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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Section 82 of the Local Government Act 1999 notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Regional Council of Goyder will be held in the Burra Council Chambers, 1 Market Square Burra on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 1.00 pm.

David J Stevenson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Disclaimer: Please note that the contents of the Council Agenda has yet to be considered by Council and recommendations contained herein may be altered or changed by the Council in the process of formally making decisions of Council.
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1. OPENING AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
   1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY
       The Mayor will state: The Regional Council of Goyder would like to acknowledge the Ngadjuri People, the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay their respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend that respect to other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people who may be present today.
   1.2 PRESENT
   1.3 APOLOGIES

2. REPORTS
   2.1 Cultural Centre

3. OTHER BUSINESS
   3.1 Clare & Gilbert Valleys Cultural Tourism Strategy

4. CLOSE OF MEETING
MEETING: Special Meeting of Council
DATE: 4th December 2019

DEPARTMENT: GOVERNANCE
OFFICER: Chief Executive Officer

REPORT ITEM 2.1
REPORT TITLE Cultural Centre
Budget Impact Allocated: $110,000 Spent: $67,635
File Reference 7.81.3.23
Pillar & Objective Leading the Way

RECOMMENDATION
1. That Council approve a submission to the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream Round Four – Drought Support for the Burra Cultural Centre seeking a grant for no more than $4,050,000; and
2. That Council seek an unconditional loan approval from Local Government Finance Services for the purposes of matching funding to the Building Better Regions Fund Infrastructure Projects Stream Round Four – Drought Support for the Burra Cultural Centre of no more than $4,950,000 for a term not exceeding 20 years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
On 17th July 2018 Council passed a motion to engage Section51 to write a grant application to seek funding for the Burra Cultural Centre and on 19th November 2019 Council passed a motion to endorse the Burra Cultural Centre Design Development Report and commence public consultation.

In accordance with Section 48 of the Local Government Act 1999, Council is required to obtain and consider a report that addresses the prudential issues set out in the Act. Council has commenced the preparation of a prudential report.

Round four of the Building Better Regions Fund has been announced with the emphasis on building and/or improving infrastructure in drought affected areas.

This year the grants are only available to those Councils in drought affected areas, which reduces the field of potential applicants from 547 to only circa 120. This in essence elevates the likelihood of success and therefore creates an elevated unique opportunity for our Council.

The $841.6 million Building Better Regions Fund supports the Australian Government’s commitment to create jobs, drive economic growth and build stronger regional communities into the future with round four supporting projects which involve the construction, upgrade or extension of infrastructure with the aim of providing both economic and social benefits.

“The Australian Government is backing our communities dealing with the Drought. We are provided a further $200 million for a fourth round of the Building Better Regions Fund and will target investment in the future growth and prosperity of drought-affected regions that are doing it tough.
In Round Four, the Infrastructure Projects Stream will invest in shovel-ready projects delivering jobs, driving economic growth and building up drought-affected regional communities. In doing so, we will support and develop the vibrancy of these regions.

Our regions are a great place to live, work and invest, and the Infrastructure Projects Stream is just on component of the Building Better Regions Fund designed to enhance the everyday life of people living in regional and remote Australia.”

The Hon Michael McCormack MP
Deputy Prime Minster
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development.

Closing Date: 19th December 2019
What do you get: Grants of $20,000 to $10 million to cover 50% or more of the project costs
Who is this for: A not-for-profit, local government or non-distributing co-operative

For most projects grant funding will be up to either 50% or 75% of your eligible project costs. Your location will determine the percentage of grant funding you can receive.

Applications may be for a partial or full exemption to your contribution requirement if you can demonstrate that you are experiencing exceptional circumstances.

Applications will only be accepted where:
• the project is taking place in a drought-affected location in Australia.
• your project is located in Australia and in an eligible location unless you can clearly demonstrate the significant benefits and employment outcomes, that flow directly into an eligible area
• you can provide evidence of how you will provide your share of project costs if applicable
• you can confirm that you have the authority of the land or infrastructure project owner to undertake the project at the nominated site(s).

