

NOTICE OF MOTION

SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR: Councillor J McKay

COUNCIL MEETING: Ordinary Meeting 19 May 2016

I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday 19 May 2016:

That Council:

- a) approve the attendance of Cr Jenny McKay at the annual Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth Conference in Singapore from 2 - 4 November 2016;
- b) approve Cr McKay's participation in the pre-conference Farm Study Tours on 26 – 30 October 2016;
- c) authorise the expenditure of \$2,253 from the Councillors' General Entitlement Allocation to assist with meeting the costs associated with Cr McKay's participation in the pre-conference Farm Study Tours, Conference registration and associated travel expenses.

..... *J McKay*
Councillor **Date**

To all Councillors and Directors

I hereby notify that Councillor J McKay intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 19 May 2016.

..... *[Signature]*
Chief Executive Officer **Date** 12/5/16

COUNCILLOR COMMENT

- The Royal Agricultural Society of the Commonwealth (RASC) is a confederation of over fifty leading national and regional Agricultural Show Societies, Agricultural Associations and Research Bodies working in twenty Commonwealth countries. The Sunshine Coast Show Society Incorporated, of which I am President, is a member of this confederation through the Queensland Chamber of Agricultural Societies (QCAS). I am also an elected delegate to the QCAS board.
- The RASC's commitment towards the sustainability and improvement of agricultural businesses and shows worldwide will provide inspiration to our own local movement to promote and preserve the Sunshine Coast region's agricultural heritage.
- The 2016 RASC Conference will be hosted by the Kranji Countryside Association and held in Singapore on 2-4 November 2016. The theme of the Conference is *Agriculture at The Crossroads: Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide*. This is the first time the RASC conference will be held in Asia.
- The 2016 RASC Conference will be attended by thought, policy and business leaders from the agri-food and agricultural show communities, who will exchange ideas, information and views on how a rapidly urbanising world can continue to sustain itself through improvements in farming technology and productivity, innovations in business and marketing of farms and agriculture shows and collaboration between rural and urban communities. In an age of rapid urbanisation and climate uncertainty, agriculture is indeed at a crossroads. Feeding and energizing a global population of 9 billion people by 2050 efficiently and equitably will require transformational changes to the existing agricultural, food and energy systems as we know them.
- Preceding the RASC Conference, the pre-conference study tour will be conducted in Singapore and Johore, Malaysia, from 26 to 30 October, 2016, providing the opportunity for delegates to learn more about large scale rice and palm oil farming, aquaculture and fish farming, organic farming, community farming practice, and to visit city and urban farms, culminating in a day at the Singapore Farm Festival.
- This notice has been prepared with the confidence that my fellow Councillors will acknowledge that the future development and success of the agriculture sector on the Sunshine Coast is dear to my heart. Particular themes of direct relevance to this region include food production, food security, competitive pricing and urbanisation and I believe there is much to learn and pass onto the agricultural sector on the Sunshine Coast from my attendance at this event.
- I consider my attendance at this event is appropriate, given my active participation and support of the Agricultural sector in the Sunshine Coast region (in particular my role as the President of the Sunshine Coast Show

Society), my membership of the Council of Mayors South East Queensland Rural Futures Special Interest Group and my Councillor assisting responsibilities for international relations. The agribusiness industry is also identified as one of the seven high-value industries in the Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy.

- The cost to Council associated with my attendance at the RASC 2016 and pre conference farm study tour is \$2,253. This amount would be funded from the Councillors' General Entitlement Allocation. The cost breakdown is as follows:

\$ 803	Flights
\$1,450	Conference Registration and Pre-Conference farm study tour
\$2,253	Total (AUD)

- The Sunshine Coast Show Society will meet costs associated with on-ground travel and meals and I will meet the accommodation costs from my personal funds for the duration of my absence.

