

Agenda

Ordinary Meeting

Tuesday, 20 July 2021

Time: 9.15am
Location: Council Chambers
82 Brisbane Street
BEAUDESERT QLD 4285

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10 Consideration of Business of Meeting

Customer & Regional Prosperity

10.1 Local Economic Recovery Program Funding

Executive Officer: General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity

Item Author: Manager Community & Culture

Attachments:

1. Local Economic Recovery Program Funding [↓](#) 

Executive Summary

This report provides the final projects that were approved for the Local Economic Recovery (LER) Program funding, as administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA).

The LER Program aims to support projects that contribute to local and regional and social recovery in areas most severely impacted by the Queensland Bushfires.

The funding is jointly provided by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council acknowledge the \$3,695,205.33 grant funding for the seven projects approved under the Local Economic Recovery Program administered by the Queensland Reconstruction Authority, as detailed below:

Projects	Approved LERP funding
Upgrades to Vonda Youngman Community Centre	\$600,009
Upgrades to community facilities as places of refuge	\$309,921.33
Boonah Cinema Upgrade	\$67,500
Achieving Business Development - Scenic Rim Entrepreneurial Hub Online Program	\$30,000
Refurbish Tamborine Mountain Library	\$2,141,687
Business and Industry Development through the Scenic Rim Supply Chain Capability Program	\$46,088
Binna Burra Lodge upgrades to Teahouse, Camping Facilities and Amenities.	\$500,000

2. Council acknowledge the funding is jointly provided by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 March 2021, it was resolved that:

1. Council commence negotiations to acquire Lots 7 and 8 on SP114284 Tamborine Mountain for future strategic purposes;
2. Council delegate power to the Chief Executive Officer to settle negotiations and finalise acquisition as considered necessary; and
3. A budget allocation for this acquisition be included within the 2020-2021 Budget.

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 October 2020, it was resolved that:

1. Council acknowledge the expression of interest that was submitted under the Local Economic Recovery Program for Council projects;
2. Council acknowledge the expression of interest that was submitted as a project of National Significance for Binna Burra Lodge under the Economic Recovery Program and auspiced by Council; and
3. Council acknowledge the detailed applications submitted for Vonda Youngman Community Centre and Boonah Cinema as requested by Queensland Reconstruction Authority.

Report / Background

Council submitted an expression of interest (EOI) for a number of proposed projects that met the criteria of the LER Funding Program, administered through the QRA.

The LER Program aims to support projects that contribute to local and regional and social recovery in areas most severely impacted by the Queensland Bushfires.

The funding is jointly provided by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The EOI process closed on 7 September 2020, however, Council were given an extension until 8 September 2020 to allow for appropriate consultation to occur on one of the major projects.

Some of the projects submitted to the LER Program have previously been submitted to other grant programs, however, had been unsuccessful.

A separate EOI was submitted for Binna Burra Lodge (BBL) to rebuild this national icon. The Guidelines state that if a project is considered nationally significant then the upper limit of the LER Program of \$5 million does not apply. The BBL project was proposed in two stages and was submitted accordingly.

After the submission of the BBL EOI, the QRA contacted Council and requested an alternative project of lesser scale be submitted, also under Council's auspice.

The alternative project was successful and Council have in place with BBL a memorandum of understanding relating to works to be undertaken by BBL to deliver their project. Funding opportunities for the initial larger scale BBL project are still being sourced by BBL.

On 17 September 2020, the QRA requested detailed submissions to accompany the EOIs submitted for the Vonda Youngman Community Centre and Boonah Cinema projects. Further, in mid-November, Council was also requested to prepare and submit additional detailed submissions for the EOIs submitted for the Upgrade to Community Facilities as Places of Refuge, Supply Chain Capability Program, Tamborine Mountain Library Expansion, and the Entrepreneurial Hub program.

Other EOI projects that were submitted as detailed submissions, and which were not successful include the Regional Study Hub and Facilitating Investment in the Scenic Rim.

The QRA notified Council of successful projects as and when they had been finalised with the Grant Assessment Panel, with official confirmation generally received post the official announcements. All projects submitted have now been accessed with confirmation received for those seven projects being funded under the LER Program, (refer Attachment 1).

