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20 APR 2017

Dear Lyn

This is your invitation to join us for

**“A NIGHT WITH THE COWBOYS”**

Enjoy a 3-course dinner & drinks package as our stars review the season to date & give their insights into the 2017 Origin Series.

Comedian Peter Rowsthorn, best known as “Brett” from TV Show Kath & Kim will be sure to delight with his latest stand-up comedy act.

This invitation entitles you to 2 complimentary seat(s).

Due to the high level of interest in this event, we encourage you to confirm your complimentary tickets sooner than the advertised RSVP Date to ensure you don't miss out!

Please call 1300 GO COWBOYS – (1300 462692) to RSVP your attendance by **MONDAY 24 APRIL**



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INVITATION

# — A NIGHT WITH THE — **COWBOYS**

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## **FRIDAY 19 MAY**

**7PM FOR 7.30PM START**

**Townsville Entertainment and Convention Centre**

**Dress : Cocktail**

**Hosts : Glenn 'Minty' Mintern & Wayde Chiesa**

**Comedian : Peter Rowsthorn**

**RSVP FRIDAY 5 MAY TO RESERVE YOUR COMPLIMENTARY SEATS**

**Phone : 1300 GO COWBOYS (1300 462 692 - press option 2)**

**Please advise any dietary requirements when you RSVP**

**ADDITIONAL TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**Individual tickets : \$190 incl gst    Table of 10 : \$1,800 incl gst**

**Includes 3-course dinner and drinks package**



JOHN WOODS

33 Charlotte Street  
AYR 4807

**Memo to Mayor  
Attendance at Tourism Volunteers Conference  
Townsville**

Lyn

I thank Council for supporting my attendance at the recent Tourism Volunteers Conference held in Townsville on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April. Volunteers came from Hinchinbrook, Charters Towers and Townsville and the Burdekin.

This Conference was an opportunity for sharing information, hearing from operators and developing information sheets.

Each area provided a presentation of what was happening in their areas. I was extremely impressed with a training program that Hinchinbrook have implemented. They have a group of volunteer ambassadors who work in various centers such as Tyto, and the Museum etc. As well as this they have trained volunteers who work in service stations, motels, cafes or may just be shoppers to be welcomers. If they encounter a visitor they engage them in conversation and encourage them to visit various local attractions or the Visitor Information Center. This has been working well to lift visitor numbers and stays.

It is obvious that we have several unique features that we should be promoting. Some of this still requires product development. There are other areas where those involved need to embrace the opportunity that tourism give an additional stream of income.

One of the sessions was devoted to "speed dating" where operators were given a ten minute timeframe to present their product to all the volunteers in the room. This was quite interesting even though it was very Townsville focused.

The final session on day one was devoted to developing information sheets that could be prepared to hand out to visitors who came into a VIC and wanted to look around for a specific period of time. Some scenarios used were:-

"I am in town for the day I have a car, what do you recommend I do"

"I am in town I have four hours to kill I want to walk what can I visit in that time"

"I have booked in to ..... I am planning to stay three days I have a vehicle what can I do each day"

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Memo to Mayor re Tourism Volunteers Conference

There were a total of six different scenarios and the end result should be information sheets that Townsville Enterprise offered to develop for each area styled similarly and provided to each area for use.

Tuesday night we were all invited to a progressive dinner along Palmer Street this was part of the conference program and allowed venues to highlight their fare.

Wednesday was devoted to a familiarisation tour of some of Townsville's sites. This included the Cruise Terminal, Riverway Theatre and Activities Centre, Elite Rodeo Grounds and the High Range Tea House.

This provided attendees with firsthand information about these places.

Finally council needs to be aware that it is Burdekin's turn to host this conference in 2018



John Woods

# Circular

## Background info to Street Lighting Bid

### For Information

**Circular:** 2017-08  
**Release Date:** Monday, 24 April 2017  
**Authorised by:** Greg Hallam PSM Chief Executive Officer

LGAQ seeks formal discussions with Energy Queensland regarding the purchase or long term lease of the State's lighting network.

On 1 March 2017 the LGAQ wrote formally to Energy Queensland proposing commencement of talks related to the purchase or long term lease of the State's lighting network.

