



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

3 NOVEMBER 2015

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 November 2015 commencing at 9.00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Rick", is positioned above the typed name of the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
27 October 2015

Next Meeting Date: 01.12.15

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

In Attendance:

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

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor Stephen Schwarten is a Leave of Absence from 26 October 2015 to 6 November 2015 inclusive.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee held 6 October 2015

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 DOG OFF-LEASH AREAS

File No:	7437, 1464
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

This report presents the feasibility of establishing further off-leash park options and another agility park, similar to the one at Kershaw Gardens, as requested by Council.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives the Dog Off-Leash Areas report for their information and review.

COMMENTARY

This report was presented to and discussed at the 6 October 2015 meeting of Health and Compliance Committee and referred to Parks and Recreation Committee for further consideration.

Council resolved that a report be presented on the feasibility of establishing further off-leash park options and another agility park, similar to the one at Kershaw Gardens.

The current designated dog off-leash areas are:

- Ted Price Park, Gracemere (access via Breakspear Street and Holgate Close) but limited to the area designated as a dog off-leash area by signpost.
- Duthie Park, North Rockhampton (access via Thozet Road, Marsh Avenue, Lawrence Avenue and Wiggington Street) but limited to the area and times designated by signpost and, in any event, not while the area is being used by animals participating in an obedience trail supervised by a body recognised for section 12(3)(d) of the authorising local law by the local government.
- Rosel Park, South Rockhampton, opposite the Quay Street pound (access via Quay Street).
- Victoria Park (Recreation Area), access via Lion Creek Road, Rockhampton, but limited to the area designated as a dog off-leash area by signpost.

Additional off-leash areas that are not designated but are currently used as off-leash areas include:

- Georgeson Oval, The Range (access via Meter Street, Normanby Terrace, Gardner Street, Hawkins Street and Pennycuick Street).
- Eddie Baker Park, Norman Gardens (access via Currawong Street and Rosella Court) but limited to the areas designated as a dog off-leash area by signpost
- Kershaw Gardens, Park Avenue but limited to the area designated as a dog off-leash area by signpost, including agility park.
- No. 7 Dam, Mount Morgan (access via Byrnes Parade)

Proposed off-leash areas:

- Rigarlsford Park (access via Elphinstone Street) including agility park
 - Jim Lindley Park (off Crick, Scott and Lutton Streets)
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- Ski Gardens (access via Ramsden Street) including agility park

Parks investigated for off-leash areas, but not recommended:

- Glen Miller Park (access from Honour St) proximity to houses and area functions as part of larger nature corridor
- Diggers Park/ Rugby Park, adjacent to Yeppen Lagoon (access via Blackall St) proximity to wildlife in Yeppen Lagoon, and Rockhampton Botanic Gardens.

Parks proposed to be designated as off leash areas under the Local Law 2

Site analysis of the following parks has been completed in conjunction with Parks in regards to site infrastructure requirements.

Georgeson Oval

Located in The Range, the fenced area of Georgeson Oval is an undesignated off-leash area.



Cost

Costs would be incurred in the provision of a double fence at the entrances, a section of fencing where the building has been removed, drinking water to the enclosure, shade and signage.

Site Advantages

The site is reasonably flat and is used on a daily basis by residents.

Site Disadvantages

There is no shade.

Eddie Baker Park

Located in Norman Gardens, the fenced area of Eddie Baker Park is an undesignated off-leash area. This park has been identified as having a dog off-leash area in the RRC Regional Open Space Plan.

A second leash free area could be installed beside the current facility providing an area for small and an area for large dogs.

**Cost**

Costs would be incurred in the provision of drinking water to the enclosure and shade. If a second enclosure was installed, additional costs would be incurred in the provision fencing, drinking water, signage, excreta bags and associated infrastructure and shade.

Site Advantages

There is sufficient space for a second enclosure.

Site Disadvantages

There is no shade.

