

# **The Lockyer Valley Regional Council Local Transition Committee**

## **News Release**

The Lockyer Valley Regional Council, Local Transition Committee (LTC) met at Gatton on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Mr Steve Heath attended the LTC meeting and gave a presentation on the latest development of a new Logo for the Lockyer Valley Regional Council. Mr Heath displayed several Logo designs depicting the unique characteristics of the Lockyer Valley. LTC members resolved to accept a design depicting the shape of the Lockyer Valley with colours and final wording to be decided by Mr Heath; the Interim Chief Executive Officer (ICEO) and the Laidley Shire and Gatton Shire Chief Executive Officers after consultation with the LTC members.

The LTC also received a progress report on amalgamation preparations from the ICEO that has been forwarded to the State Government. A requirement of the State Government is that the ICEO prepare and submit a Transition Action Plan progress report showing where preparation for amalgamation is up to and any perceived concerns with being ready for the March 15<sup>th</sup> Elections. The Lockyer Valley Regional Council Transition Action Plan progress report shows that the two Councils are well placed to be ready for business immediately after March 15<sup>th</sup>. The ICEO attributed this readiness to the excellent cooperation shown by the staff of both Gatton and Laidley Shire Councils.

The ICEO, as part of the progress report, presented a new Organisation Chart containing the interim positions with the new Council for every employee now employed by Gatton and Laidley Shires. The State Government's reform legislation requires all staff, except the two CEO's, be guaranteed positions for at least three years after the March 15<sup>th</sup> Election.

Minutes of the Meeting will be displayed on the LTC's website and the two Council's websites ([www.lockyervalleylrc.qld.gov.au](http://www.lockyervalleylrc.qld.gov.au); [www.gatton.qld.gov.au](http://www.gatton.qld.gov.au); and [www.laidley.qld.gov.au](http://www.laidley.qld.gov.au) ).

The next meeting of the LTC will be at Laidley Shire Council on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2008 commencing at 8.30am. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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.