



ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

26 NOVEMBER 2024

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**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**

1 OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor E W Oram
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M A Taylor
Councillor G D Mathers
Councillor E B Hilse

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 12 November 2024 be confirmed.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 LIFTING MATTERS FROM THE TABLE

File No: 11715
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

This report is being presented in order for matters that have been laid on the table at previous meetings to be formally lifted from the table prior to being dealt with at this meeting.

THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR ROCKHAMPTON SHOWGROUND AND VICTORIA PARK PRECINCT ENABLING WORKS

File No: 12534
Authorising Officer: Angus Russell - Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton
Author: Ann Davie - Senior Advisor Advocacy

SUMMARY

This report provides information about the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program and recommends a project to be considered for funding.

9:03AM Councillor Mathers attended the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council seeks funding for the Rockhampton Showgrounds and Victoria Park Improvements Project under the Australian Government's Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program – Stream Two: Precinct delivery; and

THAT should the grant be successful, a further report be provided to Council on all site options.

Moved by: Councillor Mathers
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 REVIEW OF CHARGES FOR FITZROY BARRAGE WATER SUPPLY SCHEME

File No: 1466
Authorising Officer: Peter Kofod - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Dan Toon - Manager Water and Wastewater

SUMMARY

Fitzroy River Water (FRW) has recently completed a 5-yearly review of charges for the Fitzroy Barrage Water Supply Scheme (FBWSS) in accordance with conditions of the standard supply contract used to administer water use within this scheme. This report summarises the process used to complete this review of charges and proposes new charges for adoption by Council and implementation over the next five years.

9:16AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting room

9:16AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting room

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the proposed new charges and associated price path for the Fitzroy Barrage Water Supply Scheme, as detailed in the report, be adopted by Council for implementation for the period from 2024-25 to 2028-29.

Moved by: Councillor Oram
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.3 PROCUREMENT FOR FITZROY RIVER FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY

File No: 12534
Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Infrastructure Planning
Peter Kofod - Acting Chief Executive Officer
Author: Stuart Harvey - Coordinator Infrastructure Planning

SUMMARY

Council has been successful in obtaining funding from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority for the development of a Flood Risk Management Study for the Fitzroy River Catchment. This report seeks Council's resolution on an amendment to the procurement policy for this specific project.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council endorse the application of Section 5.3 of the Local Preference Policy to the Fitzroy River Flood Risk Management Study tender.

Moved by: Councillor Taylor
Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.4 ANNUAL GOODS AND SERVICES SPEND ANALYSIS

File No: 5883
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Megan Younger - Manager Corporate and Technology Services

SUMMARY

Annual goods and services spend analysis for the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council receives the annual goods and services spend analysis for the period 1 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Mathers

Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 COUNCIL DELEGATIONS TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

File No: 12660
Authorising Officer: Damon Morrison - Manager Workforce and Governance
Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Shannon Jennings - Coordinator Legal and Governance

SUMMARY

This report seeks Council's approval for delegations under State legislation to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT:

1. Council resolves as per section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer, the exercise of powers contained in schedule 1 of the Delegation Register – *Local Government Act 2009* and the Delegation Register - *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Attachments 1 and 2 of the report);
2. These powers must be exercised subject to any limitations contained in schedule 2 of the Delegation Register – *Local Government Act 2009* and the Delegation Register – *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Attachments 1 and 2 of the report).

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford
MOTION CARRIED

11.6 CAPITAL PROJECT FRAMEWORK POLICY

File No: 11979
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Following feedback from Council and the recent adoption of the 2025 Meeting Schedule, the Infrastructure and Communities Project Reference Groups will now combine into a single Project Reference Group. The Capital Project Framework Policy and Project Reference Groups Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect this change.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council adopt the Capital Project Framework Policy as presented.

THAT Council approve the Project Reference Group Terms of Reference as presented.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11.7 WHOLE OF COUNCIL CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR PERIOD
ENDING OCTOBER 2024**

File No: 1392
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Deputy Chief Executive Officer presenting the Whole of Council Corporate Performance Report for period ending 31 October 2024 for Councillors' information.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Whole of Council Corporate Performance Report for period ending 31 October 2024 be "received".

