



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

3 JUNE 2014

Your attendance is required at a meeting of the Parks & Recreation Committee to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 3 June 2014 commencing at 3:00pm for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
28 May 2014

Next Meeting Date: 01.07.14

Please note:

In accordance with the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, please be advised that all discussion held during the meeting is recorded for the purpose of verifying the minutes. This will include any discussion involving a Councillor, staff member or a member of the public.

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1 OPENING

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

Councillor C R Rutherford (Chairperson)
The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor S J Schwarten

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Rowe – General Manager Community Services

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee held 30 April 2014

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.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Business Outstanding Table for Parks and Recreation Committee

Meeting Date: 3 June 2014

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Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Due Date	Comments
1 April 2014	Regional Cemeteries - Capacity Assessment	THAT 1. the report be received; 2. a Development Plan for Gracemere Cemetery be progressed to facilitate use as an earth dug grave cemetery; 3. a further report that discusses the cost benefit for competing burial systems at the Rockhampton Memorial Gardens site be brought back to the table.	Vincent Morrice	15/04/2014	
30 April 2014	Community Services Capital Works Monthly Report – April 2014 – Parks and Recreation Committee	1. THAT the Community Services Capital Works monthly report for April 2014 for Parks and Recreation be received. 2. THAT an update on the status of the road works component and implications of time variation on the World War II Memorial Pool project be presented to the next Council meeting on 13 May 2014.	Andrew Collins	14/05/2014	

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

7.1 PRESENTATION FROM THE ROCKHAMPTON & DISTRICT JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

File No: 8020
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Kerri Dorman - Administration Supervisor

SUMMARY

Mr Michael Fletcher of the Rockhampton & District Junior Rugby League will attend the meeting to make a presentation to Council on behalf of the League in acknowledgement of Council's support for the Rhys Wesser Shield Carnival.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the presentation by Mr Michael Fletcher of the Rockhampton & District Junior Rugby League acknowledging Council's support for the Rhys Wesser Shield Carnival be 'received'.

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2014 – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

File No: 1464

Attachments: 1. Current Projects - Parks and Recreation Committee

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Andrew Collins - Special Projects Officer

SUMMARY

Project summary report for Capital Projects currently being delivered by Community Services Department on behalf of the Parks and Open Spaces section.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Capital Works monthly report for May 2014 for Parks and Recreation be received.

COMMENTARY

The attached is an update of projects currently being delivered for Communities information. Full confidential monthly reports are produced by the Special Projects Officer for each project and are available on request.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2014 – PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Current Projects - Parks and Recreation Committee

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Project Title	2013/2014 Approved Budget	Total Committed Cost	Project Status	% Complete	Comment Period
Southside Memorial Pool Redevelopment	\$8,587,808	\$8,531,953	Work In Progress	72%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o New 25m pool now under defects liability o Amenities block – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Building taken back over by builder for completion o Bench seating and aluminium screens currently being installed o Epoxy flooring to be laid end of month o Café / Entry building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Defective CAFÉ floor being replaced o Internal mechanical rough out complete o Wall linings being installed o Wall tiles being paid o LTS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Structural steel programmed for delivery and erection end of May o Plant room block walls completed and suspended deck formwork erected. Concrete pour programmed for the end of May o Redesign of Wet Play Area underway. Detailed design expected by the end of May o The repairs to the dive tower platform now underway. Further Engineering assessment being confirmed now sections of platform are accessible and have been removed. This has basically used up all project contingency.
Zoo Redevelopment – New Animal Enclosures	\$624,800	\$510,000	Work in Progress	98%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Project now in the final stages of completion by the contractor o Balance tank and filtration systems now installed. o Water filling and balancing anticipated end of May o Upper level; path and fence system completed o Council to commence plantings and soft landscaping works in the exhibits

**8.2 APRIL CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR PARKS AND RECREATION -
FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UNIT****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. Facilities Capital Progress Report for April
2014**Responsible Officer:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Sharon Sommerville - Coordinator Facilities

SUMMARY

This report provides information on progress of Parks and Recreation capital projects being undertaken by the Facilities Management Unit during April 2014.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the April Progress Report from the Facilities Management Unit in relation to Parks and Recreation capital projects be received.

APRIL CAPITAL PROGRESS REPORT FOR PARKS AND RECREATION - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT UNIT

Facilities Capital Progress Report for April 2014

Meeting Date: 3 June 2014

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Parks and Open Space Projects for 2013/14

Adopted Budget	Cost Centre	Project Title	YTD Actual	Committals	Total Committals	% Complete	Comment Period
\$50,000	0943056	[R] Amenities Program Renew and Upgrade	\$ 31,971	\$ 13,594	\$ 45,565	90%	This program includes the Victoria Park, Kershaw Gardens and the botanic gardens upgrade to existing toilet blocks. Both Victoria park and Kershaw gardens are completed
\$40,000	0983914	[R] Property Renewal Program - Spencer St	\$ 424	\$ 37,132	\$ 37,556	10%	ITQ awarded to contractor. Application to Ergon sent waiting for advice on start date
\$150,000	0985132	[R] Hugo Lassen Fernery Rectification	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		On hold
\$35,000	0987996	[R] Memorial Gardens office and chapel	\$ 27,011	\$ -	\$ 27,011	100%	Internal and external repainting, Replacement of carpets to Office and Chapel, replacement of two faulty ageing air conditioners and Tinting of various windows. Installation of new Blinds All Completed
\$225,000		Total Capital Expenditure	\$ 59,406	\$ 50,726	\$ 110,132		

8.3 REQUEST FOR TENURE FOR FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB AT BIRDWOOD PARK (KALKA SHADES)

File No: 1464

Attachments:

1. Proposed Lease area for Frenchville Sports Club
2. Current users of Birdwood Park

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

Author: Sophia Czarkowski - Sports & Education Officer

SUMMARY

Frenchville Sports Club uses a Council-owned building at Birdwood Park (commonly known as Kalka Shades), Water Street, Koongal (being Lot 1 LN2893) during the hockey season (March through September) and proposes to share use of the building with Rockhampton Cricket Inc. to allow them access to the building during the cricket season (September through March). Frenchville Sports Club requires tenure over the building to formalise its usage for insurance and security purposes. The fees paid will contribute towards the costs incurred by Council in owning and maintaining the building.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council grant Frenchville Sports Club a Freehold Lease for use of the nominated Council-owned building and land at Birdwood Park (being part Lot 1 LN2893) for a period of five (5) years from 1 January 2014 through 31 December 2018.