The Association is yet to receive a response.

Whilst the attached feasibility study only relates to South East Queensland, both the LGAQ Board and Policy Executive have proposed the purchase of the state's entire street lighting network.

Should Energy Queensland agree to discussions, the LGAQ will need to undertake a full financial and asset condition due diligence.

Polling for the LGAQ conducted by ReachTEL shows overwhelming support for the proposal - [SEE the polling results](#).

If and when Energy Queensland formally respond, member councils will be further updated.

- [READ the LGAQ Media Release](#)
- [READ the Smart Street Lighting Feasibility Report](#)



*St Colman's Parish Debutante Ball Committee*

*cordially invites*

*Mr and Mrs Matt and Lyn McLaughlin*

*to be present at*

*Saint Colman's Parish Debutante Ball 2017*

*to be held at*

*The Burdekin Memorial Hall*

*Ninth Avenue Home Hill*

*on*

*Saturday, 27 May, 2017*

*Doors Open 6.00 pm*

*Buffet Meal 7.00 pm*

*Presentation of Debutantes 8.30 pm*

*Please kindly advise if you have any special dietary needs.*

*RSVP 13 May 2017*

St Colman's Parish Debutante Ball Committee  
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**From:** Email Registration  
**Sent:** Wed, 26 Apr 2017 16:30:44 +1000  
**To:** Technology One Connect Prod  
**Subject:** To the Councillors, General Manager and Directors: Invitation to the 2017 Future of Local Government National Summit: there is a Better Way! We need you to help develop it. Updated Program attached.  
**Attachments:** 2017folg\_email final.pdf, 2017 FOLG Discussion Paper .docx, 2017 Hugh Mackay.docx

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From: John Hennessy [mailto:JHennessy@mav.asn.au]  
Sent: Wednesday, 26 April 2017 9:00 AM  
Subject: To the Councillors, General Manager and Directors: Invitation to the 2017 Future of Local Government National Summit: there is a Better Way! We need you to help develop it. Updated Program attached.

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**Colleagues,**

**At the 2016 Future of Local Government National Summit, over 200 attendees were asked to stand at the beginning of the event and then to sit down if they were satisfied with the position Local Government was in: not one person sat down! With the seismic change occurring in society and with the rapidly growing amount of disillusionment most citizens feel towards our current system of governance, there is NOW a great opportunity for local government to play a key role in identifying the 'Better Way'. If we want to stop things always being done TO Local Government, we need to take a step back and identify the preferred future system of governance that will deliver for people and places. Then we can start having this discussion with the Australian people. We don't want to be here in ten years time with the same old complaints from Local Government (LG) about the system not working.**

**There are many hundreds of events on the LG calendar. Almost all of them are focussed on issues of the day or motions about these issues. This Future of Local Government Summit has some great international and Australian speakers, but is focussed on allowing participants to contribute to the design of the Better Way of governance for Australian society. The outcome will hopefully be a topic on the ABC 'Q&A' television program later this year. It will also be aimed at national and state local government associations.**

**If you are interested in influencing this process, you are encouraged to attend this event.**

The 2017 Future of Local Government National Summit will be held on Thursday May 25 and Friday May 26 at the Angliss Conference Centre, Melbourne. **Please see the attached brochure and discussion papers for full details.**

Future Shock is upon us but our system of governance is disintegrating. There is a Better Way and the aim of this event is to design it and launch a call to action for Councils across Australia.

We are in the midst of a crisis of confidence in government and governance.

**It's time:**

- to realise we are poised between an old world that no longer works and a new one struggling to be born. We need to strengthen local democracy so citizens have more control of their own lives, communities and services.
- to reclaim 'municipal': where Local Government (LG) catalyses the collaboration of citizens, communities and institutions to work together for the public good. Every issue demands a localist response.
- to recognise LG is the connective tissue that holds the disparate elements of community together in a broader process of community building.
- to recognise the full benefits of cost efficiencies, modern service delivery and citizen engagement will not be realised until there is more devolution of political, administrative and funding powers to LG and LG creates more space for communities
- for LG to capture the Australian political imagination by putting people and place first.