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.8 FINAL MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL 2024

File No: 8151
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

Following the certification of the Financial Statements for the period ended 30 June 2024, the Final Management Report was received from the Queensland Audit Office (signed by HLB Mann Judd as delegate).

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Final Management Report for the 2023/2024 financial audit of Rockhampton Regional Council be received.

Moved by: Councillor Latcham
Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.9 DEBT (BORROWINGS) POLICY 2024/2025 AMENDMENT

File No: 5237
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

Chief Financial Officer presenting an update to the Debt (Borrowings) Policy 2024/2025 to Council for adoption.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the change to the Debt (Borrowings) Policy 2024/2025 as detailed in the report be adopted.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.10 SALE OF PROPERTIES FOR OVERDUE RATES - 2025

File No: 521
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

Council has the authority pursuant to section 140(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to sell the land described below for overdue rates and charges.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council:

- (a) Proceed with action to sell the properties as listed below (Property ID's provided) for overdue rates as provided for in *the Local Government Regulation 2012, Chapter 4, Part 12*; and
- (b) Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer its power to take all further steps under *Chapter 4, Part 12, Division 3 of the Local Government Regulation 2012* to effect sale of the land (including, for avoidance of doubt, the power to end sale proceedings).

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Moved by: Councillor Taylor

Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**11.11 SUMMARY BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31 OCTOBER 2024**

File No: 8148
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

The Chief Financial Officer presenting the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 31 October 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Rockhampton Regional Council Summary Budget Management Report for the period ended 31 October 2024 be received.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Oram

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.12 OCTOBER BUDGET REVIEW 2024

File No: 8785
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author: Marnie Taylor - Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY

Chief Financial Officer presenting updated budget estimates to 31 October 2024.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the October Budget Review 2024 report be received and the budget estimate changes be endorsed.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Adjourned**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:39AM
That the meeting be adjourned, to resume at 10:55AM

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting Resumed**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

10:56AM
That the meeting be resumed.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.13 EOI BOTANIC GARDENS STATUES - OPTIONS

File No: 16088
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Darren Toohey - Project Manager

SUMMARY

The scope of works as per the executed Building Better Regions Fund (Round 5) grant for the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens & Zoo Visitor Hub includes the installation of Public Art Animal Statues.

This report summarises the design brief, the process undertaken and the shortlist of conforming responses received from artists for Council to select the preferred option.

Suspension of Standing Orders**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

11:07AM

That pursuant to s7.8 Council Meeting Procedures the provisions of the Rockhampton Regional Council Meeting Procedures be suspended to allow adequate time for informal discussion on Item 11.13 – EOI Botanic Gardens Statues - Options prior to entering into formal debate.

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Resumed**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

11:18AM

That the meeting be resumed

Moved by: Mayor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT feedback provided by Council on statues be received.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford
Seconded by: Councillor Taylor

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

14 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

Nil

15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:21am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE



Animal Statues Botanic Gardens and Zoo

Purpose

An EOI was conducted for artists to submit their proposals for outdoor statues that reflect the zoo collection in a creative and highly interactive/engaging way.

- Five (5) tenderer submissions received
- Councilors to select preferred option/s