COMMENTARY

The building was built in partnership between Rovers Hockey, Rovers Cricket and Rockhampton City Council in the late 1980s. The building is owned by Council and carries a Council Asset ID number of 564615.

The building has been used by Rover's Hockey, which is now a Frenchville Sports Club (the Club) Team for approximately 14 years. The Club utilises the building during training and games for the purposes of access to toilets and running a canteen. The building is also used by the hockey team for meetings throughout the year.

Council Officers propose to assign tenure over the building to the Club so that it can continue to secure use of the building and it enables the Club's public liability insurance to be correctly assigned.

In 2010 Council Officers commenced preparation of a Lease and Licence for Frenchville Sports Club and draft versions were forwarded to the Club for review. The Club raised a number of concerns with Council regarding the Agreement; these concerns were not resolved at the time. The tenure arrangements were re-visited in August 2011 at which time the proposal involved the tenure arrangements for all Clubs utilising Birdwood Park. After discussion the tenure arrangements were put on hold pending the outcome of discussions with Council on the new charging system for sporting clubs.

Rockhampton Cricket Inc has shared use of the building primarily to access toilets during cricket season as Rockhampton Cricket Inc utilises wickets at Birdwood Park. Discussions have been held with both Clubs and both have agreed to a Lease being granted to Frenchville Sports Club and that the Lessee will organise access for Rockhampton Cricket Inc during the cricket season.

The following organisations currently utilise buildings and hockey fields at Birdwood Park:

- Park Avenue Brothers Hockey Club – Lease expires 30 June 2017
- Wanderers Hockey Club – Lease currently being renewed
- Rockhampton Hockey Association – Lease expires 30 June 2020

- Rockhampton Cricket Incorporated – Licence over fields approved and document being prepared
- Rockhampton Hockey Association – Licence over fields approved and document being prepared.

BACKGROUND

Council Officers met with the Club on 10 March 2014 to discuss the proposed Lease Agreement to formalise the Club's usage of Birdwood Park. At the meeting the Club was advised of the requirement to hold tenure over the building at Birdwood Park.

It is proposed that the Club be granted a Lease for the Council-owned building at Birdwood Park and be charged in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges, currently \$1,870 per annum. The Club will also be responsible for utility rates and charges associated with the building (water, sewerage and waste disposal).

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Rockhampton Regional Council is responsible for the maintenance of the building used by the Club at Birdwood Park and the following expenses have been incurred in recent years:

Financial Year	Building Maintenance	Electricity
2011/12	\$2,458.38	\$587.60
2012/13	\$1,330.21	\$626.91
2013/14	\$1,016.23	\$352.05

CONCLUSION

Formalising the tenure arrangements for Frenchville Sports Club's use of a Council-owned building in Birdwood Park will allow the Club security of tenure as well as providing a legal basis for their use.

REQUEST FOR TENURE FOR FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB AT BIRDWOOD PARK (KALKA SHADES)

Proposed Lease area for Frenchville Sports Club

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REQUEST FOR TENURE FOR FRENCHVILLE SPORTS CLUB AT BIRDWOOD PARK (KALKA SHADES)

Current users of Birdwood Park

Meeting Date: 3 June 2014

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8.4 ANN ST HOUSE, ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS

File No: 1464

Attachments: 1. Building Inspection Report - Ann St Dwelling
2. Aerial of Ann St house location

Responsible Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with background and findings of a condition assessment conducted on a vacant house located at the Ann Street entry to the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve submission of an application for a General Exemption Permit to Department of Environment and Heritage Protection seeking an exemption in order to demolish the vacant house at the Ann Street entry to Rockhampton Botanic Gardens.

COMMENTARY

The Council is being provided these details in an effort to seek approval to demolish the vacant house at the Ann Street entry to the Botanic Gardens as it doesn't perform a function that aligns with the purpose of the Botanic Gardens and it's uneconomical to repair and retain as a rental property.

BACKGROUND

There are two residential buildings on the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens reserve, one located at Ann Street entry gate and the Curator's House located at the Spencer Street Memorial Gate entry. Both have been managed as residential rental properties over previous years.

The Curator's House is listed in the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens Conservation Management Plan (CMP).

The Ann St house is not specifically mentioned in the CMP and located in the 'Outer Gardens' as defined in this management plan. See attached aerial indicating location of the house relative to the Botanic Gardens Ann St entry.

The house, vacated in late February 2014, has been inspected by Asset Services Unit; the building inspection report outlining a number of defects, priority works and cost estimate is attached. The report indicates that there are a significant number of issues with the Ann Street house and outlines the repairs required, with a cost estimate of \$95,000 plus, to enable it to be brought up to a condition appropriate for re-leasing.

The estimated costs are to repair identified defects and to improve standard of some elements where the current is no longer appropriate for the location or safe for use; and doesn't include provision for asbestos removal or latent conditions.

The house was rented for \$290 per week; which represents \$13,800 net annual return.

The outgoings (rates and water) for the house are included in the overall rates and water charges for the Botanic Gardens.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Funds for repairs to the house would need to be allocated in the 2014-15 Minor Capital Facilities Program. The priority of the house repairs when compared with a number of other wider community serving facilities is questionable. Leaving the house vacant for a longer period of time will bring about further deterioration.

If approved for demolition, the 2014-15 Minor Capital Facilities Program includes an allocation of \$60,000.

The Parks Revenue budget will be decreased by \$11,700.

Options considered

- Demolish
- Offer for sale and removal of whole house and/ or materials
- Repair and return to rental – managed by external real estate agent

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

The house is located within the Reserve boundary of the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and within the boundary of the heritage listing. Department of Environment and Heritage Protection officers have been consulted and advise that Council will require a General Exemption Permit (under the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*) to enable any works to the house, including demolition and to make good the site.

CONCLUSION

The residential dwelling situated adjacent to the Ann Street entry gate of the Rockhampton Botanic Garden is an anomaly; is not cited in the Conservation Management Plan as being of significance; has deteriorated in condition to the extent that in excess of \$95,000 is required to bring it back to standard; and the expected rental income from the residence is not sufficient to justify the expenditure on rectification works.

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Building Inspection Report - Ann St Dwelling

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Asset Services
Building Inspection

Ann Street Dwelling.