**Taking account of:**

- The great degree of disillusionment most citizens feel towards the current system, where they have a largely passive role to play.
- The 'top down' silo planning, confusion, waste and duplication that exists in the current unstable, unsatisfactory and unsustainable Federation arrangements in Australia
- The need to enable place-based, collaborative local planning and delivery of required outcomes
- The rapid advance of technology that is enabling participatory decision-making to take place to provide citizens with more control over their lives

it is self-evident that we need to transition to an adapted model of governance in the 2020s.

These dimensions will be discussed by a great array of Australian and international presenters supported by co-design input from attendees. The outcome will be the Better Way.

**Summit highlights include:**

- **Jonathan Carr-West, CEO, Local Government Information Unit (UK)**
- **Design Charrette 2030 with Jacyl Shaw**
- **David Hammond and Mike Reid (NZ)**
- **Great case studies and co-design activities**

**Note: The outcome of the Summit will be discussed with the ABC with a view to it being a 'Q&A' topic later this year.**

**To register: For online registration and conference details go to [www.mav.asn.au/events](http://www.mav.asn.au/events) (click on 'upcoming events' and scroll down to May 25).**

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Regards,

John Hennessy, MAV

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# 2017 FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL SUMMIT

THURSDAY MAY 25 & FRIDAY MAY 26, 2017

The Angliss Conference Centre,  
555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne.

## An inconvenient truth:

Future Shock is upon us but our  
system of governance is disintegrating.

What next? There is a Better Way.

Let's design it. A call to action!



## We are in the midst of a crisis of confidence in government and governance. It's time:

- to realise we are poised between an old world that no longer works and a new one struggling to be born. We need to strengthen local democracy so citizens have more control of their own lives, communities and services. Currently, social capital is in serious decline.
- to reclaim 'municipal': where Local Government (LG) catalyses the collaboration of citizens, communities and institutions to work together for the public good. Every issue demands a localist response.
- to recognise LG is the connective tissue that holds the disparate elements of community together in a broader process of community building. But business as usual is a memory.
- to recognise the full benefits of cost efficiencies, modern service delivery and citizen engagement will not be realised until there is more devolution of political, administrative and funding powers to LG and LG creates more space for communities to achieve self-determination
- for LG to capture the Australian political imagination by putting people and place first, and to learn how to be community-led.

## Taking account of:

- The great degree of disillusionment most citizens feel towards the current system, which is not delivering required outcomes and where they have a largely passive role to play.
- The 'top down' silo planning, confusion, waste and duplication that exists in the current unstable, unsatisfactory and unsustainable Federation arrangements in Australia
- The need to enable place-based, collaborative local planning and delivery of required outcomes
- The rapid advance of technology that is enabling participatory decision-making to take place to provide citizens with more power and influence, and to become co-owners and co-designers.

it is self-evident that we need to transition to an adapted model of governance in the 2020s.

These dimensions will be discussed by a great array of Australian and international presenters supported by co-design input from attendees. The outcome will be the Better Way.

We don't want to be here in ten years time having the same discussion. Things will continue to be done to Local Government until we get our act together, agree on a better way and make it happen.

The Summit is excitedly convened by the  
Municipal Association of Victoria for Councils nationally

*'I've come to believe that things are getting better and better and worse and worse, faster and faster, simultaneously'. Tom Atlee*

## 2016 FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE

In the next 10 years, seismic change will transform society and government. To take advantage of this opportunity, and remain relevant, the Local Government sector needs to:

- Truly become the servant of the community and support citizens to build stronger, more resilient communities
- Increase stakeholder trust in local government
- Take a bolder, more strategic, leadership position in the debate about the future of Australia's Federal agenda
- Establish a local government R&D function where Councils can experiment, pilot and take risks.



### DAY 1: THERE IS A BETTER WAY: THE NEW STORY IS ABOUT PLACES AND COMMUNITIES. LG NEEDS TO STEP BACK AND MAKE SPACE FOR EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES TO ACHIEVE SELF-DETERMINATION

#### 9.05AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (MAV PRESIDENT AND GILBERT ROCHECOUSTE MC)

- Are we happy with the present position in which LG finds itself?
- Are we happy with Donald Trump?