Budget / Financial Implications

Funding for approved projects include the grant contribution and matched funding from Council, plus some matched funding provided by BBL for their project:

LER Program Grant Requested	Matched Contribution Council / BBL	Total Project Cost
\$3,695,205.33	\$1,203,276 (to be revised) / \$47,000	\$4,945,481.33

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 2. Sustainable and Prosperous Economy

Key Area of Focus: 7.1.1 Build capacity to improve health and wellbeing in the community

Legal / Statutory Implications

All the grants for the approved projects will have a signed Service Level Agreement with Council and the QRA and must meet all reporting requirement as part of the agreement.

Council have in place a memorandum of understanding with BBL to undertake all of the associated work for their project and provide the required matched funding, with no cost to Council.

Risks

Strategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

SR53 Inadequate sustainable economic growth plans in place to appropriately maximise opportunities, resulting in increased pressures on Council and State infrastructure and social environmental cohesiveness.

Risk Assessment

Category	Consequence	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Treatment of risks	Residual Risk Rating
Infrastructure, Assets & Service Delivery The ability to provide infrastructure and services that improve the economy and build resilience in the community.	3 Moderate	Possible	Medium	That Council is prepared and able to provide a tranche of projects that meet the needs of the community and ensure that these projects are delivered within budget and on time.	Medium

Consultation

Mayor and Councillors, Executive Leadership Team, General Manager Customer and Regional Prosperity, Grants Officer, relevant Council Officers, QRA and BBL executives have been consulted on these projects.

Conclusion

Council submitted 13 EOI projects to the QRA (12 projects to the Queensland Fund and one Nationally Significant) for consideration under the LER Program, of which nine progressed to detailed submissions phase. Council was successful in securing grant funding of \$3,695,205.33 for seven of the projects totalling \$4,945,481.33.



It is acknowledged that this funding is jointly provided by the Australian and Queensland governments through the Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY PROGRAM (LERP)**List of Council Projects and Status as at 9 February 2021**

Priority	Project	Description	Requested LER funding	Council contribution	Total Project cost
1	Upgrades to Vonda Youngman Community Centre	Upgrades to the Vonda Youngman Community Centre so that it is safer, more flexible in its usage and more user friendly for the multiple groups already using the facility and in the event of an emergency especially in consideration of Covid Restrictions. (Community facilities also used as place of refuge)	\$600,009	\$16,000	\$616,009
2	Upgrades to Community facilities as places of refuge	Many of the Scenic Rim community halls date back to the early 20th century and require repairs and upgrades to continue to operate as communal spaces. Upgrades include roof repairs, toilet and kitchen renovations, replacement of old furniture, electrical, heating and cooling improvements, resealing and repairs to flooring, improving storage areas and access. Community halls are valuable assets providing a place for residents to meet for social, educational, and cultural activities. Halls are important gathering spaces for local communities during and post natural disasters, improving community connectedness, strengthening resilience against natural disasters and empowering communities to lead recovery processes.	\$309,921.33	\$10,000	\$319,921.33
3	Boonah Cinema Upgrade	Upgrades to the Boonah Cinema so that the sound and vision quality is brought up to cinema standard. (This is the only Cinema in the region and serves as an important social hub for regional community suffering drought, fires and isolation) (Community facilities also used as place of refuge)	\$67,500	\$7,500	\$75,000
4	Achieving Business Development - Scenic Rim Entrepreneurial Hub Online Program	Development and delivery of a 12 week online webinar program to business people in the Scenic Rim Region to overcome barriers in starting and growing their ventures / businesses. This regional centred, bottom-up approach to capacity-building, will provide the opportunity to link, share, learn, network and be supported by like-minded people that may not otherwise be in their network. This program will provide participants the opportunity to be supported by mentors, coaches and experts.	\$30,000	\$4,776.00	\$34,776

Priority	Project	Description	Requested LER funding	Council contribution	Total Project cost
5	Refurbish Tamborine Mountain Library	Expansion of the Tamborine Mountain Library, through the purchase of a building with the required floor area. The project also includes purchase of a building and refurbishment to allow for an expanded library.	\$2,141,687	To be finalised on settlement	\$3,291,687
6	Business and Industry Development through the Scenic Rim Supply Chain Capability Program	The workshops delivered by this program will address the needs of local businesses to develop their understanding of, and skills in, securing tenders for projects of local, state and national significance. The program will deliver a long-term economic development legacy - maximising Scenic Rim local content participation in major projects and supply chain opportunities. By participating in this program, local suppliers will be stronger, more visible, more competitive and win more work – benefiting employment and income growth in the Scenic Rim.	\$46,088	\$15,000	\$61,088
7	Binna Burra Lodge	Upgrades to Binna Burra Lodge Teahouse, Camping and Amenities	\$500,000	Binna Burra Contribution \$47,000	\$547,000

Asset & Environmental Sustainability**10.2 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program Funding****Executive Officer:** General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability**Item Author:** General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability**Attachments:**

1. Scenic Rim Regional Council 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program Project Detail [↓](#) 
2. 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program Funding [Closed s.254J(3)(c)] - Confidential Item as presented to Ordinary Meeting held on 25 May 2021 [↓](#) 

Executive Summary

Council has received advice from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, regarding Council's applications for funding under the 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.

Recommendation

That Council acknowledge formal notification from the Queensland Government in response to Council's application under the 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program; with the projects detailed below approved for funding:

Projects	Approved Program Allocation
Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct pavement rehabilitation	\$700,000
Bromelton Transfer Station recycling bay construction	\$600,000
Carpark and access driveways upgrades at two parks	\$1,040,000
Community and Council Facilities upgrades	\$810,000
Community and Cultural Centres - Air Conditioning Upgrade	\$840,000

Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

At the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 May 2021, (Item 11.1), it was resolved that:

1. Council retrospectively endorse the application under the 2021 -2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program for the following projects:
 - Community and Council facilities upgrades;
 - Waste facilities upgrade;
 - Air conditioning upgrade/replacements at Boonah Cultural Centre and Vonda Youngman Community Centre;
 - Carpark upgrades at Selwyn Park, Beaudesert, and Coronation Park, Boonah; and
 - Enterprise Drive pavement works;
2. Council retrospectively endorse the application under the 2021 -2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program under the contestable portion of the program for the following projects:
 - Riemore Circuit to Tamborine Village footpath;
 - Duck Creek Road Reconstruction;
 - E-charging stations at Beaudesert, Boonah, Canungra and Tamborine Mountain; and
 - Main Western Road footpath – Hartley Road to hang gliders launch area; and
3. Council allocate applicable contributions as part of the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024 operational and capital budgets, if successful (and required); and
4. In accordance with clause 22.6.3 of the Scenic Rim Regional Council Standing Orders Procedure CM03.01PR.01, Council maintain confidentiality over the content of this report until such time as formal notification of approval is obtained from the Queensland Government.

Report / Background

Council has received advice from the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning in response to its list of projects submitted for endorsement under the allocation-based and application-based component of the 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.

The following projects submitted against Council's allocation-based component have been endorsed, with all works to be completed by 30 June 2024 (in line with funding conditions):

- Community and Council facilities upgrades;
- Waste facilities upgrade;
- Air conditioning upgrade/replacements at Boonah Cultural Centre and Vonda Youngman Community Centre;
- Carpark upgrades at Selwyn Park, Beaudesert, and Coronation Park, Boonah; and
- Enterprise Drive pavement works.

Unfortunately, Council was not successful in obtaining funding under the application-based component of the program.

Following receipt of the above advice, the report as presented to the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 May 2021 (attached), detailing Council's applications under the 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program, is to be released to the public.

Budget / Financial Implications

Council is not eligible to use this funding as contribution towards other State or Commonwealth Government funding programs.

The funding program does not require mandatory co-contribution by Council. For nominated projects under the competitive application component, co-contributions from councils are encouraged to demonstrate commitment to the project delivery and were considered by the Department during assessment against the 'value for money' criterion.

Strategic Implications

Operational Plan

Theme: 7. Healthy, Engaged and Resourceful Communities

Key Area of Focus: 7.1.1 Build capacity to improve health and wellbeing in the community

Legal / Statutory Implications

Not applicable.

Risks

Strategic Risks

The following Level 1 and Level 2 (strategic) risks are relevant to the matters considered in this report:

SR41 Inadequate or lack of appropriately defined service levels in place resulting in failure to deliver or meet appropriate expectations of stakeholders.

Risk Assessment

Category	Consequence	Likelihood	Inherent Risk Rating	Treatment of risks	Residual Risk Rating
Financial and Economic Adverse impacts to Council's financial and economic as a result of failure to meet defined service levels.	Major	Almost certain	Extreme	Asset Management Framework; Communication Framework / Strategy Plan; Service level framework	Medium

Consultation

The list of projects was developed in consultation with stakeholders across Council's Asset and Environmental Sustainability portfolio.