Address: 39 Ann Street The Botanical Gardens.
Asset ID: 582434
Inspected by: Dave Barnett
Inspection Date: 24/2/14.
Purpose: To provide a general assessment of the buildings current condition.

Rusted roofing iron.



Rusted roofing iron .



One section of new roofing iron on the southern end.



Roof sagged in one section.



Brick work between the post .



No support at the top of the brick walls.



Concrete posts breaking apart.



Concrete post breaking apart.



Super six Asbestos along the concrete slab edge.



Foot plate rusted on the western side verandah post



Eastern side verandah hand rails.



Western side verandah floor weathered.



The metal door frame is rusted at the laundry door.



The weather seal is loose and the door is rotten on the eastern storeroom door.



External paintwork marked and faded.



Internal paint work marked.



Gyprock ceiling joint in the lounge needs repair or a control joint provided.



Polished floors poorly finished.



Kitchen cupboard doors require adjusting.



Wall flanges not sealing against the wall.



Drain pipe from the air conditioner has been leaking in the bedroom robe.



Possible mould on the western wall of the store room.



Phone cable not secured.



T V Cable not secured.



Uneven Pavers around the house.



Uneven and missing pavers in the driveway a trip hazard.



Pavers uneven and a trip hazard.



Soil over the pavers on the southern side of the house.



Power service running through the trees.



Conclusions.

The building is in fair condition; however it requires some work to bring it to a good standard of repair. There has been an extension added of approximately 42m² to the southern side of the building at some stage, and some of the renovation work around the building is less than tradesman like in its finish, which includes the bricking in under the house.

The bracing has been removed and it has been bricked in between the post, there has been no rebate provided in the concrete slab, damp course, termite barrier, window sills or double courses of bricks for bracing provided, the top of the external brick walls is only just sitting under the bearers to secure the wall and it appears no brick ties have been used at the posts, on the brick internal walls there is no support provided for the top of the brick wall. At least six of the concrete posts supporting the house have concrete cancer, this is either caused by the reinforcement rusting and cracking the concrete or from spalling where the porous concrete is subject to chemical or mechanical injection and the block or mortar will freeze and crack. Repair of the posts may be possible; however the post may be further damaged when trying to repair it. There has also been two posts remove in the northern rumpus room and the bearer has been plated with steel angle iron.

The gutters have been remove from the house and the barge flashing is damaged on the northern side, the roof is rusted and in poor condition ,more so on the northern end, the sheets are loose under foot and some of the lead heads are missing off the nails. One section of the roofing iron has been replaced towards the southern end and in this area the roof appears to have sagged in one section which will need to be repaired when the roof is replaced, the soffit sheeting at the vent pipe on the eastern side of the house is also rotten and this soffit sheeting may contain Asbestos.

The external and internal paint work paint work is faded, marked and poor looking in appearance, the internal floors have been polished at some stage and the drum marks from the floor sander can be seen in the floor and the clear coat has sawdust through it, as the floor has not been cleaned thoroughly before it has been applied. Some of the windows have the locking clips missing in the northern and south western bedrooms, in the robe of the south west bedroom the air condition drain has been leaking causing some minor damage.

The verandah handrails on the eastern side only have a top and centre rail leaving a large gap that a child could fall through, on the western side verandah one of the posts has the foot plate rusted off on one side and the flooring is well weathered. The concrete floor to store room under the house on the southern side runs positively to the western end, on the north western corner it appears water has been laying there an unable to drain away which has left an area of mould that is a health and safety issue, this may have been from when it was hosed out, the head height in this room is also low.

There are also a lot of minor repairs required such as the kitchen cabinets doors need adjusting, there are no catches to the back of the doors to hold them open and the wall flanges in the shower cubical need to be sealed to prevent water penetrating behind the shower wall, the keys for the house also need to be sorted out and keyed alike. The plumbing and fixtures are in reasonable condition and the hot water service looks to be new. The electrical installations appear to in reasonable condition also, with smoke alarms fitted to both levels of the house.

There is a large paved area around the house which is all uneven, an on the southern side soil has built up over the paved area, the paved driveway is also uneven, more so on the western end near the gate way where some pavers are sitting up or missing which is a trip hazard, levelling these areas would only be temporary safety measure, and considerations should be given to remove all paver and provide a concrete or crusher dust type drive and walk ways. Some of the fence panel on the western side are also damaged. The power service line runs from the pole on the northern fence line through to the northern gable end of the house, between these points there are tree and vegetation overhanging the line which may bring the service down in a storm leaving a live cable exposed.

Please note. If any of the concrete posts are to replace the existing brickwork will have to be removed as there will be no support for the brick walls. This will require major renovations to the house. Attention should also be directed to the internal brick walls that are not supported at the top of the wall.

Recommendations.

Issues requiring attention.

1. Priority. Remove the broken Asbestos sheeting from the bottom of the concrete slab on the western side of the building.
2. Priority. Level all uneven pavers around the house and driveway.
3. Priority. Repair the rusted verandah post.
4. Priority. Remove the mould of the north western corner wall in the storeroom and provide a drain to allow any water to escape.
5. Priority. Seal the wall flanges on the shower cubical wall
6. Priority. Trim the overhanging tree away from the power service line on the northern side of the house.
7. Priority. Repair the leaking air conditioner drain pipe in the bedroom robe
8. Adjust all binding kitchen cupboard doors.
9. Replace the rusted roofing iron and flashings and repair any sagged roof members.
10. Repair the soffit sheeting at the vent pipe on the eastern side of the house, please note this sheeting may contain Asbestos.
11. Repaint all previously painted interior and exterior surfaces. Please note Lead paint may be present on the exterior surfaces.
12. Replace or provide a barrier to prevent falling through the eastern handrails.
13. Restump the building and remove the brick work.
14. Replace the rusted metal door frame on the eastern side of the building.
15. Secure all loose phone and TV cabling
16. Key all door locks alike.
17. Replace the eastern door and secure the weather seal on the western door of the storeroom door.
18. Provide a regular termite inspection program.

An indicative price for these repairs is \$95000.

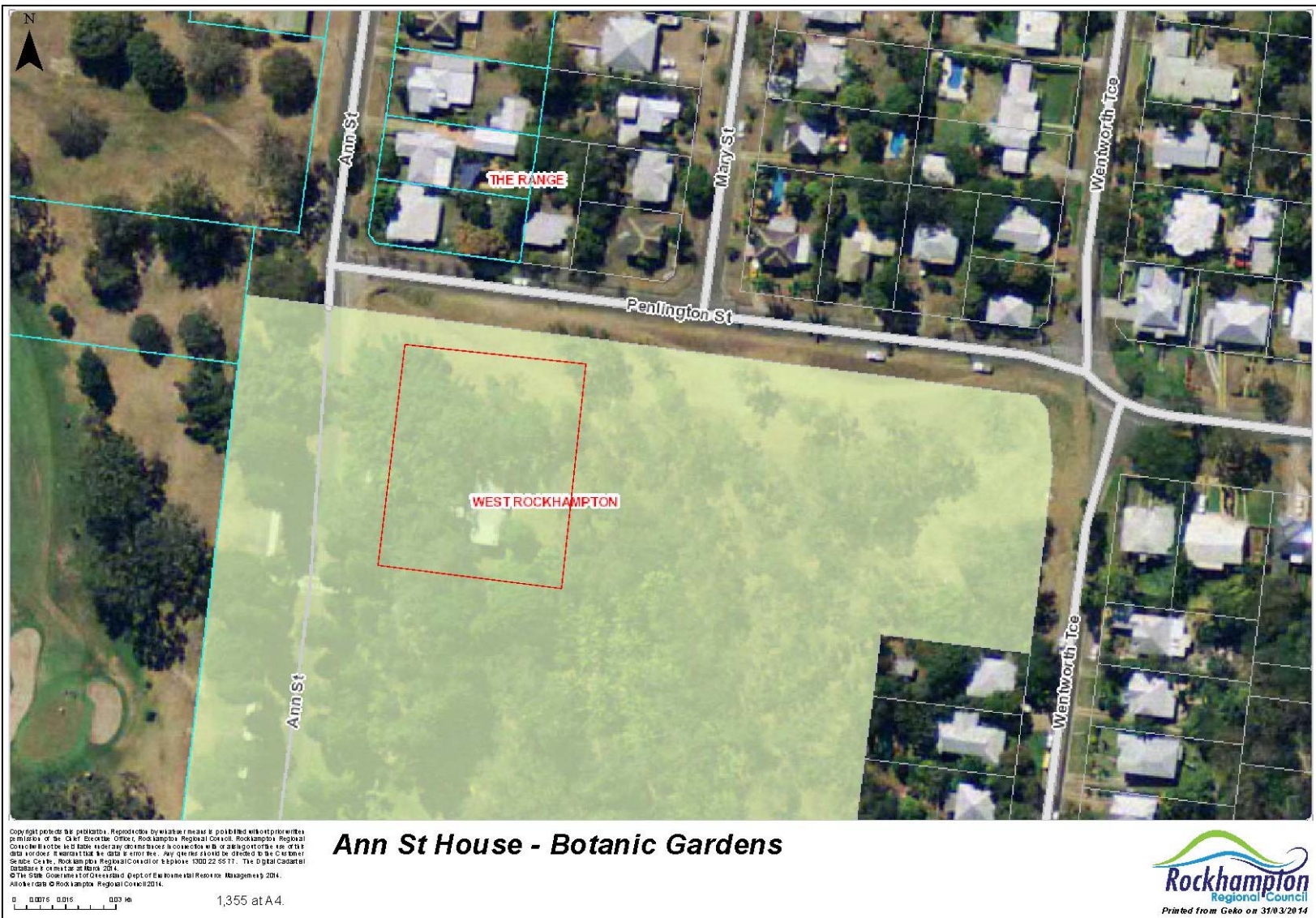
Please Note No allowances have been made for latent cost, Asbestos removal or lead paint.

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Aerial of Ann St house location

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Attachment No: 2



8.5 YAAMBA ROAD MEDIAN

File No: 1464

Attachments: Nil

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

The health, condition and appearance of remaining Washingtonia palms in the median of Yaamba Road between Richardson Road and Sheehy Street continue to decline. The report details this condition, contributing factors and outlines a restoration proposal.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves:

1. The removal of the remaining Washingtonia palms from the median.
2. Restoration of the median with smaller tree species, in the interests of restoring the aesthetic appearance of the roadway

BACKGROUND

The median is located in Yaamba Road between Richardson Road and Sheehy Street, is 350 m long x 12 m wide bounded by two high-volume traffic lanes constituting the north and south bound Bruce Highway. This highway is the main arterial route through Rockhampton and as such experiences a year-round high traffic volume comprised of both passenger and heavy-haulage vehicles. The surrounding land use is 7 day / week commercial and retail for which Yaamba Road is the principle means of access.



Fig. 1 - Site location

The principle planting within the median is a single centre-line grove of Washingtonia palms (*Washingtonia filifera*), the full length of the median. Indications are that approximately 60 were planted along the median during the early to mid-1990's. Initially the median was turfed but this was removed and replaced with woodchip mulch sometime between 2000 and 2005 to alleviate the ongoing need for mowing in a high traffic environment. Irrigation is installed in the median.

Washingtonia filifera is native to desert and arid regions along watercourses and in open areas where groundwater is present in California, Arizona and Mexico. It is often referred to as being drought-tolerant, but this is not entirely true as it always occurs near water in its natural state. It is commonly called the *Petticoat Palm* due to its habit of retaining marcesant (spent) fronds clinging to the trunk. In cultivation these need to be removed as they constitute a fire hazard, and can become a host site for rodents as well as several species of palm borer beetles.



Fig. 2 - *Washingtonia filifera* showing marcesant fronds

Out of the original 60 *W. filifera* planted, approx. 20 remain; the others have died and been removed over the course of recent years. There are several factors that have been identified as (either singly or in combination) contributing to this demise. Principle factors have been identified as shallow planting depth, inappropriate species selection, radiated heat, wind shear, water availability and weevil attack.

Plants under stress are more susceptible to pest and disease attack than plants that are healthy. A high incidence of infestation by Red Palm Weevil (*Rhynchophorus ferrugineus*), otherwise known as Coconut Weevil has been found in dead palms removed from the median.



Fig. 3 -Red Palm Weevil larvae

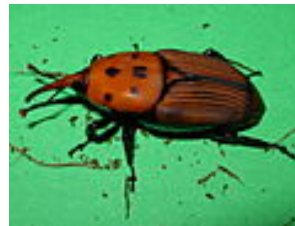


Fig. 4 -Red Palm Weevil adult

Comparisons have been made between a stand of *W. filifera* growing in deep sandy loam at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and those growing in the Yaamba Rd median. Both groups of palms are estimated to be of the same age. These comparisons showed a distinct difference in trunk diameter between the two sites. Whilst differences between sites can be expected, it is not normal for the difference to be as great as it is in this instance. A shallowing of trunk diameter is normally indicative of environmental issues attached to the site; usually associated with water. Since water plays a major part in plant photosynthesis to produce food, this can have nutritional ramifications as well.

