

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council Local Transition Committee

News Release

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Local Transition Committee (LTC) met at Gatton on Tuesday 2nd October.

All future meetings will now be open to the public and only closed when dealing with employment, legal or sensitive matters. The LTC has agreed that, after dealing with the ICEO and other employment matters, there is no reason to now not open the meetings to the public. Meetings are held, whenever possible, on the first (Gatton Shire Council Chambers) and third (Laidley Shire Council Chambers) Tuesday of each Month, commencing at 8.30 a.m.

The next meeting of the LTC will be at Laidley Shire Council on Tuesday 16th October commencing at 8.30am. Members of the public are welcome to attend

The LTC has formed an Employment Sub Committee consisting of employee and management representatives. This Sub Committee will provide a forum for raising employment related issues related to the transition from one local government to another. At present the combined Gatton and Laidley workforces total just under 300 employees and it is important that each of these employees have an avenue to discuss any perceived industrial and employment inconsistencies as they arise. It is important to note that ALL employees, other than the Chief Executive Officers have been guaranteed employment, by State Legislation, for three years after the new Council is created at the March 15th, 2008 Elections.

The LTC has also approved an Interim Executive Organisational Structure that provides for six Directors reporting to the Chief Executive Officer. The structure had been developed by the Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr Colin O'Connor, in consultation with senior management of both Gatton and Laidley Shire Councils. Mr O'Connor will now work with Gatton and Laidley management to develop a complete Organisation Chart to allow all employees to know where they fit in the new Council. This will then be circulated to all staff to provide them with an opportunity to comment or take any concerns to the Interim Chief Executive Officer or the Employment Sub Committee.

The Committee has also agreed to employ a Design Consultant to develop a new Corporate Logo for the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. The Consultant will be asked to provide several concepts to the LTC who will then decide on the best method of public input into the designs before selecting the new Logo.

Any person wishing to correspond with the LTC should address all correspondence to: The Interim Chief Executive Officer, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, C/- PO Box 82 Gatton Qld 4343.

Authorised by Cr Steve Jones, Chairperson, LVRC LTC.