Conclusion

The 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program report presented to the Ordinary Meeting held on 25 May 2021, is to be made public following formal notification by the Queensland Government, as per item 4 of Council's resolution, with only the submitted projects being made public at this time. This report is attached, as Attachment 2.

Scenic Rim Regional Council

2021-24 SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND COMMUNITY STIMULUS PROGRAM

PROJECT DETAIL

PART 1 Approved Projects (Allocation-based component)

Project Title	Approved Program Allocation (excluding GST)
Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct pavement rehabilitation	\$700,000
Bromelton Transfer Station recycling bay construction	\$600,000
Carpark and access driveways upgrades at two parks	\$1,040,000
Community and Council Facilities upgrades	\$810,000
Community and Cultural Centres - Air Conditioning Upgrade	\$840,000
Total Allocation	\$3,990,000

PART 2 Unsuccessful Project Applications (Application-based component)

Project Description
Duck Creek Road reconstruction
E-charging stations at Beaudesert, Boonah, Canungra and Tamborine Mountain
Main Western Road footpath – Hartley Road to hang gliders launch area
Riemore Circuit to Tamborine Village footpath

11.1 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program Funding [Closed s.254J(3)(c)]**Executive Officer:** General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability**Item Author:** General Manager Asset and Environmental Sustainability**Attachments:**

1. Project Register - SEQ Community Stimulus Program Application 2021

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 254J(3)(c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

- (c) the local government's budget.

Executive Summary

The Queensland Government has announced an amount of \$3,990,000 has been made available to Scenic Rim Regional Council under the 2021-2024 South East Queensland (SEQ) Community Stimulus Program. The program also provides \$26 million for competitive based funding to 12 eligible south east Queensland councils.

Recommendation

That:

1. Council retrospectively endorse the application under the 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program for the following projects:
 - Community and Council facilities upgrades;
 - Waste facilities upgrade;
 - Air conditioning upgrade/replacements at Boonah Cultural Centre and Vonda Youngman Community Centre;
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Previous Council Considerations / Resolutions

Not applicable.

Report / Background

The Queensland Government recently announced the \$100 million SEQ Community Stimulus Program. The grant program is delivered through a mix of base allocation funding of \$74 million and \$26 million distributed on a competitive application basis.

The aim of the grant program is to create and sustain jobs across SEQ by providing funds that enables SEQ councils to fast-track investment in new infrastructure and community assets, including investment that:

- stimulates employment now and has lasting benefits for community assets and economic development; and
- provides for economic investment in outer-urban areas or low socio-economic areas.

To be eligible for project funding under the grant program, a project must:

- be consistent with the aim of the grant program;
- achieved economic recovery/stimulus support for local communities, and creates new or sustain existing jobs in a local government area;
- be a new infrastructure or upgrade of existing infrastructure project, in one of the following categories:
 - an Essential Services Project (examples include water supply, sewerage, waste infrastructure, waste management, roads and drainage (including associated infrastructure such as footpaths, cycleways), stormwater systems, energy (including renewable energy), telecommunications / data infrastructure, disaster resilience and preparedness projects (that protect existing essential public infrastructure and/or build resilience to future natural disasters); council owned housing to be available for staff, contractors and service providers (does not include social and community housing); or
 - an Economic Development Project (examples include tourism infrastructure, town centre works including beautification works, saleyards, airports and aerodromes, town or city entrance signs / statements, caravan / tourist parks, community hubs, works depots, car parks); or
 - a Community Well-Being Project (examples include arts and culture, sport and recreation, library/knowledge centre, playgrounds and parks, public toilets, CCTV, swimming pools and splash parks, skate/bicycle parks, community halls).

Council has until 16 April 2021 to provide a list of nominated projects for both allocation-based funding (\$3,990,000) and competitive based funding.

Projects approved under the grant program can commence from 1 July 2021 and must be completed by 30 June 2024.

Budget / Financial Implications

Council is not eligible to use this funding as contribution towards other State or Commonwealth Government funding programs.

The funding program does not require mandatory co-contribution by Council. For nominated projects under the competitive application component, co-contributions from councils are encouraged to demonstrate commitment to the project delivery and will be considered by the Department during assessment against the 'value for money' criterion.

Strategic Implications

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Consultation

The list of projects was developed in consultation with stakeholders across Council's Asset and Environmental Sustainability portfolio.

Conclusion

Council nominate a list of eligible projects for funding under the 2021-2024 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program.

11 Confidential Matters

Nil