Rigarlsford Park

Located in Koongal off Elphinstone Street, Rigarlsford Park is neither a designated or non-designated off-leash dog area and would be an appropriate site for an agility park. The RRC Regional Open Space Plan identifies this park as having an opportunity to develop as a recreational corridor.

**Cost**

Costs would be incurred in the provision of a fence, drinking water to the enclosure, signage, excreta bags and associated infrastructure. Additional costs would be incurred in purchasing dog agility equipment or the agility equipment from Kershaw Gardens could be used here.

Site Advantages

The site is shaded and is reasonably flat. The park is used on a daily basis by residents.

Site Disadvantages

The existing description for the park is primary drainage function. The site floods in rain events.

Jim Lindley Park

Located in Kawana, off Crick, Scott and Lutton Streets, Jim Lindley Park is neither a designated or non-designated off-leash dog area.

**Cost**

Costs would be incurred in the provision of a fence, drinking water to the enclosure, signage, excreta bags and associated infrastructure.

Site Advantages

The site is shaded and flat.

Site Disadvantages

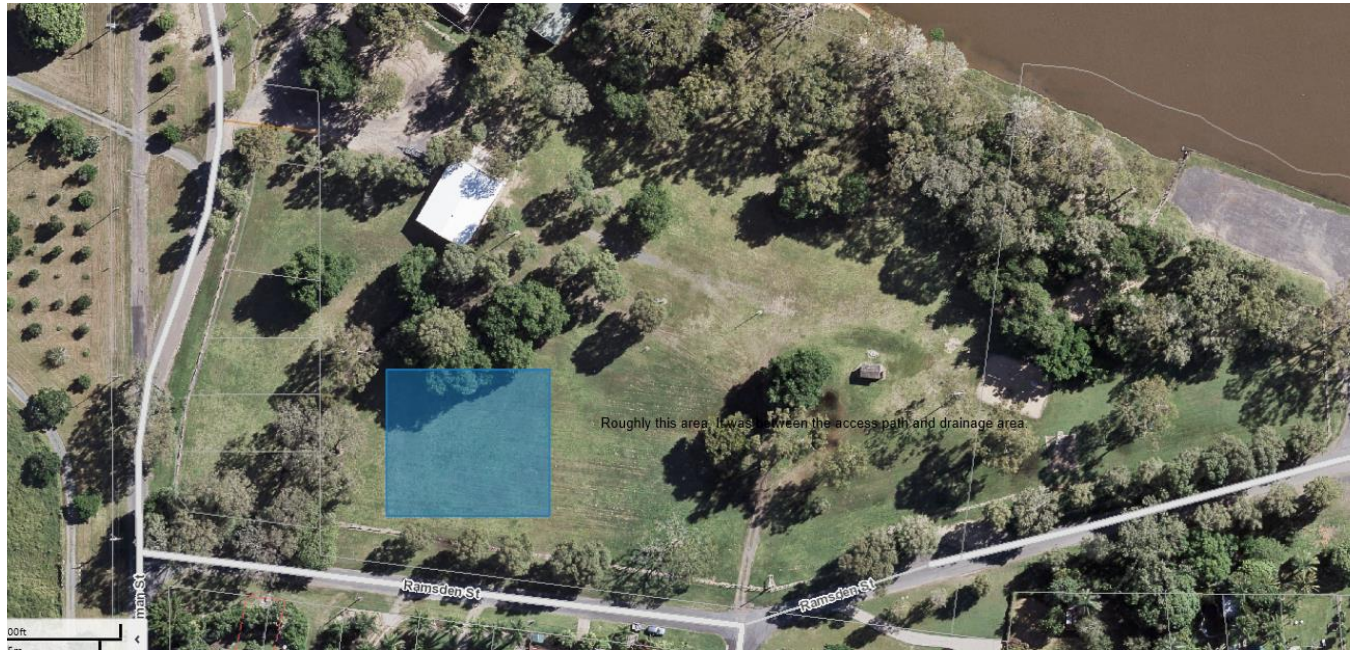
Nil

Kershaw Gardens

Kershaw Gardens, Park Avenue but limited to the area designated as a dog off-leash area by signpost. A map for this location has not been provided as the location of the off leash and agility park will form part of the Kershaw Gardens Master Plan.