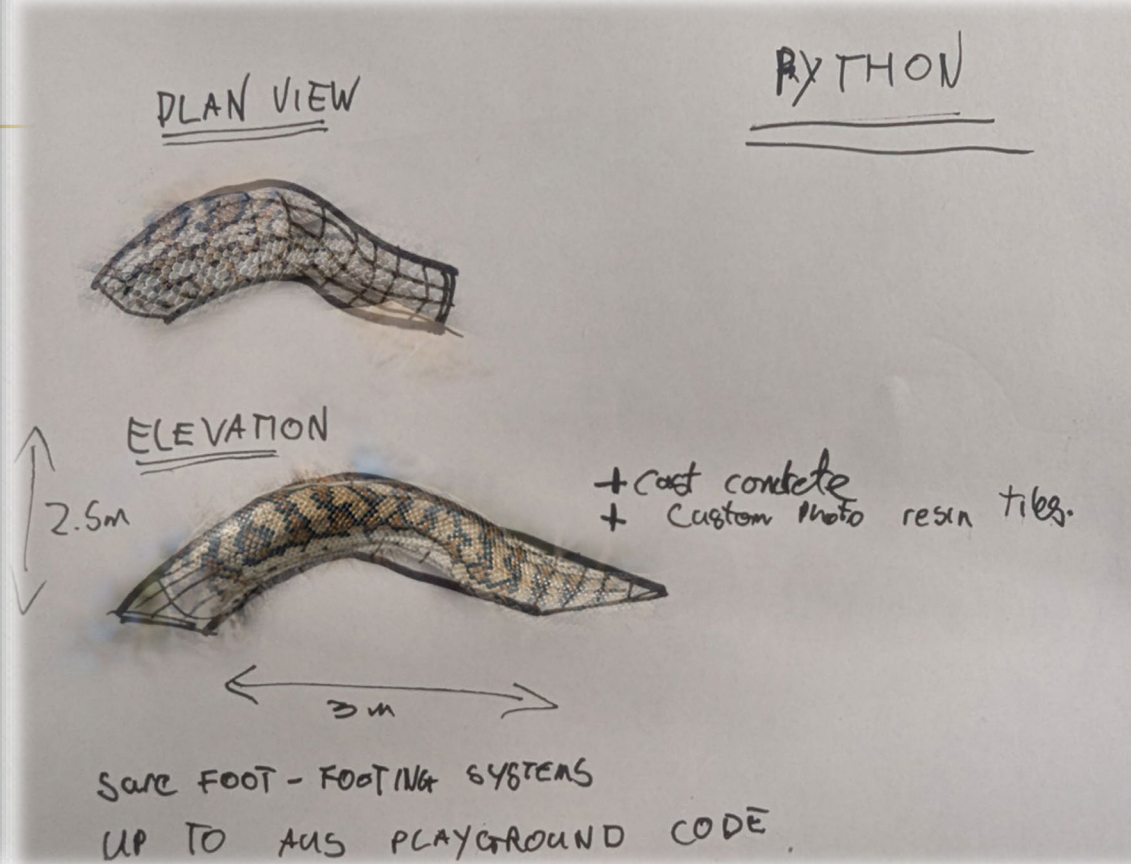
Option one

“Abstract snake”

CONCEPT

James Voller and Collide Public Art propose to create a series of three-dimensional photographic sculptures that celebrate the Rockhampton Zoo and encourage public interaction. James will take macro images of the zoo's inhabitants and embed these into custom-formed concrete sculptures through the use of cutting-edge architectural photographic tiles.

Each sculpture will be designed to relate to the form and movement of each animal in an abstract but recognisable way - for example resembling the curve of a snake, the crest of a cassowary, or the wing of a macaw. The photographic resin tiles can be cut and arranged to mimic natural elements like scales, feathers, or skin patterns, making each sculpture uniquely reflective of the animal it represents and allowing visitors a close-up and different perspective of the animals. These sculptures will serve as both visual and physical landmarks, designed for climbing and seating, emerging from the ground. The installation will be one-of-a-kind, specific to the zoo, and designed to invite interaction.



The works take photographs and translate them into mosaic resin tiles which will be placed on custom formed concrete shapes. The custom-formed reinforced concrete shapes, designed by Collide Public Art Initiative and produced by [Urban Art Projects], will be securely anchored on engineered footings. These materials have been successfully used in other public art installations, such as for Greenways Missing Links and Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi. The Grafico tiles, featuring an image layer embedded in a resin mosaic, are highly durable and come with a 10-year warranty. Since the image is embedded beneath the tile surface, it remains unaffected by environmental factors like UV rays, rain, and wear from high-traffic areas.

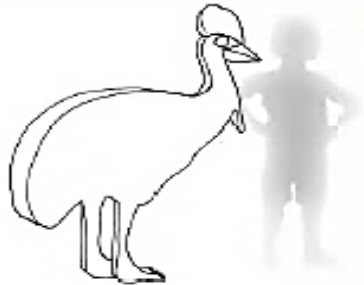
There is opportunity to integrate the works into the surrounding landscape with plants that have textures complementary to the animals, such as cycads and bromeliads, creating a connection between the zoo and surrounding botanical gardens.