As part of the application process, you will be required to provide evidence supporting your claim that your project will be delivered in a location affected by drought. This evidence could include:
• projects located in a local government area that is eligible for the Australian Government’s Drought Communities Programme - Extension
• projects located in a locality drought-declared by the relevant state or territory government
• official Bureau of Meteorology rainfall data indicating an extended period without or significant decline in rainfall
• demonstrated impact of economic and/or employment decline as a result of drought.

Your project must:
• be taking place in a drought-affected location in Australia
• be seeking a grant of at least $20,000, and up to a maximum of $10 million
• be aimed at the construction, upgrade or extension of infrastructure that provides economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas
• comprise one of the following activities
  o the construction of new infrastructure
  o the upgrade to existing infrastructure
  o the extension of existing infrastructure
  o the replacement of infrastructure where there is a significant increase in benefit
• be considered an investment ready project
• not have started construction
• be completed by 31 December 2022
 ITEM

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| Responsible Officer: | Andrew Christiansen  
 | | Director - Development & Community |

| Strategic Outcome | Theme – Connected & Empowered Community.  
 | | Strategy 1.10 - Support a growing diversity of community events that cater for all age groups.  
 | | Theme – Vibrant Local Economy  
 | | Strategy 2.10 - Support the development of a strong and reputable creative industries sector. |

| Financial Implication | Council would contribute $5,380 excluding GST towards the project which is provided for in the 19/20 FY budget. |

| Statutory Implication | There are no statutory implications associated with this report. |

| Policy Implication | Council has the ‘Event – Financial Support Policy’ which could fund future events created via the Strategy. |

| Community Implication | The various CGVC communities will be consulted with during the development of the Strategy. |

| Risk Assessment | That Council does not support the arts and culture sectors with a risk rating of low. |

**Purpose:**

To consider an application be made to the Building Better Regions Fund for a Cultural Tourism Strategy.

**Report**

As part of the Clare Art Gallery Business Case, two reports were prepared: a research report to investigate the merits of investing in a major art gallery, and an alternative cultural development options report which looked at what could be undertaken to build arts and culture within the CGVC for significantly less cost and risk. This resulted in an application to Country Arts SA for an Arts and Cultural Tourism Officer for which we were unsuccessful.
To continue on the path towards developing arts and culture within the CGVC with a key focus on driving tourism through these sectors, Administration approached Regional Council of Goyder who have indicated they would be interested in partnering with CGVC to develop a Cultural Tourism Strategy.

Administration approached the author of the original report to provide a proposal to develop a Cultural Tourism Strategy. Building on the previous work undertaken for the Clare Art Gallery, the purpose of the Strategy is to identify how arts and cultural activity can value add to the existing tourism offer, create new opportunities for growth and ultimately increase visitation and economic return.

The Strategy will focus on current cultural tourism assets and strengths and identify how these can be enhanced to create new community and cultural experiences for visitors and locals alike. Some of these activities could include new events, exhibitions, historical installations, festivals, etc. The process will see the community, which includes commercial and non-profit organisations, encouraged to collaborate and develop partnerships with each other and Council to implement a unique and innovative cultural tourism plan.

The objective of the Strategy is not for Council to be the lead but to identify people and groups that can drive its implementation and the creation of specific projects.

The Strategy is consistent with the “New Tourism Experiences Roadmap” report which has identified the need to develop unique events that drive tourists to the region. There is also the opportunity that the funding allocation from Council’s new Events Support Program could be tailored to support new events created via the Strategy.

Administration is proposing that Council makes an application for 50% of the funding from the Building Better Regions Fund Community Investment Stream towards this project. Council currently has a FY 19/20 budget allocation for arts and cultural development which would provide for the 50% contribution to this application.

The project would be $21,700 excl. GST. Split with RC of Goyder, CGVC’s contribution would be $5,380 excl. GST.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Cultural Tourism Strategy Proposal

**Recommendations**

Moved: Cr
Seconded: Cr

That Council approve the submission of a joint application with Regional Council of Goyder to the Building Better Regions Fund for the development of a Cultural Tourism Strategy, with the total project cost valued at $21,700 excl. GST.