



## **NOTICE & AGENDA**

### **SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**02 March 2016**



**49 Stockyard Street  
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**Notice & Agenda  
Special Meeting of Council**

To be held on Wednesday 02 March 2016 at the Civic Centre, CUNNAMULLA,  
commencing at 4.00pm.

- 1 OPENING OF MEETING
- 2 ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES
- 3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BEING  
Material Personal Interest Or  
Conflict Of Interest
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    - 4.1.1 Councillor Remuneration Report
    - 4.1.2 26 Broad Street – Jubilee Cottage Report

Mr Chris Cowley  
Chief Executive Officer

## COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION REPORT

Council Meeting: 2 March 2015

Department: Chief Executive Officer

Author: Chris Cowley

### Purpose

To consider the remuneration levels for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors, as published in the Queensland Government Gazette by the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal, to take effect from 1 July 2016.

### Discussion

On the 11 December 2015, the Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal published in the Queensland Government Gazette the Local Government Remuneration schedule to apply from the 1 July 2016.

As per the requirements of the Local Government Regulations 2012, section 247 (3), if the local government decides the maximum amount of remuneration is not payable to the Councillor, the local government must, by resolution, decide the amount of remuneration payable to the Councillor. The remuneration is to be paid in twelve equal installments at the end of each calendar month.

Council has 90 days from the gazette publication date to make its decision. If no decision is made the maximum rate is to be paid.

As per appendix A, Paroo Shire Council is a category 3 Council. The maximum remuneration payable is listed in the below table compared to the current remuneration level resolved by Paroo Shire Council:

Category	Remuneration determined		Current Remuneration level
Category 3	Mayor	\$ 99,638	\$ 75,500
	Deputy Mayor	\$ 57,483	\$ 32,357
	Councillor (Base)	\$ 33,213	\$ 23,009
	Councillor (Meeting)	\$ 16,606	\$ 0

The remuneration for Councillors (not the Mayor or Deputy Mayor) is to be made up of two components. The components are a base fee and a meeting fee.

It is recommended that Council set the remuneration level from the 1 July 2016 at the current resolved level plus CPI. CPI is currently 1.6%. Given the recommended level of base remuneration for Councillors is below the maximum payable, it is recommended to set the meeting component at \$0 and just pay a monthly amount.

### Recommendation:

*That Council in accordance with section 247(3) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopt the following remuneration for Councillors effective 1 July 2016:*

Category	Remuneration	
Category 3	Mayor	\$ 76,708
	Deputy Mayor	\$ 32,875
	Councillor (Base)	\$ 23,377
	Councillor (Meeting)	\$ 0

**26 BROAD STREET, CUNNAMULLA – JUBILEE COTTAGE**

Council Meeting: 2 March 2016

Department: CEO

Author: Chris Cowley

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**Purpose of Report**

For Council to consider the request to take ownership of 26 Broad Street, Cunnamulla..

**Executive Summary**

The property 26 Broad Street Cunnamulla known as Jubilee Cottage has been owned by the Department of Housing since 17 June 2010.

The department is requesting that Paroo Shire Council take over ownership of the property.

**Discussion**

- At a meeting held on the 17 December 2015 between the Department of Housing, Paroo Shire Council and several community representatives, the issue of ownership of 26 Broad Street was discussed.
- The department wishes to sell the property and remove it from their asset register.
- Due to the Cultural significance of the building it was suggested that the building could be transferred to the Paroo Shire Council rather than sold on the open market.
- The intention is that subject to external funding and community input that the building could be one day refurbished to preserve its cultural heritage for the benefit of the community.
- The department is supportive of the transfer to Paroo Shire Council
- The feeling of the meeting on the 17 December 2015 was that the transfer to Paroo Shire Council was supported.
- There is no expectation for Council funds to be expended on the project
- There will be nil cost to Council for the transfer of title.
- Should the transfer occur Council will for go the annual rates levied on the property
- As per the attached letter from the department, they are seeking a response before the 3 March 2016.

**Recommendation:**

*That Council agree to the transfer of 26 Broad Street and accept the property as is at nil cost.*



Department of  
**Housing and Public Works**

3 February 2016

Mr Chris Cowley  
Chief Executive Officer  
Paroo Shire Council  
PO Box 75  
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Dear Mr Cowley,

**Request to transfer 26 Broad Street, Cunnamulla also known as "Jubilee Cottage"**

I refer to the teleconference from 17 December 2015, between the Department of Housing and Public Works, Paroo Shire Council and others regarding the property Jubilee Cottage, located at 26 Broad Street, Cunnamulla. Jubilee Cottage was previously owned by the former South West Queensland Aboriginal Cooperative Community Advancement Society Ltd prior to it transferring to the Department on 17 June 2010.

During this meeting it was proposed, subject to departmental approval, that due to the cultural significance of Jubilee Cottage, the property could be transferred to Paroo Shire Council instead of sold on the local market by the department. Council would then assume responsibility for the property as registered owner, and the local community could refurbish the property to preserve its cultural heritage for the benefit off the community.

The department is very supportive of this proposal and the outcomes for the local community, however, to finalise the approval for the property transfer I request written confirmation from Council that it is agreeable to the transfer, and will accept the property as is and at nil cost. I also seek agreement that following the transfer, Council will be responsible for any ongoing maintenance and costs associated with the property.

It would be greatly appreciated if Council could provide its response by 3 March 2016.

If you require any further information please contact Allen Davey, Principal Program Officer, Market Development and Programs, Department of Housing and Public Works on 07 3007 4462.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Anderson', followed by a long horizontal line.

Melanie Anderson  
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**Market Development and Programs, Housing Services**  
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**5 MEETING CLOSED**