Whilst the average overall height of the specimens was quite similar, a distinct difference in canopy size and appearance was noted. 50% of the specimens on the Yaamba Road median displayed an undersized or underdeveloped canopy. This is unusual for mature specimens, except where stress issues exist, eg water availability. Where the availability of water is insufficient to meet the dimensional needs of a plant in maintaining its turgidity, the normal reaction from the plant is to reduce the amount of foliage it needs to service water to; in the case of palms, this is the number of fronds. In doing this, however, the plant compromises its nutritional needs and weakens its ability to withstand or resist secondary influences such as pest and disease attack.



Fig. 5 - Washingtonia filifera with incomplete canopy, in the Yaamba Rd median



Fig. 6 - Washingtonia filifera with complete canopy in Rockhampton Botanic Gardens

A median restoration works program has been designed. The summary scope is remove the remaining *Washingtonia Filifera*, test and replenish/ condition the soil, repair irrigation (as required) and replant with advanced Lagerstroemia and Tabebuia Argentea in purple, pink and yellow.

Works are estimated to be able to be completed over three weekends (lane closures required) in July/ August 2014.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The cost is estimated at \$65,750 and included in the 2014/15 Parks Operational budget.

CONCLUSION

The median is an important amenity entry statement for the city and located in a popular commercial and retail precinct. The current amenity value is degraded and restoration is required.

9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

9.1 PROGRESS REPORT - JARDINE PARK DETENTION BASIN BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE

File No: 2479
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

SUMMARY

A preliminary investigation has been completed into placing a stormwater backflow prevention device on the Ramsden Street drainage outlet to the Jardine Park Stormwater detention basin.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the progress report on the Jardine Park Detention Basin Backflow Prevention Device be received.

COMMENTARY

Council Officers have undertaken a preliminary investigation into the implications of placing a duck bill valve backflow detention device on the outlet to the Jardine Park detention basin system.

Duck bill valves cause a considerable head loss (loss of capacity) on the pipe outlet on which they are fixed. This investigation was undertaken to investigate the possible consequences that may arise from the reduced capacity on the drainage outlet to the detention system caused by the installation of a duck bill valve. The preliminary investigation indicates the following.

1. Using a duckbill valve to prevent water from the Fitzroy River flowing into Jardine Park has an impact on the ability of the piped outlet system to drain Jardine Park in a local rainfall event.
2. The impact on the piped outlet system causes a greater level of flooding (approx. 200mm) in the detention basin resulting in additional flooding within properties neighbouring Jardine Park.
3. As the impacts from the local rainfall events are likely to occur more frequently than a Fitzroy River flood event then the benefit gained by the properties protected by a duck bill valve backflow device comes at the expense of the properties adjacent to the detention basin.

It is clear that the afflux issue caused by the duckbill valve will need to be overcome or an alternative found if this project is to proceed. In order to address the afflux created by a duck bill valve, multiple pipes would be necessary on the outlet structure at considerable cost. This does not appear viable.

A more realistic option in addressing this issue is to look at whether a different valve arrangement such as a flap valve, sluice valve or penstock arrangement provides a better result. Investigations on backflow prevention devices carried out on behalf of Brisbane City Council arrived at the following broad conclusions.

1. Flap gates can provide higher stormwater flow capacities at lower head loss than duck bills and would be likely to be preferred where maintaining the design performance of the stormwater outfall is paramount or where only a low cost device is likely to be justified.

2. Duckbills are suited to mounting in the intertidal parts of the river and creek banks where the outfall may be subject to siltation and where the collection of debris could adversely affect the performance of the modified outfall in a minimal monitoring and maintenance location.

Less structural works are required for mounting duckbills directly on to outfall pipes and headwalls because they are more resilient to the effects of flood flows and the effects of debris and siltation.

Flap gates can be manufactured from corrosion resistant materials such as aluminium and stainless steel and be configured to have the greater strength required for high discharge rate/ low resistance outfalls in tidal flow areas.

Large rectangular flap gates appear to be more widely used in situations where large runoff rates are required to be passed through culverts below river banks or flood levees.

It would appear from these conclusions that a flap valve would be more suited to be fitted to the outlet pipe on the detention system as there is minimal head loss and therefore design capacity can be maintained, the location of the fitting point for the flap valve in Ramsden street is easily accessible for maintenance purposes and siltation of the outlet is unlikely.

In order to proceed with a final recommendation on this project, the following outstanding actions are required to be completed.

Confirmation of flood modelling using a flap valve on the outlet to the detention system.

Confirmation that the loss of flood storage in Jardine Park during a Fitzroy River flood event does not cause excessive afflux in other areas subject to flood inundation.

Review of local topography and confirmation of drainage network to ensure that flood waters will not be redirected on alternative paths to the detention system.

Review of sewer network system to ensure that flood waters will not bypass the backflow prevention device through the existing sewer system or house drains.

As there are no Council resources available to continue with this work at this point in time, AECOM, the consultants undertaking investigations into the proposed backflow prevention devices for the northern side of the river, have been engaged to undertake this work. It is likely that this work will commence in June but is subject to the completion of the drainage analysis for the South Rockhampton Flood Levee and the North Rockhampton Backflow Prevention device study.

BACKGROUND

The Parks and Recreation section have allocated a figure of \$20,000 in this years budget to put a duck bill valve on the 900dia RCP that discharges at Ramsden Street into the Ski Gardens. From discussions with the former Manager of that section it was understood that they were trying to prevent the backflow from a Fitzroy River flood pushing back up into Jardine Park and inundating those sporting facilities. It was also understood that this would also prevent backflow surging back up through some of the gully pits around the residential streets as well and prevent inundation of some properties. It appears that the \$20,000 budget estimate was based around a valve supplier quote of circa \$15,000 leaving \$5,000 for installation.

Engineering Services were requested to investigate possible implications of installing a duckbill device at this location. A stormwater investigation carried out in 1999 indicated that it was the outlet capacity ie the 900 dia RCP that was controlling the flood height in the Jardine Park detention basin and so concerns were raised that water levels in the detention basin and the time for the detention basin to discharge would increase as a result of these works. Preliminary investigations have been undertaken but progress has been slowed considerably by competing priorities.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The following resolution was adopted by Council in July 2013.

That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to co-ordinate an engineering response on the ability of a duckbill valve to mitigate flooding in Jardine Park locality and report back to Council.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Parks and Recreation section have been allocated \$20,000 in the 2013/14 capital budget to install a duckbill valve on the outlet to the Jardine Park detention system. It is likely that the majority of this budget will need to be carried forward into the 2014/15 financial year to enable completion of this project.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Consult on, advocate, plan, deliver and maintain the range of urban and rural public infrastructure appropriate to the region's needs, both present and future.

CONCLUSION

The proposed installation of a duckbill valve on the outlet to the Jardine Park detention system does not appear viable. It is likely that a flap valve or a sluice valve at this location will provide the outcome that Council are seeking. A number of investigations are required to be completed to confirm that a backflow prevention device will work as intended and not cause other issues in the local area.

9.2 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT**File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. Parks & Open Space Monthly Report - April 2014**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 April 2014

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit of April 2014 be received.

COMMENTARY

The Parks and Open Space Unit is responsible for the following areas:

1. Park Recreation Services
 - Kershaw Gardens
 - Rockhampton Botanic Gardens
 - Rockhampton Zoo
 - Cemeteries
 - Sport and Education
 - Sport and Education Services
 - Healthy Communities Initiative
 - Swimming Pools
2. Park Operations
3. Capital projects

The attached report contains information on the activities and services of these areas for April 2014.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE REPORT

Parks & Open Space Monthly Report - April 2014

Meeting Date: 3 June 2014

Attachment No: 1

1. PARKS RECREATION SERVICES

1.1 Kershaw Gardens

The *Friends of the Gardens* have been liaising with Kershaw Gardens staff to arrange further plantings of Australian natives in the area known as "SGAP Hill" (SGAP=Society for Growing Australian Plants). Staff have also been busy with re\planting sections of the Rainforest areas as well as renovating beds in the Dowling St car park.

Investigations have commenced into more efficient waterfall pump.

Workshops conducted under the *Creative Capricorn* initiative have continued as scheduled on alternate Saturdays.

1.2 Rockhampton Botanic Gardens

During April, significant work effort was directed towards preparations for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Usual maintenance activities were also completed to ensure that the Gardens presented well for our numerous visitors over the two long weekends and school holidays.

Workshops conducted under the *Creative Capricorn* initiative have continued as scheduled on alternate Saturdays.

1.3 Rockhampton Zoo

The two new crocodile enclosures are approaching completion and plans are underway to transfer the animals once completed. The exhibits will not open for public viewing until the crocodiles have settled in.

1.4 Cemeteries

Statistics

	Memorial Gardens		North Rockhampton		Gracemere		Mt Morgan		Bajool	
April 2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Burials	5	7	3	1	2		1			
<i>Plots sold</i>	4	6			1		1			
<i>Reopens</i>	1	1	1							
<i>Reserved Sites used</i>										
Ashes interred	4	2	1	2	1					
<i>Ashes plots sold</i>	3	1			1					
<i>Reopens</i>		1								
<i>Reserved Sites used</i>										
Chapel/Other Services	11	8								
March	2013	2014								
TOTAL ASHES INTERRED	6	4								
TOTAL BURIALS	11	8								
CREMATIONS *	48	43								

* These figures are taken from TMB advertisements only.

Memorial Gardens and Administration

A new access ramp to the pathway leading into the Chapel has been installed. Trip hazards along the pathway (caused by root incursion) were also repaired.



A new electronic Cemetery Management System (Database) has been sourced to replace the existing system which is no longer supported. Staff are working with IT Services to plan and execute transition to the new system.

North Rockhampton Cemetery

Cemetery grounds are being maintained as required.

Gracemere Cemetery

Cemetery grounds are being maintained as required. Options are being investigated for the repair and/or renewal of perimeter fencing.

Mount Morgan Cemetery

Cemetery grounds are being maintained as required.

1.5 Sport and Recreation

1.5.1 Sport and Education Services Monthly Report

Activity	Result
Club Capacity Building – KickStartCQ Website Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The KickStartCQ website is updated weekly with information for the community on sport and recreation clubs, health services providers and gyms in our Region - The fortnightly e-bulletin continues to be distributed to our networks including sport and recreation clubs and community members
Club Capacity Building – Club Fact Sheets	<p>Completed Fact Sheets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application for Improvement Works - Community Waiting List - Tenure Renewal Application - Creating a Club <p>Upcoming Factsheets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of Club Governance

1.5.2 Healthy Communications initiative

Rockhampton Regional Council has received \$566,042 from the Commonwealth for the execution of the Healthy Communities Initiative. Rockhampton Regional Council has developed and is implementing the KickStartCQ – Cook It! Move It! Do It! Project (The Project) under the Healthy Communities Initiative.

The Healthy Communities Initiative aims to help reduce the prevalence of overweight and obesity within the target populations of participating communities by maximising the number of adults engaged in physical activity and healthy eating programs.

The initiative targets adults (over 18) who are not currently in the paid workforce or receiving a prescribed Centrelink benefit and are at risk of chronic disease.

Highlights

- KickStartCQ has been involved in the Big Cook Little Cook program run by the Salvation Army, the Healthy Communities Project Coordinator is visiting programs to speak directly to participants about the KickStartCQ suite of programs.
- Participants are preparing for the 2014 Rocky River Run to be held on 25 May 2014. Walking and outdoor fitness sessions are including more endurance based exercises to ready participants for the walk/run. The Healthy Communities Project Coordinator and Sport and Education Supervisor have assembled a team of ten (10) volunteers to assist at the finish line to hand out bottled water.

Project 24 Update:

Project 24 is a pilot program combining Council's general community KickStartCQ program and the Healthy Communities Initiative. The program aims to teach members of the public how to take advantage of physical activity in their daily lives. The program consists of free no nonsense introductory sessions into health and fitness.

The first round of Project 24 ceased on 3 May 2014. Feedback received to date has been overwhelmingly positive and many participants have reported their intention to continue in structured physical activity. A number of the group members have also arranged to continue to meet and carry out their own fitness activities at the river bank and Huish Drive. A survey will be distributed in the coming weeks to investigate the number of participants who have continued with a physical activity routine.

Unfortunately, participation become sporadic following the break over Easter holidays and regular attendance numbers dropped in the final weeks of the program from 25 – 35 at each session to 15 – 20 participants at each session. Many participants provided their apologies and listed various reasons for non-attendance including, sickness, work commitments and family commitments.

As part of the program fitness testing was conducted in weeks one, five and eight and the following results have been noted:

	Week One	Week Five	Week Eight	Percentage improvement from Week One
Average number of sit ups	21.8	28.9	29.3	34%
Average number of squats	23.3	30.0	38.3	64%
Average number of lunges	18.0	22.8	30.0	67%
Average number of shuttle runs	12.4	13.9	18.0	45%
Average number of push ups	20.2	26.5	29.3	45%
Average length of time to complete 1km run	7 min 34 sec	6 min 43 sec	5 min 41 sec	25%

The following testimonials were provided by Project 24 participants:

- My experience with project 24 has been nothing but positive. From the very beginning the project has been extremely well organised, the trainers always knew what to do and never seemed unsure of how to handle anything. The fact that the project was always different made exercising so much more fun. I would definitely be keen to do the project again if it was offered. The only suggestion I have would be the possibility of afternoon classes in conjunction with morning, especially during winter! :) Overall, the experience was awesome and I cannot praise it enough! – Participant number 16*
- My feedback for Project 24 is that it was a well-planned project that was certainly an asset to Rockhampton as health and fitness is becoming something people want to jump on board with every day it gave EVERYONE the opportunity no matter age or financial situation to get started and feel good about making a change. The instructors were approachable and helpful as well as knowledgeable when it came to helping everyone. The only constructive criticism I would give for if this type of program was to be run again would be to supply more information in the booklets if possible about nutrition and meal planning as this is something that obviously goes hand in hand with exercise and I think a lot of people don't know as much about nutrition and the food they are consuming. Besides that Project 24 was a wonderful experience (for the sessions I was able to attend) and I would certainly recommend it to anyone wanting to make the change and looking for a place to start ☐ Thank you for all your hard work and time you put into making this possible for everyone ☐ - Participant Number 11*

Based on the program participation rates, feedback and fitness testing results a second round of Project 24 will be held commencing on 23 June 2014, over five (5) weeks at Stapleton Park and Huish Drive. A comparison of results and feedback based on the eight

(8) week programs and five (5) week program will facilitate in setting program duration for further rounds of Project 24.

Healthy Communities Initiative Outlook

- Registration numbers have seen a decline over the past couple of months with attendance numbers at programs also seeing a slight decrease. The decrease in attendance numbers is particularly due to non-participation from our younger audience (under 40 with children at home). School holidays/Easter break has appeared to effect motivation levels with a number of participants self reporting being 'lazy' or 'slack' and simply having a hard time getting back into a routine after the school holidays. Further investigation by the Healthy Communities Project Coordinator into attendance trends at other local fitness facilities and health providers has revealed that other service providers are also experiencing the same decrease in attendance. The Healthy Communities Project Coordinator has deduced that this may be due to the time of the year and many fitness goers 'burning out' after working toward New Year goals coupled with individuals having a hard time getting back into a routine after the Easter break.
- The Healthy Communities Project Coordinator is currently progressing through the development of a Community Health and Wellbeing Guide which includes information on exercise, nutrition and wellbeing in our Region. CQ Medicare Local and other local businesses have provided some content for the publication. Marketing and Engagement has provided the first draft of the booklet and the layout is currently being reviewed.

2014 Program Suite:

- Aquafit will be hosted at the WWII Memorial Pool Complex by Lane 4 Aquatics
- MoveFit – strength and conditioning for older Australians will be hosted by:
 - Yeppoon Jungle Gym (formerly NPFitness)
 - CQUniversity Sports Centre
- Men's Only Strength and Conditioning Sessions will continue to be delivered by CrossFitCQ
- HeartMoves will be delivered by Mr Ian Jenkins
- Outdoor Gym Sessions will be delivered by the Healthy Communities Project Coordinator in Rockhampton and by Yeppoon Jungle Gym for Yeppoon
- CQ TAFE will continue to provide cooking classes increasing from monthly classes to weekly classes
- The Stockland Rockhampton Walking Group, Stockland Striders, will continue to walk Mondays to Fridays from 7am to 8am.
- The CQUniversity Sports Centre partnership will continue with eligible participants able to access the sports centre for free
- Label reading workshops will continue to be held on a semi-regular basis. These sessions are hosted by CQ Medicare Local.

Updates:

Program	As at 28 February 2014	As at 31 March 2014	As at 30 April 2014
MoveFit	44 Movefit participants	51 Movefit participants. MoveFit is proving to grow in popularity each week with a number of participants 'graduating' from Heartmoves into Movefit which is more physically challenging.	52 Movefit participants.
Heart Moves	86 members have participated in Heartmoves. 159 participants have registered their interest in attending.	112 participants. Heartmoves continues to be popular with all sessions attracting 25 – 30 participants.	112 participants. Heartmoves continues to be popular with all sessions attracting 25 – 30 participants.
Outdoor Gym Sessions	133 members have participated in walking group/outdoor group fitness.	135 members have participated in walking group/outdoor fitness	137 members have participated in walking group/outdoor fitness
CQ TAFE Cooking Classes	153 participants. Next session 3 March 2014.	177 Participants. The next cooking class will be held on 28 April 2014.	193 participants. The next cooking class is scheduled for May 12.
Food Label Reading Workshops	42 participants. Next session scheduled for March 2014	50 participants. Next session scheduled for May 2014.	50 participants. Next session scheduled for May 2014.
Heart Foundation Walking	133 participants.	168 participants have attended a walking group (Stockland/Rigarlsford park/Botanic Gardens)	170 participants have attended a walking group (Stockland/Rigarlsford park/Botanic Gardens)
CQUni Partnership	203 participants registered to utilise the CQUni gym facilities.	205 participants registered to utilise the CQUni gym facilities. 65 have actively participated in Feb/March.	205 participants registered to utilise the CQUni gym facilities. 123 visits were recorded in April from 28 participants.
Aquafit	4 new participants. 76 members in total have attended an Aqua Fit session.	107 participants in total have attended Aqua sessions.	107 participants in total have attended Aqua sessions.
Men's Strength and	17 participants.	19 men actively participate once or	19 men actively participate once or

Program	As at 28 February 2014	As at 31 March2014	As at 30 April 2014
Conditioning		more per fortnight. 37 men have attended sessions in total.	more per fortnight. 37 men have attended sessions in total.
TOTAL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS	599 Participants	612 Participants	621 Participants

1.5.3 Swimming Pools Monthly Report

Pool reports are to be provided by the pool managers/lessees by the second Wednesday of the following month. These figures are for the month of April 2014

Mt Morgan, Gracemere and 42nd Battalion Memorial Pool closed for the winter season on 24th April 2014. The agreement for Management of Gracemere pool has ceased and the pool site handed to Education Queensland for maintenance over the winter season.

Water Quality:

No reportable water quality issues.

Maintenance:

No reportable maintenance issues.

Incidents:

No reportable incidents occurred

GRACEMERE POOL:

April	General Entry				Short Term Passes				Summer Passes			Winter Passes			Annual Passes				Programs and Activities				TOTAL
	Adult	Child	Concession/ Student	Spectator	Adult 10 Visit	Concession/ Child 10 visit	Adult 20 Visit	Concession/ Child 20 Visit	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Spectator	School entries	Program entries	Learn to Swim entries	Squad entries	
2014	147	201	25	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	116	0	526
2013	60	137	0	23	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	NA	220
2012	Not Supplied																						

MOUNT MORGAN POOL:

April	General Entry				Short Term Passes				Summer Passes			Winter Passes			Annual Passes				Programs and Activities				TOTAL
	Adult	Child	Concession/ Student	Spectator	Adult 10 Visit	Concession/ Child 10 visit	Adult 20 Visit	Concession/ Child 20 Visit	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Spectator	School entries	Program entries	Learn to Swim entries	Squad entries	
2014	38	51	49	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	168
2013	12	0	NA	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0		NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	12
2012	29	51	NA	0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0		NA	NA	27	0	0	NA	107

WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL POOL:

April	General Entry				Short Term Passes				Summer Passes			Winter Passes			Annual Passes				Programs and Activities					TOTAL
	Adult	Child	Concession/ Student	Spectator	Adult 10 Visit	Concession/ Child 10 visit	Adult 20 Visit	Concession/ Child 20 Visit	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Spectator	School entries	Program entries	Learn to Swim	Squad entries	Carnivals	
2014	775	543	0	97	177	29	45	14	207	0	82	0	0	0	355	2	96	23	101	171	0	0	1610	4327
2013	803	323	NA	31	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	919		NA	NA	0	18	0	NA	NA	2094
2012	655	212	NA	7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	352		NA	NA	0	201	0	NA	NA	1427

42ND BATTALION MEMORIAL POOL:

April	General Entry				Short Term Passes				Summer Passes			Winter Passes			Annual Passes				Programs and Activities				TOTAL
	Adult	Child	Concession/ Student	Spectator	Adult 10 Visit	Concession/ Child 10 visit	Adult 20 Visit	Concession/ Child 20 Visit	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Adult	Concession/ Child	Family	Spectator	School entries	Program entries	Learn to Swim entries	Squad entries	
2014	269	425	6	91	0	3	0	0	34	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	866
2013	175	292	NA	46	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0		NA	NA	0	0	0	NA	513
2012	Not supplied																						

2. Parks Operations

Maintenance and construction are continuing following the defined program, with few issues and incidents. The following landscape amenity areas have had revamps/ replacement of landscape elements, with works continuing in some locations.

Frank Forde Park

- Removal of declared plants - Singapore Daisy's
- Removal of dead trees and deadwood existing trees
- Revamp of Park
- Planting - new/ additional/ replacement

Curtis Park

- Removal of declared plants - Singapore Daisy's
- Removal of dead trees and deadwood existing trees
- Revamp of Park
- Planting - new/ additional/ replacement

River Bank - Revamp of higher level areas

- Weeding and use of weed matting
- Renew and reinstate gardens from William St to Archer St
- Plantings - 3 x species of Oleanders, Monandras and 3 x species of Allamandras
- Irrigation repairs

Gracemere Streetscape

- Trees have been ordered (large lagerstroemia speciosa for Johnson Road)
- Laurie Street planters relocated and planted with dwarf bougainvillea
- Irrigation installation commenced

3. Capital Projects

	Comments/ Update
Landscape and Streetscape	
Yeppen Roundabout Landscape Renewal	<p>Arrangements with TMR on rectification works complete.</p> <p>Landscape design approved for implementation.</p> <p>Works commenced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irrigation upgrade • Batters and profiling completed • New soil spread • Stage one planting commencing end May
Informal Parking Area - End of Thozet Rd	Designed and costed. Civil Operations carrying out the construction commencing end May.
Park Playgrounds and amenities	
Development of District Playground	Location – Cedric Archer Park, Gracemere. Concept under revision for further discussion.
Amenities Building Rigardsford Park	Project completed and acquittal lodged for State grant funds
Upgrade to playground equipment	Program of works in current year completed

	Comments/ Update
Cemeteries	
New Cemetery Information Management System	IT Services/ Projects managing installation of program and training for staff
Pomegranate Grove Extension	
Major Parks	
Rockhampton Zoo redevelopment	Construction proceeding on two ponds, enclosures, pathways and landscaping Construction is expected to be complete by the end of May. Planning commenced for relocating crocodiles.
Rockhampton Botanic Gardens - Paving	Detailed design complete, implementation priorities being determined.

10 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS/QUESTIONS

Urgent Business is a provision in the Agenda for members to raise questions or matters of a genuinely urgent or emergent nature, that are not a change to Council Policy and can not be delayed until the next scheduled Council or Committee Meeting.

12 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government may resolve to close a meeting to the public to discuss confidential items, such that its Councillors or members consider it necessary to close the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following items, which are considered confidential in accordance with section 275 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

13.1 Management of Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis moluccus*) at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) (e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget; AND contracts proposed to be made by it.

13 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

13.1 MANAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN WHITE IBIS (THRESKIORNIS MOLUCCUS) AT ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS

File No: 1855

Attachments:

1. Extract from Ecosure Proposal for 2013/14
2. Various Photos - Rockhampton Botanic Gardens

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

Author: Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c) (e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget; AND contracts proposed to be made by it.

SUMMARY

The Australian White Ibis (Threskiornis molucca) is a native Australian bird and is protected under State Wildlife Legislation (Nature Conservation Act 1992). It is a serious offence to harm ibis. Since 2008 Council has used a combination of external contractors (as subject matter experts) and Council staff to manage bird roosting and breeding at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens. This report briefly discusses options for the ongoing management of AWI and other species.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING