



Late Item

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Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive Officer

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Item 14 New Business of an Urgent Nature (Late items)

14.1 REGIONS RISING NATIONAL SUMMIT, CANBERRA

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Authorising Officer: Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest: The Author and Authorising Officer declare that they do not have any conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Approve the attendance of the Mayor at the Regions Rising National Summit on behalf of the Town of Port Hedland from 17 -18 March 2021 in Canberra, pending any COVID-19 restrictions being in place at the time of travel.
2. Note the financial contingencies referred to in the report in the case of any COVID-19 restrictions coming into effect during the National Summit period.
3. Note that a report will be submitted by the Mayor on his attendance to the Chief Executive Officer prior to 19 April 2021.

SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the attendance of the Mayor at the Regions Rising National Summit from 17-18 March 2021 in Canberra.

DETAIL

The Regions Rising National Summit is a yearly event hosted by the Regional Australia Institute.

General theme

This year's Summit theme is centred on ***Growing Regional Australia - Shaping the Good life*** and links all levels of government, business and the community sector to ensure a collaborative and future-focused discussion that will help inform and engage with our leaders as we move toward the regionalisation of our nation.

As the nation's thought-leader on Regional Australia, the concept of regionalisation is central to the work of the Regional Australia Institute. Regionalisation is more than an agenda on decentralisation; it's an ambition to grow and ensures that regional businesses and communities more than just survive, they can thrive. Regionalisation will create a more equitable, balanced, attractive and prosperous future for all Australians, not just those who live outside the city limits.

*Proposed program***Day 1: Wednesday 17 March 2021:****Conference**

The National Summit will see the launch by the Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Michael McCormack MP of a landmark national awareness campaign to promote the opportunities to live, work and invest in Regional Australia.

Day one of the Summit will bring together some of the country's brightest minds, as well as an international keynote address from John O'Duinn, a change-maker for decentralisation in the US and the author of Distributed Teams. These leaders will present on the current issues impacting population and mobility trends, jobs and skills, regional policy, education, health, infrastructure and innovation, as well as local leadership and the economy.

Day 2: Thursday 18 March 2021:**Masterclass**

The Masterclass on Day 2 will deliver a more interactive program for summit attendees, focusing on the issue of 'liveability'. The Masterclass provides the chance to share success stories, challenges and ideas to make regions shine.

Participants will be the first to gain access to our Liveability Toolkit, to be launched by Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, the Hon. Mark Coulton MP. The Liveability Toolkit is a practical guide for regional leaders seeking to attract and retain populations to their towns and regional cities.

Attendees will also be invited to join the RAI's Policy Hack and will have the opportunity to discuss a range of critical policy questions. The Hack format enables participants to move quickly from issues to responses, and the ideas for policy and program reform that are generated will be prepared by the RAI for submission to governments in all jurisdictions.

Registration

Registration costs for a packaged ticket which includes the Conference, Gala Dinner and Masterclass is \$1,200.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with Policy 4/009 'Significant Decision Making', this matter is considered to be of low significance, minimal impact to the community and public interest.

CONSULTATION*Internal*

- Consultation with internal or external parties in the preparation of this report has been limited to information gathering.

External Agencies

- Nil.

Community

- Nil.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Section 2.2 'Travel' in the Town's policy 4/010 'Elected Members Travel and Training' is applicable as it sets out parameters associated with the booking of travel registration fees and accommodation arrangements.

Section 2.5 'Reimbursements' of the Town's policy 4/010 'Elected Members Travel and Training' is applicable as it sets out parameters associated with meals and incidentals not provided at the Forum. Where a Town of Port Hedland vehicle is available and Elected Members choose to use their own vehicle, then costs will be reimbursed on actual fuel costs supported by appropriate tax invoices. Elected Members will be reimbursed if claims are submitted no later than 14 days of returning from the Forum.

Should the amended Elected Members Allowances, Facilities and Expenses Policy be adopted prior to consideration of this report, provisions of the new policy reflect the above sections.

There are no legislative considerations in relation to this agenda item.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

The Summit will involve travel between Port Hedland and Canberra, and accommodation for a four (4) night stay to participate in the two (2) day Forum (this includes 1x night stopover on the return journey). The costs for registration, travel and accommodation are appropriated from the travel budget allocated to Elected Members.

The following table outlines the approximate costs for attending the National Summit:

Detail	Approximate Total Cost	Notes
Accommodation (Canberra)	\$772.00	Accommodation for 3x nights at while attending the conference
Accommodation (Perth stopover)	\$155.00	Potential Accommodation during stopover on return journey
Flights	\$2,081.00	Flight costs based on minimum number of stops (e.g. Port Hedland, Perth, Canberra return)
Registration Fee	\$1,200	This fee includes the Conference, Gala Dinner and Masterclass
Meals / Incidentals	\$330.85	<u>Tuesday 16 March 2021 (Travel):</u> Breakfast \$27.05 Lunch \$30.45

		Dinner \$51.85 Incidentals \$19.35 Total: \$128.70 <u>Wednesday 17 March 2021 (Summit):</u> Breakfast \$27.05 <i>Lunch and Dinner is provided at the Summit.</i> Incidentals \$19.35 Total: \$46.40 <u>Thursday 18 March 2021 (Masterclass):</u> Breakfast \$27.05 <i>Lunch is provided at the Masterclass.</i> Dinner \$51.85 Incidentals \$19.35 Total: \$98.25 <u>Friday 19 March 2021 (Travel):</u> Breakfast \$27.05 Lunch \$30.45 Total: \$57.50
Total	\$4,538.85	Total approximate costs for Mayor to attend the National Summit

At the time of writing this report, the following budget balances are noted:

Budget Line (General Ledger)	Annual Budget Total	Remaining Balance at time of report
Elected Members – Individual Training and Development	\$33,500	\$23,886
Elected Members – Accommodation and Travel Expenses	\$35,000	\$16,783

The registration fee is to be deducted from the relevant ‘Individual Training and Development’ budget, and accommodation, travel and incidentals will be deducted from the relevant ‘Accommodation and Travel’ budget.

In accordance with 2/007 ‘Purchasing’ policy, the Town must ensure the efficient and prudent expenditure of financial resources.

COVID-19 Financial Implications Contingency

In the case of another COVID-19 lockdown in WA (or another State), we need to plan for any contingencies that may occur. Financial contingencies are set out below based on 14 day quarantine on the return to Western Australia:

Detail	Approximate Total Cost	Notes
Accommodation at COVID quarantine Hotel	\$2,520.00	14 days accommodation at COVID-19 approved quarantine hotel in Perth
Meals / incidentals	\$1,801.80	14 days of breakfast/lunch/dinner & incidental costs
Total	\$4,321.80	Total COVID-19 Financial Contingency

STRATEGIC AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The following sections of the Town's Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028 are applicable in the consideration of this item:

- 2.b.1 Forums are regularly provided to support industry and businesses, including Aboriginal and disability enterprises, in engaging with the community and stakeholders
- 2.b.2 The Town's economic development strategy is supported through engagement with key economic groups
- 2.c.1 Business and government agencies and other relevant stakeholders are engaged to:
 - 4.a.1 Town of Port Hedland is represented and advocated for in International, Federal, State and regional forums and policy development
 - 4.a.2 Town of Port Hedland is marketed and promoted locally, state-wide, nationally and internationally to tourists and investors
 - 4.b.4 Constructive forums are provided for discussion and the representation of the diversity of views and needs that impact on the Town's developments, programs and policies

There are no significant identifiable environmental, social or economic impacts relating to this item.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

As per the risk matrix contained in policy 1/022 'Risk Management', the level of risk is considered to be Low (2) for this agenda item. This is calculated as an insignificant consequence and unlikely likelihood. This report promotes good governance, transparency, accountability, the prudent expenditure of financial resources and informed decision making.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Adopt officer's recommendation.

Option 2 – That Council does not approve the representation of the Mayor at the National Summit.

Option 3 - That Council increases the number of attendees representing the Town of Port Hedland at the Forum.

Option 4 – Do not adopt officer's recommendation.

CONCLUSION

The Town of Port Hedland will benefit from attending the Growing Regional Australia National Summit. It allows the Town to gain insight into the unique factors affecting regional local governments, business and community sectors and share information and tactics. The Summit will offer an avenue for in-depth future focussed discussion that will help inform and engage with our leaders as we move toward the regionalisation of our nation.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Regions Rising National Summit 17-18 March 2021 Program



2021 NATIONAL SUMMIT OVERVIEW

More than nine million people call Regional Australia home, but it has such a big heart and it's ready to grow.

Our National Summit, Growing Regional Australia – Shaping the Good Life, is the flagship event in our event series Regions Rising. This event links all levels of government, business and the community sector to ensure a collaborative and future-focused discussion that will help inform and engage with our leaders as we move toward the regionalisation of our nation.

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Join us on 17-18 March and be part of the national conversation.

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Conference

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Gala Dinner

The RAI is thrilled to celebrate its 10 Year Anniversary and we are delighted to host **Grace Brennan**, Founder of **Buy From The Bush**, as the keynote speaker at our Gala Dinner. This event will be a formal networking opportunity to close out Day 1, with a two course meal and entertainment.

DAY 2: THURSDAY 18 MARCH 2021

Masterclass

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Full Program

	7.00am – 5.30pm
Conference	Wednesday
	17 March 2021
	7.00pm – 10.00pm
Gala Dinner	Wednesday
	17 March 2021
	8.00am –
Masterclass	4.45pm Thursday
	18 March 2021
Location	Hotel Realm
	18 National Circuit
	Canberra ACT 2600

REGISTRATION

REGISTER HERE

Single Tickets

Conference	\$ 750
Gala Dinner	\$ 200
Masterclass	\$ 600

Packaged Tickets

Conference + Masterclass	\$ 1,100
Conference + Gala Dinner	\$ 850
Full Package: Conference + Masterclass + Gala Dinner	\$ 1,200

Corporate Tables of 10

Conference	\$ 6,500
Conference + Masterclass	\$ 10,000
Gala Dinner	\$ 1,800

Livestream Tickets

Conference and Masterclass	\$ 200
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All prices include GST

Not-for-profit organisations are eligible for a discounted rate; please email events@regionalaustralia.org.au to request a discount code.

ACCOMMODATION

DOMA Hotels is offering Regions Rising delegates discounted rates across their Canberra hotels: **Hotel Realm, Little National Hotel, Burbury Hotel, and Brassey Hotel**. Simply enter the booking code **EVENT** to receive a **15% discount** at these four hotels when booking online, or quote the code if booking over the phone. Central Reservations phone 02 6163 1888

The Ramada Diplomat Hotel is also offering Regions Rising delegates discounted rates. Simply enter the booking code **RAI** to receive a **15% discount** when booking online: diplomahotel.com.au

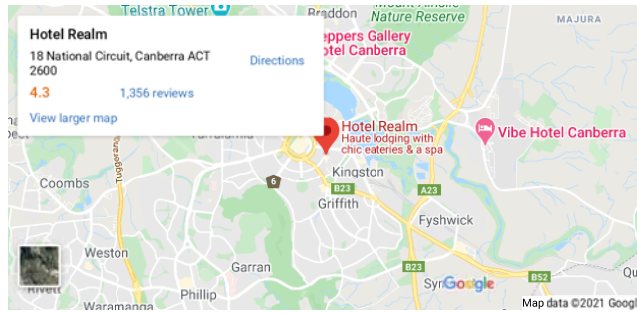
REGIONAL SUPPLIERS EOI

We want to support regional businesses, so we are seeking regional suppliers to



ABOUT WEBINAR SERIES NATIONAL SUMMIT 2021 EVENTS SCHEDULE

This March, #RegionsRising is coming to you!



SPEAKERS



The Hon Michael McCormack MP
Deputy Prime Minister; Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development



The Hon Mark Coulton MP
Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government



The Hon Catherine King MP
Member for Ballarat, Victoria



Ita Buttrose AC OBE
Chair, ABC



Grace Brennan
Founder, Buy From The Bush
Gala Dinner Keynote Speaker



Saul Eslake
Economist



John O'Duinn
Senior Strategist, CivicActions



Jo Palmer
Founder and Managing Director, Pointer Remote



Dr Rachel Bacon
Deputy Secretary, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications



Alison Watkins
Group Managing Director, Coca-Cola Amatil



Gabrielle O'Kane
CEO, National Rural Health Alliance



Ros Abercrombie
Executive Director, Regional Arts Australia



Todd Babiak
CEO, Brand Tasmania



Nick Klomp
Vice Chancellor, CQUniversity; and Chair, Regional Universities Network



Gary Barnes
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