportunities for local vendors to provide a necessary service and increase brand exposure and market share with locals and visitors alike. Artists and the Gallery will work together to promote the event and services/products on social media platforms for broader community engagement and participation.
Total Value	\$15,022.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$8,000.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended in Full \$8,000.00

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Applicant	Ashleigh Kvitko
Organisation	Gladstone News
Project Title	Artist Spotlight: Get to know Gladstone Region Artists
Project Description	Gladstone News seeks RADF Funding to showcase undiscovered artists from the Gladstone Region and their works. A six-part series, both in print and online, will shine a spotlight on artist narratives, creations, and backgrounds.
Total Value	\$18,400.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$9,200.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended In Full \$9,200.00

Applicant	Zeta Ware
Organisation	Murray Ware Photography (now closed)
Project Title	Murray Ware's extensive photographic collection of Gladstone and Industry growth
Project Description	Finalisation of existing GRAGM donation project. Negatives dated pre 2000 scanned in and added to the donation collection as raw files, along with CD's contained in collection.
Total Value	\$12,000.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$11,400.00
RADF Recommendation	Recommended In Full \$11,400.00

The applications below were assessed and not recommended for funding. All assessors agreed that the three (3) declined applications were projects they would like to see applied for in future rounds, suggested assigning a mentor and addressing the concerns outlined in the summary of notes.

Applicant	William Debois
Organisation	William Debois Artist
Project Title	SACRIFICE STAGE 2.0 - Project Refinement & Reach
Project Description	Next stage for Sacrifice exhibition. Consolidation of material accumulated to develop a comprehensive set of resources accessible and engaging through social and web reach. New design and display, intention to plan a new exhibition tour.
Total Value	\$23,886.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$19,936.00
RADF Recommendation	Funding Declined
Notes*	Recommended to re-apply with the assistance of a Mentor. Following to be considered to strengthen the application; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does this project meet professional career development. Is there an opportunity to build personal capacity with regards to the Get Social Priorities rather than employing a media company to deliver the scope of work. - Suggested engagement for sensitive content permissions to be explored before committing to the project. - What will draw people to the website, anticipated reach/ engagement.

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	- What is the desired outcome and impact?
Applicant	Chloe Sydes
Organisation	Gladstone Area Promotion & Development Ltd
Project Title	Gladstone Art and Culture Walking Trail
Project Description	The Gladstone Art and Culture Walking Trail Audio Guide project aims to enhance the visitor experience in Gladstone by providing an immersive and informative audio guide for exploring the city's vibrant art scene and rich cultural heritage.
Total Value	\$25,300.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$25,300.00
RADF Recommendation	Funding Declined
Notes*	Recommended to re-apply with the following considered; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How do the deliverables meet the project description – considering there are many more heritage and cultural experiences than those outlined in the proposal. - Community consultation evidence / plan - GRC/GPC stakeholder consultation - Support from GPC/ GRC as stakeholders and land holders engaged. - Identify a focus area e.g. art, heritage, cultural history, details in the application conflicted with other existing projects - Supporting research on identified areas to be highlighted.

Applicant	Tom Campbell
Organisation	Tom Campbell
Project Title	Murals For Discovery Coast Sports and Recreation Centre
Project Description	Create two vibrant and engaging murals for the Discovery Coast Sports and Recreation Association.
Total Value	\$1,900.00
Total Requested Funding Requested	\$1,900.00
RADF Recommendation	Funding Declined
Notes*	Advised to re-submit funding application with the assistance of a mentor and the following addressed to strengthen the application. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Liability - Establish land holder rights for public art approvals - Underpayment of artist wages - needing to consider either increasing fees in line with industry standards <u>or</u> declaring in kind amounts in the budget - Mentor support to address community benefit / community consultation element

Risk Management Summary:

Applications for the Regional Arts Development Fund are now administered through the online portal, Smarty Grants.

The Committee has independently assessed the round one 2023/24 applications and made recommendations to Council based on pre-set assessment criteria.

The Smarty Grants online portal allows for a more transparent scoring and commentary process for the Committee.

Options and Opportunity Analysis:

The RADF Committee is committed to the development of arts and culture in the region and recognise that the fund is a development fund. It is important however that good governance principles are maintained when assessing applications.

The recommendations made to Council are aligned with the fund's guidelines, criteria, and outcomes.