Option two

“Toy-like / simplified shape”



Crocodile Open Jaw, (up to) 3000mm L x 1000mm T
\$15,000 + GST Subject to selection of materials and finishes



Cassowary (up to) 1800mm T
\$13,000 + GST Subject to selection of materials and finishes



Meerkats (up to) 1500mm T
\$9,000 + GST EACH
Subject to selection of materials and finishes



Crocodile Low, (up to) 3000mm L x 1400mm T
\$15,000 + GST Subject to selection of materials and finishes

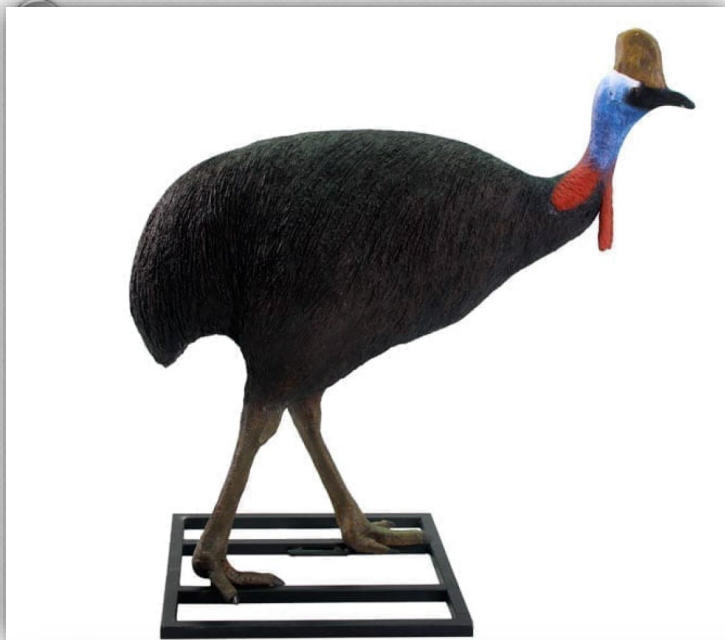


Sculptures (up to) 1200mm Tall
\$12,000 + GST
Subject to selection of materials and finishes



Option three

“Realistic / Life-like”



Cassowary - 1.05m long x 1.83m high.

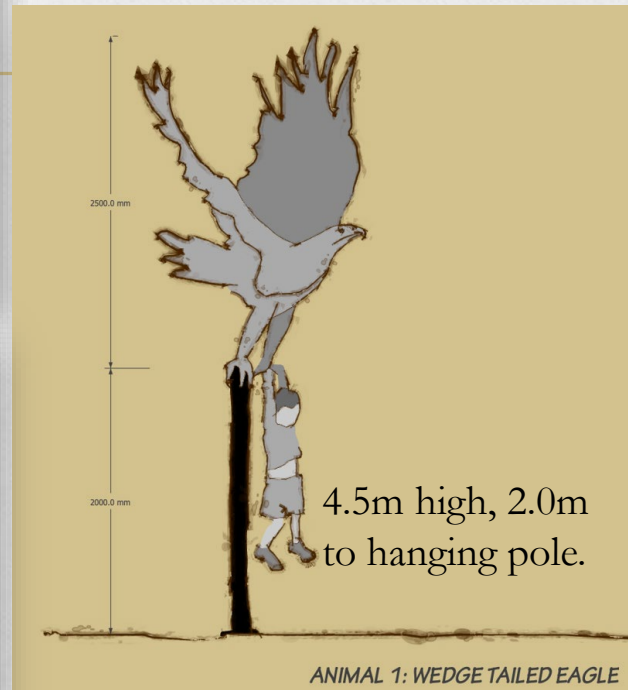
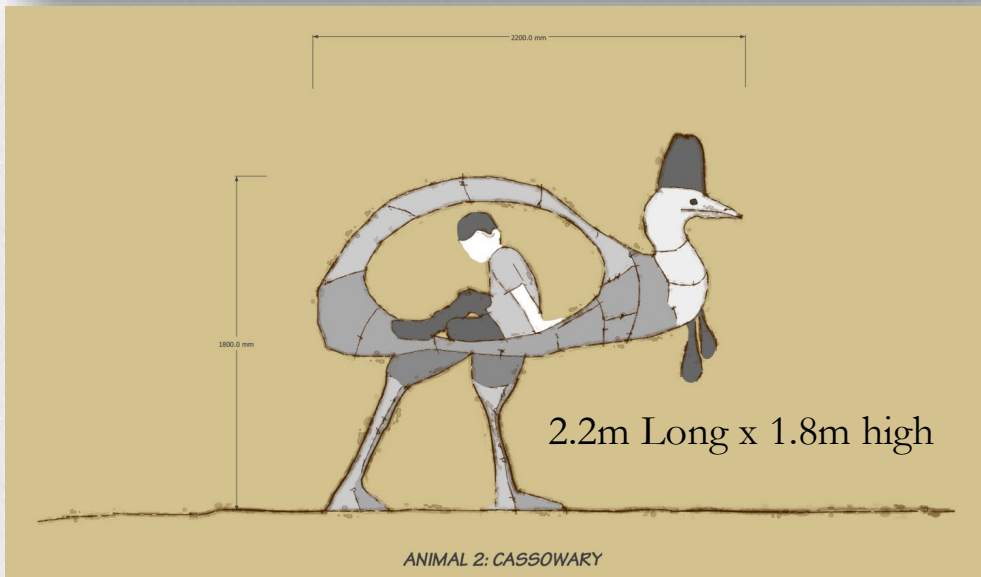
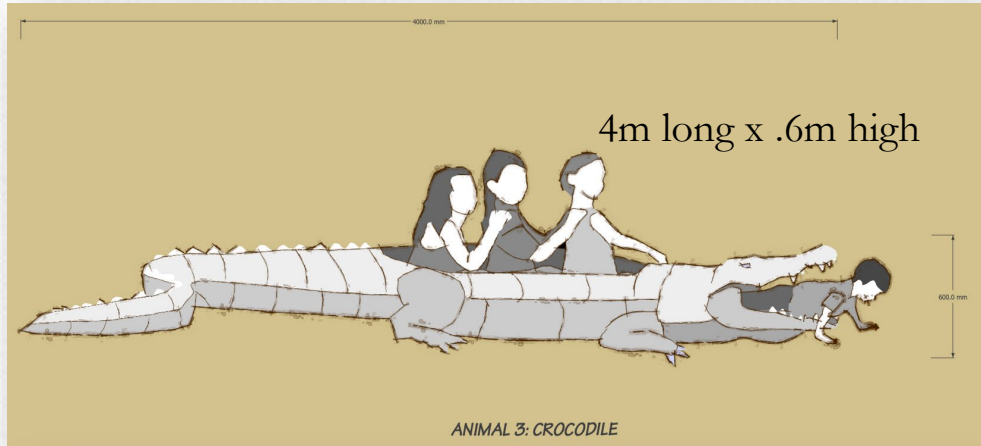
Cuddle Koala - 2.16m long x 2.75m high.

Python - 15m coiled to 5m, 0.84m high x 2.05m wide.

Chimp on Tree – 1.64m long x 1.06m high.

Option Four

“Metal work style”



Previous examples:



Option five

“Bronze statues”



Wombats - 0.7m long x 0.39m high.

Kangaroo's Pair - 1.85m long x 1.35m high.

Thill-necked lizard - 0.66m long x 0.33 high.

Considerations

- \$100,000 is currently allocated as part of the budget for the Visitor Hub project.
- Can mix and match between different suppliers/animal offerings or go with one supplier for multiple statues.
- Location for statues was indicatively nominated outside the new Zoo entrance among the Kauri pines and/or on the new deck surface.
- Each statue will be accompanied with an interpretive sign.
- Metal/Bronze Structures will last longer than Fibreglass in Central Queensland conditions.

Matrix

<p>Human Size Snake</p>	<p>Toy-Like Statues</p>	<p>Life-like Statues</p>	<p>Metal Statues</p>	<p>Bronze statues</p>
<p>\$65,000</p>	<p>\$12,000 - \$15,000 each</p>	<p>Cassowary/Chimp - \$7,500 Koala - \$20,000 Python - \$26,000</p>	<p>Eagle - \$44,000 Cassowary / Croc - \$33,000</p>	<p>Kangaroos (pair) - \$24,000 Wombat (pair) - \$25,000 Thrill neck lizard - \$ 4000</p>
<p>Reinforced concrete, resin mosaic tiles</p>	<p>Corten steel</p>	<p>Fiberglass</p>	<p>Steel</p>	<p>Steel</p>