#### 9.15AM WHAT'S CURRENTLY NOT WORKING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN AUSTRALIA?

#### 9.30AM SETTING THE SCENE:

- 'The Future of Local Government journey to date', John Hennessy, MAV
- 'The Future of Community Engagement', Adam Jacoby, founder, MiVote. If democracy was a product what would it need to look like, feel like and behave like to win customers?
- 'Fostering a culture of innovation', Jacyl Shaw, Director, Carlton Connect Initiative
- The old story to the new story: from Business as Usual to a system that delivers for Places and Communities: Gilbert Rochecouste and Graham Sansom.

Gilbert and Graham will discuss the opportunity for local government to recognise that the sector can self-empower its way to a very different and more productive future, by focussing on community strengthening and place-making.

**Gilbert** is the founder of Village Well and is recognised both nationally and internationally as a leading voice in Placemaking. He has worked with hundreds of communities, developers and businesses over the last 25 years to create more vibrant, connected and resilient communities.

**Graham Sansom** is Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology, Sydney. Until recently he was Director of the UTS Centre for Local Government and also the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government. From 1994-98 he was CEO of the Australian Local Government Association.

- Yes, we can! Case studies from the sector: demonstrating LG can do it.

#### 10.40AM MORNING TEA NETWORKING

#### 11.05AM 'TRANSFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT', JONATHAN CARR-WEST, CEO, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT (UK)

Dr Jonathan Carr-West has been Chief Executive of the Local Government Information Unit (LGiU), the local democracy think tank, since 2013. Jonathan is a leading national authority on local government transformation, local democracy and public services. Some of his particular interests are in participative democracy, the evolving nature of public services and devolution. With an extensive media profile and sector credibility, he has published on topics as diverse as localism

#### 11.45AM WHAT IS THE ROLE/VISION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE NEW STORY? PLENARY DISCUSSION

#### 12.30PM 'THE IMPORTANCE OF LEARNING HOW TO BE COMMUNITY-LED AND PLACE-BASED', LUCINDA HARTLEY, CO-FOUNDER CODESIGN STUDIO, SUPPORTED BY TRACEY O'CONNOR, WHITEHORSE CITY COUNCIL.

There is a lot of talk about being community-led and place-based but it can be challenging to walk the talk. An enhanced local government framework must be built on a re-assessment of the role and importance of place. The need now is for community-based leadership with the capacity to work with communities to help them determine their priorities and how to meet them, including co-design and co-production with community playing an active role. The role of LG is to act as facilitator (not director) to meet the varying needs of the community, and to arrange government and private partnerships to deliver on these needs. Lucinda is a landscape architect, urban designer and Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne. She is co-author of the Tactical Urbanism Guide to Australia and New Zealand and the Rapid Urban Revitalisation toolkit. She is a member of the Ministerial Advisory Council for Fisherman's Bend and the global Place Leadership Council. Tracey will discuss the ground-breaking Neighbourhood Project at Whitehorse.



1.05PM	<b>LUNCH NETWORKING</b>
1.50PM	<p><b>'CITY-CHARRETTE 2040: FUTURE= PAST + NOW', JACYL SHAW, DIRECTOR ENGAGEMENT, AND RENEE BEALE, CREATIVE COMMUNITY ANIMATOR, CARLTON CONNECT INITIATIVE (CCI).</b></p> <p>It's 2040 and local communities across Australia have undergone the great "greenaissance". After that long hot summer of 2020 with temperatures of 49 degrees not to mention memorable 2026 when four of the nation's cities reached 10+ million people now The Republic is leading the world with fresh thinking and active citizens co- creating healthy communities, liveable and loveable public spaces, conscious governance and civil civic society.</p> <p>Churchill once claimed "If we open up a quarrel with the past, we will find that we have lost the future ...". This City Charrette 2040 will turn Churchill's quote on its head and suggest that "we must open up a discussion with our past in order to find our future". This interactive discussion and thought- experiment will engage participants and an invited panel to work together to consider how decisions and actions made by communities in 2017 have impacted on the future city, the tomorrow town and posterity. The session is designed to put participants in a series of alternative futures to help consider ways and means for communities to create equitable prosperity and opportunity for all, via knowledge, networks and pioneering ventures. This City-Charrette is created and presented by the good people at the University of Melbourne's Carlton Connect Initiative, which has laid the foundations for Australia's leading innovation precinct, anchored by the University of Melbourne.</p>
3.20PM	<b>AFTERNOON TEA NETWORKING</b>
3.40PM	<p><b>THE NEW STORY: PRINCIPLES, CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS AND A VISION OF THE NEW FEDERATION. PLENARY DISCUSSION.</b></p> <p>Australian governance needs to be reformed to enhance the power of place: to expand place-based power: not just political and fiscal power but also citizen power.</p>
3.55PM	<p><b>'THE BETTER WAY: LESS LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND MORE LOCAL GOVERNANCE', DAVID HAMMOND, DIRECTOR, HAMMOND ROBERTSON AND FORMER CEO, THAMES-COROMANDEL COUNCIL (NZ)</b></p> <p>David oversaw a leading-edge example of the devolution of power to the community at Thames Coromandel. Facing a hostile community, the Council determined that the community should manage local issues locally and allocated 14 services to local (elected) Community Boards. The outcomes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The emergence of capable local leadership</li> <li>• Significantly higher community satisfaction and trust in Council</li> <li>• Citizens shaping their own area (co-design and co-production approach)</li> <li>• Reduced Council rates (project cost and time reduced significantly)</li> <li>• To remove 'local' from Council business so they can focus on strategic directions.</li> </ul> <p>After a sweep out of Councillors at the previous election, the next election saw no change in Councillors and strong competition for a place on the Community Boards.</p>
4.30PM	<b>THE NEW STORY: PROGRESS TO DATE AND NEXT STEPS</b>
5PM	<b>NETWORKING DRINKS/LIGHT REFRESHMENTS</b>
6PM	<b>CLOSE - A SMALL GROUP WORKS UP THE MANIFESTO FOR DAY 2</b>

## DAY 2: CALL TO ACTION: CREATING A MOVEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE BETTER WAY; SELF-EMPOWERMENT

9AM	<b>THE MANIFESTO IS LAUNCHED: THE 'SMALL GROUP' SPEAKS TO IT AND THE PANEL INTERACTS AND TESTS IT WITH THE SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS</b>
9.50AM	<p><b>'PLACEMAKING: THE BETTER WAY. YES, WE CAN!'; GILBERT ROCHECOUSTE, VILLAGE WELL.</b></p> <p>Gilbert will demystify the practical art and science of empowering community engagement and Placemaking processes and how to create more resilient, vibrant and just communities. The foundations for 21st Century Place Leadership will be presented as a new model for Councils.</p> <p>Gilbert will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Placemaking trends and processes</li> <li>• Best practice skills to mobilise communities for action</li> <li>• New metrics to measure resilience and Placemaking outcomes</li> <li>• Inspiring and practical case studies of can-do communities</li> </ul>



10.20AM	<b>'HOW GREATER DEVOLUTION CAN ENHANCE PLACE-BASED AND COMMUNITY-BASED GOVERNANCE', DR MIKE REID, PRINCIPAL POLICY ADVISOR, LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND.</b> Mike will discuss the benefits accruing when greater power is devolved to local communities, and the implications for local government. Mike has worked in a diverse range of policy areas including local governance, elected member development, legislative change, social policy, relationships with Maori and local democracy. Mike completed his PhD in public policy in 2011 and is currently on the board of the Institute of Governance and Policy Studies. He speaks regularly on local government matters and has published widely.
10.40AM	<b>MORNING TEA NETWORKING</b>
11.05AM	<b>HOW CAN LG ACHIEVE GREATER DEVOLUTION OF POWER AND INFLUENCE? PLENARY DISCUSSION</b>
11.30AM	<b>'THE NEW DIGITAL AGE CAN DELIVER FOR COMMUNITIES BUT IT NEEDS COLLABORATION AND INNOVATION', MARTIJN SCHRODER, DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION MANAGER, CITY OF BALLARAT.</b> Martijn has worked internationally in business transformation for Transurban & Queensland Motorways, Myer, Dept. of Treasury and Finance (Vic), Royal District Nursing Service, Caltex Indonesia and Cap Gemini (The Netherlands). He firmly believes that local government can use technology to significantly improve efficiency and responsiveness to the community.
11.55AM	<b>HOW CAN WE FAST TRACK COLLABORATION BETWEEN COUNCILS TO BENEFIT COMMUNITIES? PLENARY DISCUSSION</b>
12.15PM	<b>'TRANSFORMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT', JONATHAN CARR-WEST, CEO, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT (UK).</b> Jonathan will provide his thoughts on the Manifesto and the evolution of the New Story at the Conference
12.40PM	<b>LUNCH NETWORKING</b>
1.30PM	<b>TRANSITIONING TO THE 2020S: IMPLEMENTING THE NEW STORY. CREATING A MOVEMENT: ACTION TO CREATE LEARNING SITES AROUND AUSTRALIA: YES, WE CAN!</b> Discussion about how to start moving to the 'light on the hill'. There is an amazing amount of great things happening already but we need to work together in a more co-ordinated and collaborative manner to reap the benefits and win a seat at the table for the better future.
	<div> <div> <b>ISSUE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community governance</li> <li>• Knowing what is important: community planning</li> <li>• Citizens juries</li> <li>• Learning to be community-led</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Obesity:</li> <li>• Multiculturalism</li> <li>• Minimising waste</li> <li>• Crowdfunding</li> <li>• Local food</li> <li>• Positive ageing</li> <li>• Nurturing community connection</li> <li>• Growing community leaders</li> <li>• The image of local government</li> <li>• Others to be added (by you)</li> </ul> </div> <div> <b>PLACE-BASED RESPONSE</b> </div> </div>
2.30PM	<b>SO, WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND IS IT SUFFICIENTLY 'WOW'? PANEL DISCUSSION WITH GILBERT ROCHECOUSTE, JACYL SHAW, GRAHAM SANSOM AND JONATHAN CARR-WEST</b>
3PM	<b>THE MANIFESTO (PARTICIPANTS INVITED TO SIGN IT) AND THE LIGHT ON THE HILL AND THE WAY FORWARD:</b> This is just the start. We need a movement to move this forward. Initial plans have been drawn up.
3.15PM	<b>CLOSE</b>

**NOTE:** The outcome of the Summit will be discussed with the ABC with a view to it being a Q&A topic later this year.

**Who should attend?** Anyone with an interest in change and the future of local government. Especially Councillors, CEOs, Directors, and managers and officers in Innovation, Organisational Development, Corporate Planners, Strategic Planning, Human Resources, Service Planners, Business Transformation, Digital Transformation, Information Management and Business Analysis.

**COST:** \$594 (including GST)

**NOTE:** no single day registrations are available.

**TO REGISTER:** For online registration and conference details go to [www.mav.asn.au/events](http://www.mav.asn.au/events) (click on 'upcoming events' and scroll down to May 25).

**QUERIES:** [jhennessy@mav.asn.au](mailto:jhennessy@mav.asn.au)

**NOTE:** Program subject to change

**SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION:** Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William St, Melbourne Vic 3000. Phone (03) 9322 8000 (refer to MAV event at Angliss Conference Centre for discount).

# Queensland Reconstruction Authority

For reply please quote: – QRATF/17/824

27 April 2017

Mr Terry Brennan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Burdekin Shire Council  
PO Box 974  
AYR QLD 4807

Dear Mr Brennan

I refer to my letter of 3 April 2017 in relation to the revised Commonwealth eligibility advice for local government owned plant and equipment costs and the extension for use of day labour under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA).

The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) has since confirmed that the Commonwealth's exemptions will apply as follows:

- local governments' use of internal plant and equipment will be eligible for NDRRA reconstruction works, comprising both Restoration of Essential Public Assets (REPA) and emergent works, for events between 1 July 2013 to 30 June 2018 (2014 to 2018 event years)
- the exemption on the use of day labour for reconstruction works has been extended through to 30 June 2018
- the day labour exemption has been extended to cover emergent works for the 2014 to 2018 event years.

In all cases, plant and equipment and day labour actual expenditure will only be eligible where it can be demonstrated that value for money outcomes have been obtained.

Following the Commonwealth's announcement, QRA has undertaken a review of acquitted emergent and REPA submissions for the 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 events and identified plant and equipment costs and day labour costs that were deemed ineligible on close-out in accordance with the NDRRA Determination at the time.

To these amounts, QRA has applied an eligibility assessment consistent with the value for money framework applied for day labour and identified an amount of \$31,919.28 for previously ineligible council plant and equipment expenditure and emergent works' day labour expenditure for reimbursement to Council.

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An amount totalling, \$8,076.85 has already been reimbursed through the Queensland Government's payment of the State's 25 per cent share of then-ineligible plant charge for 2014 REPA events. This amount has now been reclassified as NDRRA reimbursement.

QRA has authorised a payment of \$31,919.28 (excluding GST) and issued a recipient created tax invoice (RCTI) inclusive of an RCTI agreement. The use of RCTIs ensures compliance with GST legislation and is in line with previous payment processes.

Given the retrospective application of these exemptions, I appreciate that Council may have incurred but not previously claimed internal plant and equipment or day labour expenditure that may now be eligible. Should this be the case, Council is requested to contact your Regional Liaison Officer to discuss re-prosecution of the relevant submission/s.

For re-prosecutions, Council will be required to submit revised Form 4 (emergent works) or Form 9 (REPA) for the revised total claimed expenditure, supported by an electronic copy of the Detailed Transaction General Ledger that identifies the additional day labour and plant and equipment expenditure claimed.

The review of submissions will not constitute a review of eligible scope, rather a review of further eligible costs associated with Council-owned plant and equipment and day labour.

All acquitted submissions may be subject to further review by the Commonwealth for compliance and value for money, which may result in an adjustment to eligible cost in accordance with the provisions outlined in the Commonwealth Determination.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your Regional Liaison Officer or Mr Jimmy Scott, General Manager, Operations, on 07 3008 7254 or by email at [jimmy.scott@qldra.org.au](mailto:jimmy.scott@qldra.org.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brendan Moon', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Brendan Moon**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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Department of Infrastructure,  
Local Government and Planning

Our ref: OUT17/2658

24 April 2017

Councillor Lyn McLaughlin  
Mayor  
Burdekin Shire Council  
councillor.mclaughlin@burdekin.qld.gov.au

Dear Councillor McLaughlin

### LETTER OF OFFER

I am writing further to the letter from Stuart Moseley, Deputy Director-General, Planning Group on 30 January 2017 offering financial support to assist council transition its development assessment system.

I would first like to acknowledge and thank your council officers for their continued efforts and enthusiasm in preparing for the new planning system's commencement on 3 July 2017.

The department has provided several practical tools to help your team identify and prioritise necessary business changes. The department will shortly release a change readiness checklist to help identify any outstanding tasks required before 3 July 2017.

The original offering was a financial contribution of up to \$40,000 payable upon provision of receipts. Conscious of the efforts of your team, the department wishes to further streamline this offer of financial support by providing it as a one-off payment.

As you would be aware, the amount was calculated after reviewing all submissions from councils on their transition requirements and represents an average of five weeks full-time support (based on average market rates).

#### **What is the funding intended to support?**

The funding is available to support council transition its development assessment system to the requirements of the *Planning Act 2016*, by offsetting the cost of accessing specialist or technical advice and support, securing resources to deliver transitioning work, or other required support necessary to deliver a compliant system by commencement of the new system. This does not include system improvements or innovations not necessary for compliance and transition, including projects that would fall within scope of the Innovation and Improvement Fund.

**Accepting funding payment and confirming expenditure**

To receive the one-off payment council will need to complete the attached form '2016-2017 Acknowledgement of Funding Acceptance – Development Assessment System Transition Grant' (refer Attachment 1). The acknowledgement asks council to confirm that in agreeing to accept the transition grant in full; its development assessment system will be compliant with the *Planning Act 2016* and operational for 3 July 2017.

The department will provide funding within 10 working days of receipt of the '2016-17 Acknowledgement of Funding Acceptance – Development Assessment System Transition Grant' sent to 'BestPlanning@dilgp.qld.gov.au' email address, by electronic transfer.

In accepting the funding, council agrees to the conditions outlined in the Funding Deed of Agreement dated 28th November 2016 and this letter to the satisfaction of the department.

To finalise the funding arrangement, council must provide by 31 July 2017 a certificate of expenditure form (refer Attachment 2), in which council verifies that the funding was expended as required. The form is to be emailed to BestPlanning@dilgp.qld.gov.au.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Megan Bayntun, Transition Director on 3452 6822.

Yours sincerely



Adam Yem  
**A/Executive Director**  
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**To:** Technology One Connect Prod  
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From: Roger Price [mailto:R.Price@westernsydney.edu.au]  
Sent: Monday, 1 May 2017 9:34 AM  
To: Email Registration  
Subject: Mens Health Week

To the Mayor

I am writing to you to seek Council's support in promoting Men's Health Week (MHW) from 12-18 June. MHW targets the health needs of Boys, Men and Seniors (men) and their families. MHW is an international event celebrated across Australia.

The idea behind MHW is to encourage communities and individuals across Australia to reach out to Men in their local areas to run community events around specific men's health issues identified by them. MHIRC provides the tools for organisers to run these community events.

Communities and individuals can access our website; at [http:// www.Menshealthweek.org.au](http://www.Menshealthweek.org.au) to obtain an event booklet with information about men's health, event ideas and useful health contacts. For those individuals or groups who register their event will receive flyers, posters, checklists and merchandise. Events can be registered at <http://www.menshealthweek.org.au/En/RegisterEvent.aspx>

I am attaching a flyer for MHW which I hope you will distribute and some health statistics.

MHW is run by the Men's Health Information and Resource Centre (MHIRC) which was established at Western Sydney University (WSU) in 1999. MHIRC uniquely focusses on the social determinants of Men's Health. MHIRC undertakes research, runs Mengage, an online hub that contains information about projects, campaigns, programs, policies and recent research on Men's Health.

I hope that your Council will take an active part in promoting Men's Health Week, your support will benefit your community and would be very much appreciated.



Should you have any queries or require additional information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Hon Dr Roger Price** | Visiting Fellow

Men's Health Information & Resource Centre

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# HEALTHY BODY HEALTHY MIND

## KEEPING THE BALANCE

For Men's Health Week 2017 communities across Australia come together and create fun and engaging events, promotions and activities tailored to the needs of men and boys.

These events focus on improving and maintaining the health of our men, boys and their families, and having those meaningful conversations about the factors that keep us healthy in body and mind.

This year's theme "HEALTHY BODY – HEALTHY MIND: KEEPING THE BALANCE" explores the different

ways men and boys are managing to keep healthy, physically and emotionally, in a busy and sometimes challenging world. Balancing these challenges means doing things that are nourishing and good.

Reach out to men and boys this Men's Health Week and create events that respond to the issues impacting on the health of men, boys and their families in your local area.

**Men's Health Week is your opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of our men and boys.**



# MEN'S HEALTH WEEK

## 12–18 JUNE 2017

[menshealthweek.org.au](http://menshealthweek.org.au)

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Dear Mr Brennan,

I am writing to thank you for the support of the Burdekin Shire Council when volunteers from the Burdekin Tourism Association attended the 2017 Regional Visitor Information Centre Volunteers Conference in Townsville, on Tuesday April 4 and Wednesday April 5.

Councillor John Woods attended the conference with our volunteers. A regional round-up from each of the groups attending saw Cr Woods deliver a short but comprehensive presentation for the Burdekin region. His preparation for this was with assistance from staff at the Burdekin Shire Council, notably Eliza Lovell.

We also appreciate the Burdekin Shire Council's generosity in allowing us to use the Council's bus, and Cr Woods agreeing to drive the volunteers requiring transport, to and from Townsville.

By participating in this conference, hosted by Townsville Enterprise, our volunteers are enabled to provide a more accurate and up-to-date information service to the visitors in our region. We are also able to address our requirement for volunteer training and professional development for our annual accreditation audit with Tourism and Events Queensland.

Thank you again to the Burdekin Shire Council for your support.

Yours faithfully,

*J.P. List*

Treena List  
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