

Granite Belt Community Association Inc. – Media Release
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ANOTHER STEP FORWARD ON THE DE-AMALGAMATION INITIATIVE

The Granite Belt Community Association is pleased to announce that we have engaged the services of Orion Consulting Network, represented by Mr David Spearritt to assist us with the preparation of the business case and financial feasibility of de-amalgamation. Mr Spearritt has over 40 years of experience in Local Government, including 15 years as a Senior Executive in the Brisbane City Council, 6 years as a Deputy Local Government Commissioner & Director of Financial Review and more recently 22 years as a highly regarded independent consultant on Local Government matters.

He has provided professional advice to 33 of the 77 local councils in Queensland, including the Southern Downs, Goondiwindi, Scenic Rim and Toowoomba Regional Councils. He has extensive experience on boundary change reviews and proposals, including the provision of key financial advice in the successful de-amalgamation reviews involving Noosa, Mareeba and Livingstone Councils.

“Mr Spearritt is highly regarded throughout Local Government in Queensland and was at the very top of our list of preferred consultants. We are absolutely thrilled to have secured the services of a consultant of this calibre,” said President, Rev Alan Colyer. “He has a Bachelor of Commerce and a Masters in Public Administration from the University of Queensland. His skills and experience will be invaluable in assisting the GBCA to produce a sound and robust Financial Analysis and Business Case for the De-amalgamation Proposal.”

Rev Colyer noted that the whole initiative was gaining momentum with appointment of the Hon Lawrence Springborg as Chairman of the Project Steering Committee and now the engagement of the consultant. Community support is now vital through this next stage and financial and other contributions are now urgently required to give this initiative the best possible chance of success.

We are well on our way to raising the funds and donations of any amount, big or small are welcome. If everyone who attended the rally and signed the petition donated \$15.00 we would be at our target. Donations can be made by direct deposit to Bendigo Bank, GoFund Me page or you can drop into Granite Belt Cleaning & Hospitality or Maddies Gift Gallery. For further details please visit our website www.granitebeltcommunity.com, Facebook page or contact Amanda Harrold 0432 467 966.

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