Council could choose to fund projects that were not recommended for funding by the Committee, however this may impact reputational risk and the integrity of the program.

Stakeholder Engagement:

The RADF Committee have been involved in the assessment and have engaged relevant stakeholders within Council and applicants with relation to the assessment.

The Regional Arts Development Fund Committee met on 29 April 2024 for the round 1 assessment meeting. The Committee were all in agreement regarding the recommendations made to Council in this report.

Legal and Regulatory Implications:

The RADF Committee has no legislative standing under the Local Government Act 2019 or Local Government Regulation 2012. Council endorsement of funding recommendations is required. RADF is a financial partnership between the Queensland Government (Arts Queensland) and Gladstone Regional Council to support local arts and culture in regional Queensland. RADF is informed by Council's Arts and Culture Policy and bound by the Regional Arts Development Fund Terms of Reference.

Financial and Resource Implications:

Current financial position budgeted for the RADF program in 2024/2025 is \$167,504.27. If Council adopts the officer's recommendation and approves all 11 endorsed applications totaling \$72,101.00 the closing financial position for Round 1 will be \$95,403.27.

Anticipated Resolution Completion Date:

7 June 2024

Attachments:

Nil

G/4.3. PHILIP STREET PRECINCT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community and Lifestyle

Prepared By: Community Development Specialist

Council Meeting Date: 4 June 2024

File Ref: CR3.2

Purpose:

This report recommends changes to the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and appointments to the committee for a 24-month period from June 2024 to May 2026.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Adopt the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as set out in Attachment 2 to this report to increase the number of members for the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee; and
2. Appoint seven (7) Ordinary Members to the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee for a period of 24-months, from June 2024 to May 2026 as below:
 - Cecelia Eggmolesse – Indigenous Community Representative (returning member)
 - Maxine Brushe – Senior Community Representative (returning member)
 - Kate Dufty – Disability Community Representative (returning member)
 - Carmen Jen – Disability Community Representative
 - Charmaine Bennett – Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Representative
 - Anitha Christopher – Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Community Representative
 - Desley O’Grady – General Member

Summary:

The Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee is a dedicated formal Advisory Group of passionate community members representing different sectors in the community. The Committee offers feedback and advice to Council on strategic planning, management, and service delivery to ensure services, programs and activities are responsive to the community needs.

Link to Corporate Plan:

Connecting Communities - We work with you and for you, supporting the success of our communities.

Background:

The Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee (“the Committee”) was established by resolution of Council on 2 November 2020 as an Advisory Committee to Council under s264-265 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and operate under a Terms of Reference adopted by Council on 16 February 2021, vide resolution GM/21/4444. An updated version of the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Group Terms of Reference was endorsed by resolution of Council on 7 March 2023.

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The Committee's purpose is to give Council advice on strategic planning, management, and service delivery for the Precinct. The current appointment for committee members is until the end of May 2024.

Expressions of Interest to join the committee were opened on 18 March 2024 and closed April 15. Ten applications were received during this period, three returning members and seven new applicants. Interviews were conducted by a selection panel for all returning members whose position on the committee was contested and for all new applicants.

Due to the large number of high-quality applicants the selection panel recommends that the Terms of Reference be revised to allow for an additional two Ordinary Members to be appointed.

As no applications have been received for the Youth Community Representative, this position will remain vacant until a representative can be found. In the meantime, the committee will explore ways to make space for youth voice.

Risk Management Summary:

Council has adopted a minimum risk appetite for reputational risks and a moderate risk appetite for service delivery risks. The Advisory Committee assists Council to manage reputational and service delivery risks associated with the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.

Options and Opportunity Analysis:

Option 1 – Officer's Recommendation – Adopt a new Terms of Reference increasing the membership of the Advisory Committee

The opportunities associated with this option are that Council can facilitate the growth of the Committee through increasing the number of Ordinary members from six to eight. This will benefit the further development of the Advisory Committee and share the workload across more Committee Members. It also builds the capacity of the Committee, expanding connections and drawing in new and varied skill sets that will broaden the perspective and experience of the Committee.

Option 2 – Do not change the membership of the Advisory Committee

Officers can see no tangible opportunities in this option. The risk of this option is disincentivising community members from volunteering with the Committee by excluding them from Ordinary Membership and delaying the onboarding of a new committee.

Stakeholder Engagement:

Expressions of Interest for committee membership were sought in several ways including social media, Gladstone Regional Council Website, email distribution through local networks and community groups, and email and word of mouth distribution through committee members.

Legal and Regulatory Implications:

The Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Advisory Committee is an advisory committee to Council, constituted under ss 264 and 265 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and operates under a Council adopted Terms of Reference.

Financial and Resource Implications:

Administrative and secretarial costs and resources to support the Committee are absorbed as a part of the existing operational budget of Community Partnerships.

Anticipated Resolution Completion Date:

18 June 2024

Attachments:

1. Proposed Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct – Terms of Reference – Tracked Changes
2. Proposed Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct – Terms of Reference

G/5. COUNCILLORS REPORT

G/5.1. WORLD HYDROGEN SUMMIT 2024

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Mayor Matt Burnett

Council Meeting Date: 4 June 2024

File Ref: CM6.1 or CM7.1

Purpose:

For Mayor Matt Burnett and Chief Executive Officer, Leisa Dowling to submit a report on attendance at the World Hydrogen 2024 Summit and Exhibition.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That Council receive the report from Mayor Matt Burnett and Chief Executive Officer, Leisa Dowling.

Conference Summary:

The World Hydrogen 2024 Summit and Exhibition was held in Rotterdam, The Netherlands from 13 to 15 May 2024. Mayor Matt Burnett and Chief Executive Officer, Leisa Dowling represented Council at the Team Australia exhibition stand, hosted by Austrade. Attendance at the 2024 Summit and Exhibition almost doubled from the previous year, rising from 8,000 to 15,000 participants. Other activities associated with Summit and Exhibition included:

- Business Matching Event facilitated by Austrade and The Netherlands government.
- Roundtable Discussion facilitated by Department of Energy and Climate (Queensland, Australia's hydrogen powerhouse – status and outlook)
- Green and Gold: Australian Hydrogen Innovation Panel
- Deep Dive into Australian Opportunities Panel
- Queensland Hydrogen Networking Dinner hosted by Queensland Government – 30 invited guests.

Connections were made with several companies considering investment in Gladstone, with considerable interest generated for future visits. Most interested parties were looking to add a Gladstone visit to their attendance at the Asia Pacific (APAC) Hydrogen 2024 Summit and Exhibition to be held in Brisbane on 12 to 13 September this year. The Gladstone Engineering Alliance Major Industry Conference was also heavily promoted in discussions with several companies.

Relationships were also strengthened with fellow Team Australia representatives, building on leads established at the 2023 event, while also creating new relationships and opportunities. It was interesting to observe that Gladstone Regional Council was the only local government and only stand-alone region represented on Team Australia. While the Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland governments and companies were well represented, it was considered advantageous for council to directly promote the opportunities for investment in the Gladstone region.

Coincidentally, the Australian Federal budget was delivered during the summit, with the significant announcements directly supporting the hydrogen industry creating considerable confidence in the acceleration of potential projects and financial sustainability.



Key Learnings:

- Floating, jetty-less ship loading, handling and storage systems to export liquid hydrogen and other renewable exports are developing in Australia and Europe. Connections have been made between proponents and the Gladstone Ports Corporation to explore potential opportunities and impacts on common user infrastructure design and provision.
- Australian company, Carbon 280, has developed an alternative method of storing and transporting hydrogen (Hydrilyte) through a pilot project funded by Woodside. Hydrilyte is considered safe and easy to transport with existing fuel trucks able to be used. A sample was carried on an international flight to the conference, demonstrating the safety of the method. Like the example above, implications for common user storage facilities have been highlighted and connections made with the Gladstone Ports Corporation for further exploration.
- Interest in Solid Oxide technology to produce hydrogen is growing, with reduced energy requirements resulting in reduced production costs a distinct advantage of this method. Fortescue Future Industries representatives confirmed during their panel presentation that they are interested in all technology options and what best suits off-takers. Solid Oxide was identified as an interesting and developing technology, in addition to alkaline coming on at the end of this year and Anion Exchange Membrane (AEM) not being ruled out.
- Pay per use (long term hire agreement) hydrogen vehicles are currently operating in Germany through DEVK, allowing companies to reduce emissions without incurring the capital outlay for vehicles. Users fuel up at regular service stations, with 30 locations currently available and 60 to be operating by the end of this year.

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Identify one thing you will use as a result of learnings.

Leveraging the connections made in Rotterdam to secure commitments to visit Gladstone in association with the APAC Hydrogen Summit and Exhibition has the potential to increase investment in regional hydrogen projects.

Identify one thing the organisation could use to improve operations.

The CEO of the Hydrogen Council of Australia expressed strong interest in seeing the Gladstone Hydrogen Ecosystem in action. Enhanced understanding of the achievements and capabilities of the Gladstone region will improve support for council's advocacy and investment attraction by the Hydrogen Council of Australia and other related agencies.

Financials:

Registration Cost	Nil
Travel / Accommodation Cost	\$32,971.98
Sundries / Other	\$1,561.47
Total	\$34,533.45

Attachments:

Nil

G/5.2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Prepared By: Cr Leanne Patrick

Council Meeting Date: 4 June 2024

File Ref: CM6.1 or CM7.1

Purpose:

For Councillor Patrick to submit a report on attendance at the 2024 Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Summit.

Councillor's Recommendation:

That Council receive Cr Patrick's report on the Local Government Association of Queensland Civic Leaders Summit.

Conference Summary:

Event: LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit

Location: Gold Coast

Date: 21-22 May 2024

Attendees: Mayor Matt Burnett, Cr Simon McClintock, Cr Leanne Patrick

Overview

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) hosts an annual event that stands out in Australian local government – the Civic Leaders Summit. This summit embodies the LGAQ credo: Connect, Innovate, Achieve. The timing of this summit is ideal for setting a strong foundation for local government priorities for the next four years. It focuses on sharpening aims, mapping out necessary achievements, and uniting the local council and community.

Day 1 Highlights

The first day was rich with diverse topics and expert insights, addressing key issues in local governance. Sessions included:

- **Liveability: The Journey So Far and Where We Are**
 - Discussion on why liveability is a crucial goal.
 - Strategies for telling our region's story and excellence in advocacy.

- **Workshops:**
 - Future-proofing the Local Government Workforce
 - Leadership in Risk Management
 - Embracing Digital in Local Government (Tech It or Leave It)

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- Disaster Readiness:
 - Role of local leaders in disaster preparedness.
 - Sharing lessons on local leadership during disasters.
 - Mayor Matt Burnett participated in a panel, offering insights on guiding our community through challenging times.

The day concluded with a summit dinner, which provided excellent networking opportunities. We connected with the LGAQ Executive team and a diverse group of colleagues from across Queensland.

Day 2 Highlights

The second day focused on financial sustainability and improving council services:

- Liveability: Financial Sustainability
 - Challenges facing local government in Queensland.
 - Sustainable factors impacting council financial performance.
 - Financial forecasts for the upcoming term.
- Re-thinking Council Services:
 - Opportunities to improve services to ratepayers.
 - Enhancing council efficiency and productivity.
- Detailed Discussions:
 - Elected Members' Guide to Valuations and Ratings
 - Council Budgets
 - Elected Members' Guide to Asset Management
- Excellence in Governance:
 - Importance of relationships and culture in governance
 - Panel discussion featuring councillors

The summit concluded with an inspiring talk by guest speaker Katarina Carroll, former QPS Commissioner.

Personal Reflection

Attending the LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit was an enriching experience. As a newly elected councillor, the learning curve is steep, and this event provided a comprehensive overview of essential topics. It was an opportunity for deeper learning and understanding of the various duties required to serve our community effectively. The knowledge gained is empowering, and I am grateful for the opportunity to attend this summit.

The sessions on liveability, financial sustainability, and disaster readiness were particularly insightful. Networking with other local government leaders and sharing ideas on common challenges were invaluable experiences that will enhance my role in serving our community.

Conclusion

The LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit was a pivotal event for enhancing local leadership. It offered an excellent platform for learning, networking, and setting the stage for achieving our priorities over the next four years. The knowledge and connections gained will undoubtedly contribute to the continued growth and success of our council and community.

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Financials:

Registration Cost	\$4,950
Travel / Accommodation Cost	\$3,753
Sundries / Other	\$390
Total	\$9,093

Attachments:

Nil.

G/6. URGENT BUSINESS

G/7. NOTICE OF MOTION

G/8. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS