

GYMPIE REGIONAL COUNCIL

LATE AGENDA

of the

ORDINARY MEETING

CHAIRMAN: Cr GC Hartwig (Mayor)

Held in the Boardroom

Town Hall

2 Caledonian Hill

Gympie Qld 4570

On Wednesday, 26 May 2021

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**

Mayor GC Hartwig (Chairman),

*Crs J Milne, NG Jensen, SA Waldock, BM Devereaux, DH Stewart, HT Smerdon,
WA Polley and RA Fredman.*

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PORTFOLIO: Arts Culture and Open Space, Business Activities and Sport

DIRECTORATE: Corporate Services/CFO

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LINKS TO CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

STRATEGIC THEMES:

1. Our Infrastructure - well planned, integrated and safe
2. Our Community - active, diverse, creative and engaged
3. Our Economy - dynamic, productive and resilient
5. Our Organisation - accountable, responsive, efficient and innovative

1. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

A proposal has been received from Opera Queensland to support a performance of 'Are You Lonesome Tonight' in the Gympie region as part of its 2021 regional tour.

'Are You Lonesome Tonight' uses the similarities between opera and country as a springboard into a cabaret style performance that explores the extraordinary qualities of each genre — celebrating their similarities and their differences alike. Three singers and a specialist musician will use the canvas of history — 400 years of opera and almost 100 years of Country — to tell a story about love, yearning and life on the road.

Working with direct address, audience members feel as if they are involved in a living room conversation as they join a group of people passionate about the joys and wonders Opera and Country music have to offer. Songs by composers like Puccini and Verdi sit alongside Hank Williams and Dolly Parton. The lives of the great stars are compared, and the emotional richness of the songs shown to share many of the same trials and tribulations.

A proposal has been received from Opera Queensland to support a performance of 'Are You Lonesome Tonight' in the Gympie region as part of their 2021 regional tour.

The performance has never been seen before in the Gympie region and is part of a state-wide regional tour across 29 Local Government Areas.

The performance was previously part of the Gympie Civic Centre's entrepreneurial program but due to the venue's extended closure was unfortunately cancelled.

2. REPORT

A proposal has been received from Opera Queensland to support a performance of 'Are You Lonesome Tonight' in the Gympie region as part of its 2021 regional tour.

The proposal is for a 110-minute performance of a self-contained production of 'Are You Lonesome Tonight', a musical celebration of opera and country music. Key notes for the performance follow:

Event Title: Are You Lonesome Tonight

Date: Sunday 13 June 2021

Performance Duration: 110 minutes

Location: TBC

Anticipated Attendance: 300+ (based on Opera Queensland projections of 10,000 attendees across 30 performances).

The production concentrates on a cabaret style performance that explores the qualities of each genre, performed by range of national and international touring artists.

The proposal indicates community engagement activities where Opera Queensland will offer a bespoke engagement program which may include a vocal workshop with school students, a performance at an aged care facility or a masterclass with a local choir or barbershop group. Opera Queensland will meet with key stakeholders to ensure that their presence in town is felt beyond the stage.

The Pavilion Conference & Reception Centre does not currently meet the technical requirements for the performance.

The proposed date also clashes with a local theatre performance at The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre by the Gympie Performing Arts Collaboration with tickets currently on sale.

If an outdoor event is considered, portable infrastructure may be required to support the requirements of the performance as outlined below:

- Stage - Performance area 8 metre depth by 8 metre width (minimum) with overhead clearance of 4 metres (minimum)
- Two dressing rooms
- Power access - 32amp, 240V 3-phase power (5 pin outlet) or three dedicated 15amp, 240v GPO outlets.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that this performance will incur a hosting fee of \$3,000 (ex GST) from Opera Queensland with further costs to be considered based on the selected venue.

As the event is scheduled to run in June 2021, funds for the performance can be accommodated within Council's 2020-21 Budget.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

5. CONSULTATION

Consultation has occurred between Council officers, members of the public, Opera Queensland, Director Corporate Financial Services, Chief Executive Officer, and the Mayor

6. CONCLUSION

The performance adds diversity to the 2021 events calendar which does not currently feature performances of this type. The performance provides opportunities to increase participation and engagement in the Arts and offers a unique experience never been seen before in the Gympie region. The event also supports professional development opportunities with performers of national and international calibre.

The proposed date currently clashes with local performances in The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre.

The Pavilion Conference and Reception Centre does not currently meet the technical requirements for the performance therefore alternative arrangements or an outdoor venue be considered.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council provide up to \$3,000 in funding to Opera Queensland for the performance of a self-contained production of 'Are You Lonesome Tonight' within the Gympie region, subject to the identification of a suitable venue to host the production.