



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

7 JULY 2015

The Committee Recommendations contained within these Minutes were adopted at the Council meeting on 14 July 2015.

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**REPORT OF THE PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 9:02AM**

1 OPENING

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

Councillor C R Rutherford (Chairperson)
Acting Mayor, Councillor A P Williams
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor S J Schwarten

In Attendance:

Mr M Rowe – General Manager Community Services (Executive Officer)
Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Barrett – Manager Parks
Mr V Morrice – Coordinator Parks Restoration Projects
Ms F McRae – Marketing and Media Officer
Ms I Taylor – Governance Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the apologies from The Mayor, Councillor Margaret Strelow be received and leave of absence be granted to Councillor Rose Swadling for 5-8 July 2015 inclusive.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee held on 2 June 2015 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Williams
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. Business Outstanding Table for Parks and Recreation Committee
Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

The Business Outstanding table is used as a tool to monitor outstanding items resolved at previous Council or Committee Meetings. The current Business Outstanding table for the Parks and Recreation Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Parks and Recreation Committee be received.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

9.07AM Councillor Schwarten attended the meeting.

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 HEATING THE MOUNT MORGAN POOL

File No: 1464
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

SUMMARY

In late 2010 Council commissioned an engineering investigation into the Mount Morgan Heated Pool (also known as Mount Morgan Lap Pool) that identified a number of potential issues with the structure. Discussions around access to a heated facility in Mount Morgan have continued with a petition being submitted to Council by the community. This report addresses the provision of a heated water body.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT

1. Council support the Mount Morgan Pool operator in increasing annual visitation; and
2. Council Officers scope the project and release an Invitation to Quote for heating the 30m pool with findings to be presented to Council through a further report.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED

8.2 ZOO COLLECTION - MACAWS

File No: 1464
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

SUMMARY

Rockhampton Zoo houses exhibits of various native and exotic animals, including Macaws.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the acquisition of up to three (3) female Macaws for the Rockhampton Zoo.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Schwarten

MOTION CARRIED

8.3 RESTORATION PLAN FOR ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS POST TROPICAL CYCLONE MARCIA

File No: 805

Attachments:

1. Areas of Rockhampton Botanic Gardens
2. Restoration Areas and Approaches

Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Restoration Project

SUMMARY

Destructive winds associated with Tropical Cyclone Marcia (20 February 2015) caused extensive damage to botanical collections at one of the region's premier attractions, Rockhampton Botanic Gardens. This report outlines the program of work to be implemented to progress restoration of the Gardens.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the matter lay on the table pending an inspection to return to the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting on 4 August 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

8.4 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT "GREEN ARMY PROGRAM" ROUND 3

File No: 1171
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

The report seeks endorsement for Council to submit an application under the Green Army program for cyclone-damaged park restoration, weed clearing and amenity improvements at Fraser Park, Mt Archer.

9.35AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse:

1. Submission of an application for Project Sponsor status under the Green Army program;
2. That the preferred Green Army project is cyclone-damaged park restoration, weed clearing and amenity improvements at Fraser Park, Mt Archer; and
3. To investigate an environmental project within the town reaches of the Dee River.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED

9.36AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting.

9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

9.1 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE OPERATIONS REPORT - MAY 2015

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Parks and Open Space Operations Report - May 2015
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for the month of May 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for May 2015 and the verbal report on Kershaw Gardens be received.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Schwarten

MOTION CARRIED

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS QUESTIONS

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.56am.

CHAIRPERSON

SIGNATURE

DATE