



## **LATE AGENDA**

*of the*

## **ORDINARY MEETING**

**CHAIRMAN: Cr MW Curran (Mayor)**

**Held in the Boardroom**

**Town Hall**

**2 Caledonian Hill**

**Gympie Qld 4570**

**On Wednesday, 28 February 2018**

**At 9am**

The Corporate Plan 2017-2022 provides a clear framework and direction in relation to Council's **vision, purpose, values** and **key strategic objectives**.

Our vision for the Gympie region is to **be the natural choice to live, work and play**.

Our purpose is to actively serve our community and plan for the future of the region.

Through our values we are:

#### **Accountable**

We take responsibility for our actions, we will be accessible and fair.

#### **Consistent**

Our actions will reflect Council's guidelines and practices at all times.

#### **Appreciative**

We value the opportunities we have, and look for the best in our people, our organisation and our community.

#### **Communicative**

We will keep people informed, consult with the community and actively listen to and respond to their input.

#### **Respectful**

We treat people with dignity, courtesy and respect.  
We recognise and support everyone's contributions.

Council's activities are aimed at achieving our vision and are focused into the following five key strategic themes/objectives:

#### **OUR INFRASTRUCTURE**

*is well planned, integrated and safe.*

#### **OUR COMMUNITY**

*is active, diverse, creative and engaged.*

#### **OUR ECONOMY**

*is dynamic, productive and resilient.*

#### **OUR ENVIRONMENT**

*is sustainable, well-managed and accessible.*

#### **OUR ORGANISATION**

*is accountable, responsive, efficient and innovative.*

The above framework informs Council's decision making and guides our organisational management and operational activities.

Gympie Regional Council **ORDINARY**

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*Mayor MW Curran (Chairman),*

*Crs MA McDonald, GC Hartwig, MS Gear, DW Dodt, DH Stewart, HT Smerdon  
and WR Leitch*

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## SECTION 4: PETITIONS

### 4.4 Petition - Change Application - Engineering Workshop - 532 Upper Widgee Road, Widgee

**PORTFOLIO:** Planning and Development

**DIRECTORATE:** Office of the CEO

**DOC ID:**

#### 1. REPORT

Petition received with 2127 signatories.

*"Please accept this submission in strong support of the above change application for Widgee Engineering. Reasons in support of the application include the following:*

- *Widgee Engineering has been lawfully established at this location since 1993. Although starting small, the business has grown and prospered in accordance with development approvals issued by the former Kilkivan Shire Council and the Gympie Regional Council.*
- *Widgee Engineering is the largest single employer in the Widgee area, with many employees being local residents.*
- *Widgee Engineering makes a significant contribution to the economy and social wellbeing of the Widgee community.*
- *Significant hardship to the economy and social wellbeing of this community will be the result of any decision by the Council to require Widgee Engineering to close down or relocate.*
- *Widgee Engineering is a Widgee business, and there is no more suitable location in the area for this business, given the relative isolation of the site and its remoteness from close settlement.*
- *The Widgee community is small and there is overwhelming community support for this business to be permitted by the Council to continue to operate at its current capacity at this location.*

*The Council is strongly encouraged to respect the expectations of the Widgee community and approve the application."*

Officer comment:

The petition will be referenced when the matter comes to council.

#### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Petition be received and referred to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration.**