

General Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that the next Meeting of the Central Highlands Regional Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, 65 Egerton Street, Emerald** on

Wednesday, 12 May 2021
At 9.00am

For the purpose of considering the items included on the Agenda.

Scott Mason
Chief Executive Officer

LATE AGENDA



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DECISION REPORT

Date: 12 May 2021 Presentation Duration: Approx. 15 minutes
 To: General Council Meeting
 Author: Kym Downey, Manager Project Development and Contract Delivery
 Leisa Donlan, Manager Parks and Recreation
 Authorising Officer: Jason Hoolihan, Acting General Manager Infrastructure and Utilities
 John McDougall, General Manager Communities
 File Reference: Nil
 Presented for: Decision

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Amendment - CHRC 2020-21 COVID-19 Works for Queensland List of Projects [1.1.1 - 1 page]

PURPOSE:

This report summarises proposed changes to the previously approved program of works funded as part of the Queensland Government's Economic Recovery Strategy: *Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs*, COVID Works for Queensland (2020–21 COVID W4Q) program, to be delivered during 2020–21.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:

That Central Highlands Regional Council approve:

1. The submission of a program variation to the State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning with the following changes:

COVID W4Q Reference and Project number	Project Title	Adopted W4Q Total Grant Funding 2020-2021	Proposed W4Q Total Grant Funding 2020-2021
		\$	\$
CHRC - W4QC20 - 2	Garden bed upgrades - Duaringa medians / Council office	50,000	75,000
CHRC - W4QC20 - 3	Maintenance works in council parks and Emerald Botanical Gardens	30,000	330,000
CHRC - W4QC20 - 8	Bauhinia Community Hall Repairs	70,000	170,000
CHRC - W4QC20 - 9	Electrical Switchboard Replacements	90,000	238,000
CHRC - W4QC20 - 11	Regional Radio Network Planning and Implementation	823,000	0
CHRC - W4QC20 - 12	Maintenance - sewer network	250,000	500,000
		1,313,000	1,313,000

2. The changes be reflected in budget review four (BR4).
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REPORT:

Background

The COVID Works for Queensland (W4Q) funding allocation to Central Highlands Regional Council (council) of \$2,030,000 included a range of projects. The majority of projects have been completed or are nearing completion.

Due to the complex nature of the tender process involved in the Regional Radio Network Planning and Implementation project, along with delays in finalising consents for co-location of some equipment in other agencies infrastructure (towers and/or huts), the Tender period had to be extended. Therefore, the project will be unable to be completed within the program timeframes (prior to 30 June 2021).

Discussion/Current issue

At a meeting with the funding body on 7 May 2021 to discuss progress of the program, council raised the issues it has had with the Regional Radio Network Planning and Implementation project and discussed the option of a program variation to transfer the funding to other projects already within the program.

As a result of that meeting council staff from relevant departments within council have assessed which projects can be added to without scope changes to ensure that the funding can be fully claimed prior to the 30 June 2021.

A list of projects already approved and proposed changes to the program are attached.

CONSIDERATIONS / IMPLICATIONS:

Corporate/Operational Plan Reference/Policy/Legislation:

1. Strong Vibrant Communities;
 - 1.1.1 - Provide and maintain accessible community services and facilities that meet the needs of our diverse communities.
2. Building and Maintaining Quality Infrastructure;
 - 2.2 - Corporate Plan Strategy: Affordable and well serviced infrastructure

Budget/Financial/Resourcing:

Changes if approved will not require additional expenditure and in some cases will subsidise increased project costs which are not funded, positively impacting on the operational expenses of council.

Communication/Engagement:

Staff across relevant departments within council have been consulted.

Risk Assessment:

There is a risk if funding is not reallocated to other projects that the payment of \$823,000 will not be made and future funding opportunities may be negatively impacted.

Timings/Deadlines:

An urgent decision is required for approval to be formally sought by the funding body and works completed by 30 June 2021.

Conflict of Interest Declaration:

Council officers contributing to the preparation and approval of this report have no conflicts of interest to declare.

Human Rights Impact:

No

Alternatives Considered:

	Description	Positives	Negatives
Option 2	Request the funding to be allocated to a new project to be considered.	The footpath project was necessary and could be completed within the timeframe.	The funding body were unlikely to approve a new project.
Option 3	Request an extension	Funding still allocated to Regional Radio Network Planning and Implementation project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Negative effect on council's reputation with non-delivery within timeframe. - Typically, extensions are only for 3 months. - Unlikely project will be completed within the extension period

- END OF REPORT -

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Works for Queensland 2020-21 COVID-19 Funding Summary

Covid W4Q Reference and Project number	Department	Capital / Operational Project	Project Title	Approved W4Q Project Budget and Funding			Proposed W4Q Project Budget and Funding			Proposed Variation Comments
				W4Q Total Grant Funding 2020-2021	W4Q Council Contribution 2020-2021	W4Q Total Project Budget 2020-2021	W4Q Total Grant Funding 2020-2021	W4Q Council Contribution 2020-2021	W4Q Total Project Budget 2020-2021	
				\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 1	Communities	Capital	Emerald - McIndoe Park and Botanic Gardens pump self-clean	50,000	49,000	99,000	50,000	49,000	99,000	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 2	Communities	Operational	Garden bed upgrades - Duaringa medians / Council office	50,000	-	50,000	75,000	-	75,000	Increase in scope to include other maintenance activities to offset Council's contribution.
CHRC - W4QC20 - 3	Communities	Operational	Maintenance works in council parks and Emerald Botanical Gardens	30,000	-	30,000	330,000	-	330,000	Increase in scope to include other maintenance activities to offset Council's contribution.
CHRC - W4QC20 - 4	Communities	Capital	Springsure lawn cemetery area irrigation, signage, tree planting, landscaping and resurface of the columbarium wall	120,000	-	120,000	120,000	-	120,000	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 5	Communities	Capital	Springsure Town Hall Entry refurbishment including tiled flooring and repair of emergency doors	120,000	-	120,000	120,000	-	120,000	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 7	Communities	Capital	Bluff Waste Resource Recovery Area Loading Bay Retaining Wall Repair	60,000	6,000	66,000	60,000	6,000	66,000	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 8	Communities	Capital	Bauhinia Community Hall Repairs	70,000	50,000	120,000	170,000	-	170,000	Increase in funding allocation to this project to offset Council's contribution
CHRC - W4QC20 - 9	Infrastructure & Utilities	Capital	Electrical Switchboard Replacements	90,000	1,425,304	1,515,304	238,000	1,277,304	1,515,304	Increase in funding allocation to this project to offset Council's contribution
CHRC - W4QC20 - 10	Infrastructure & Utilities	Capital	Raw Water Pump and Switchboard Replacement	85,000	816,360	901,360	85,000	816,360	901,360	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 11	Infrastructure & Utilities	Capital	Regional Radio Network Planning and Implementation	823,000	714,800	1,537,800	-	96,199	96,199	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 12	Infrastructure & Utilities	Operational	Maintenance - sewer network	250,000	-	250,000	500,000	65,680	565,680	Increase in funding allocation to this project to offset Council's contribution
CHRC - W4QC20 - 13	Infrastructure & Utilities	Operational	Stormwater additional planned maintenance	180,000	-	180,000	180,000	-	180,000	
CHRC - W4QC20 - 14	Communities	Capital	Installation of the concrete slab, replace the two shelters and purchase new metal tables and chairs at Blackwater Rotary Park	102,000	-	102,000	102,000	-	102,000	
Summary			Total	2,030,000	3,061,464	5,091,464	2,030,000	2,310,543	4,340,543	