Ski Gardens

Located in Wandal off Ramsden Street, the Ski Gardens is neither a designated or non-designated off-leash dog area and would be an appropriate site for an agility park.

**Cost**

Costs would be incurred in the provision of a fence, drinking water to the enclosure, signage, excreta bags and associated infrastructure. Additional costs would be incurred in purchasing dog agility equipment.

Site Advantages

The site is reasonably flat.

Site Disadvantages

Nil

Dam Park

Located in Mount Morgan off William Street and Byrnes Parade, Dam Park is neither a designated or non-designated off-leash dog area.

**Cost**

Costs would be incurred in the provision of a fence, drinking water to the enclosure, signage, excreta bags and associated infrastructure.

Site Advantages

The site is shaded and flat.

Site Disadvantages

Nil

Parks not proposed to be designated as off leash areas under the Local Law 2**Glen Millar Park**

Located in Frenchville, off Honour Street, Glen Millar Park is neither a designated or non-designated off-leash dog area.

**Cost**

Costs would be incurred in the provision of a fence, drinking water to the enclosure, signage, excreta bags and associated infrastructure.

Site advantages

The site is shaded and relatively flat.

Site disadvantages

Glen Millar Park is 1.3km from existing off-leash dog area at Duthie Park and has been a problematic area with dogs accessing private land in Mills Avenue, via Glen Millar Park. The site also is a wildlife corridor which bounds residential properties.

This site is not recommended.

Diggers Park/Rugby Park

Located in West Rockhampton, off Blackall and MacGregor Streets, Diggers Park/ Rugby Park is neither a designated or non-designated off-leash dog area.

**Costs**

Costs would be incurred in the provision of a fence, drinking water to the enclosure, signage, excreta bags and associated infrastructure.

Site advantages

The site is shaded and flat.

Site disadvantages

The site is in proximity to wildlife in Yeppen Lagoon and close proximity to Rockhampton Botanic Gardens with dog restrictions in place.

This site is not recommended.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Parks has no budgetary allocation for establishment of dog off-leash areas. A full scope of works and cost estimates can be developed for future budget consideration

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Local Law 2 (Animal Management) 2011 allows Council, by subordinate local law, to designate an area within a public place as an area where a dog is not required to be on a leash (a dog off-leash area).

The areas described in Schedule 7 of Subordinate *Local Law 2 (Animal Management) 2011* are designated as dog off-leash areas.

The process to make an amendment to the subordinate local law to include new off leash areas is:

- Consult with the public for at least 21 days,
- Accept and consider every submission properly made to Council by the close of the Consultation Period,
- By resolution decide whether to:
 - proceed with the making of the subordinate local law with or without amendments, or
 - not proceed with making the proposed subordinate local law.

CONCLUSION

This report presents potential locations for off-leash parks and agility parks in addition to those already designated.

Parks has no budgetary allocation for establishment of dog off-leash areas. A full scope of works and cost estimates can be developed for future budget consideration.

9 STRATEGIC REPORTS

9.1 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE OPERATIONS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2015

File No: 1464

Attachments: 1. Parks and Open Space Operations Report - September 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 September 2015.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for September 2015 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 Recreation
 - Sport and Education Services
 - Aquatic Facilities

2. Park Operations

- Park and Landscape Maintenance
- Street & Park Tree management
- Park Facilities construction and maintenance
- Public Amenity and Cleansing

The attached report contains information on the activities and services of these areas for September 2015.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE OPERATIONS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2015

Parks and Open Space Operations Report - September 2015

Meeting Date: 3 November 2015

Attachment No: 1

MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SECTION
Period Ended 30 September 2015

VARIATIONS, ISSUES AND INNOVATIONS

Innovations

Improvements / Deterioration in Levels of Services or Cost Drivers

LINKAGES TO OPERATIONAL PLAN

1. COMPLIANCE WITH CUSTOMER SERVICE REQUESTS

The response times for completing the predominant customer requests in the reporting period for Parks are as below:

	Balance B/F	Completed In Current Mth	Current Month NEW Requests		TOTAL INCOMPLETE REQUESTS BALANCE	Work Orders Issued	Under Long Term Investigation	Avg W/O Issue Time (days) 12 months	Completion Standard (days)	Avg Completion Time (days) Current Mth	Avg Completion Time (days) 6 Months	Avg Completion Time (days) 12 Months	Avg Duration (days) 12 Months (complete and	Avg Completion Time (days) Q1
			Received	Completed										
Cemeteries - Complaint	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	8	● 0.00	● 0.00	● 1.33	1.33	● 0.00
Cemeteries - General Enquiry	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0.00	2	● 1.00	● 2.50	● 3.06	1.31	● 1.00
Sport & Recreation - General Enquiry	3	1	2	1	3	0	0	191.83	10	● 6.00	● 6.56	● 6.06	6.91	● 7.11
Parks Booking Services Request ***Notification***	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	5	● 0.00	● 19.95	● 15.42	5.91	● 1.25
Tree and Stump Removal - Request	41	36	52	32	25	1	0	5.66	50	● 6.00	● 18.30	● 20.48	12.70	● 11.56
Parks General - Request	28	18	83	41	52	20	0	28.14	10	● 7.32	● 13.14	● 15.46	11.10	● 11.38
Tree Trimming - Request	19	15	82	72	14	0	0	39.09	40	● 1.93	● 8.24	● 11.54	6.91	● 4.59
Swimming Pools - General Enquiry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	10	● 0.00	● 5.50	● 4.13	3.14	● 11.00

2. COMPLIANCE WITH STATUTORY AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS INCLUDING SAFETY, RISK AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Safety Statistics

The safety statistics for the reporting period are:

	FIRST QUARTER		
	Jul	Aug	Sept
Number of Lost Time Injuries	1	0	0
Number of Days Lost Due to Injury	4	2	0
Total Number of Incidents Reported	8	8	2
Number of Incomplete Hazard Inspections	4	4	1

Risk Management Summary

Potential Risk	Current Risk Rating	Future Control & Risk Treatment Plans	Due Date	% Completed	Comments
<p>Animal housing at the Zoo does not meet the required standard (inclusive of; animal husbandry, record keeping, staffing & asset renewal) resulting in:</p> <p>Loss of zoo licences / closure of facility;</p> <p>Injury or death to an animal;</p> <p>Negative public perception;</p> <p>Staff turnover;</p> <p>Injury or death to zookeepers.</p>	Moderate 6	<p>1. Documented procedures rolling review.</p> <p>2. Develop, implement, and annually review development plan (linkage to budget required) to upgrade exhibitions and achieve implementation of the approved/ ultimate zoo master plan.</p> <p>3. Staff to monitor and contribute to review/formation of industry guidelines standards.</p>	30/06/16	10	<p><i>Procedure Manual</i> review/ update is continuing.</p> <p>Budget approval for further construction deferred to 2016-17</p> <p>On-going</p>
<p>1. UniCEM (cemetery business system) no longer supported. Vendor advised RRC of cessation of business July 2012.</p> <p>2. Critical/ vital records not kept in appropriate storage conditions.</p> <p>3. Poor/ unreliable network connections.</p>	Moderate 5	<p>Seek funds through budget to purchase, install and transfer data to new/ alternative database for storage and management of cemetery records.</p>	30/11/14	90	<p>The implementation of new software for the operation of Cemeteries, is nearing completion with minor issues to be resolved.</p> <p>Current network connection best available option for site at present time.</p>

Potential Risk	Current Risk Rating	Future Control & Risk Treatment Plans	Due Date	% Completed	Comments
Lack of a holistic fire mitigation plan for the region detailing responsibilities within Council.	High 4	Manager Parks to finalise development and implementation of a regional fire mitigation strategy in collaboration with state government agencies and property owners.	31/12/14	90	Regional strategy and Mt Archer sub-plan completed. MoU drafted and with QPWS for review and input.
Tree fails resulting in: injury/death; damage to property; damage to Council's reputation; negative financial impact.	Low 7	1. Review, update and submit Street and Parks Tree Master Plan for approval to implement. 2. Programmed maintenance works to be implemented to full capacity. 3. Ergon Service Level Agreement is to be in place and implemented.	31/12/15	60	Policy review/ update commenced Programs drafted, implementation commenced; to be monitored.
Loss of significant/ historic/ iconic botanical collections resulting in negative publicity and loss of: reputation; region's "green" status; iconic material; and research opportunities.	Moderate 6	1. Review, update and implement existing land & conservation management & succession plans. 2. Complete the identification of the current collection as part of the succession plan.	30/06/16	40	Botanical Collection Management Strategy for Botanic Gardens drafted. GPS still to be completed for some plantings plus indexing of all.
Inadequate/ inappropriate open space does not meet the community's requirements/ expectations resulting in lack of: standardised infrastructure charges; consistency and quality of the asset including land; lack of benchmark for Council/ developer Standards; unwanted contributed assets; leading to reputational damage; social problems and; financial impacts.	Moderate 5	1. Develop & implement a Parks Infrastructure Strategy for conditioning of new development. 2. Develop a local parks contribution policy. 3. Complete & implement Landscape Guidelines (as part of CMDG). 4. Open Space Strategy to be reviewed and implemented (inc service levels).	31/12/16	70	

Legislative Compliance & Standards

Legislative Compliance Matter	Due Date	% Completed	Comments
BioSecurity Qld (Zoo) Three year license renewed in 2013 Self-audit and reporting	May 2016 As required	Current	
Births, Deaths & Marriages (Cemeteries) Burials reporting	Within 7 days of burial	100%	
Heritage Act (Various sites) General exemption certificate applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications lodged Applications approved Applications pending 	Application approved for two (2) families requesting restoration and plaque attachments to family memorials located at South Rockhampton Cemetery. Application refused to remove Hoop pine from Rockhampton Botanic Garden Reserve		
Land Act Land Management Plans			

3. ACHIEVEMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS WITHIN ADOPTED BUDGET AND APPROVED TIMEFRAME

Detailed project scoping, estimating and procurement proceeding as appropriate.
The following abbreviations have been used within the table below:

WIP	Work in progress
NYC	Not yet commenced
PC	Practical Completion
C	Works Complete

Project	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	Status	Budget Estimate	YTD actual (inc committals)
PARKS CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM					
Enhancement Program for (new) Local Parks			WIP	129,436	5,790
Comment: Works scoped with Divisional Councillor and nearing completion at Ski Gardens; scope for 2015/16 works still to be completed.					
Riverside Parks – upgrade			WIP	43,040	44,603
Comment: Design drawings for upgrade of Riverside Park					
Cedric Archer Reserve -			WIP	934,427	214,685

Project	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	Status	Budget Estimate	YTD actual (inc committals)
Comment: Playground construction completed and opened. Budget amended with approved carry-over. Electrical works awarded, tenders underway for hydraulic assessment of Touch of Paradise and design and construct for skate park.					
Kershaw Gardens Still upgrade			WIP	137,754	21,915
Comment: Works on hold until remediation completed.					
Playground Equipment renewal program			NYC	85,000	
Comment: Renewing playground equipment at end of life					
Mount Morgan Pool Heating Reconfiguration			WIP	70,000	
Comment: Ergon undertaking power supply capacity review					
Plant & Equipment – Parks				245,000	
Comment: Business case for new elevated work platform for tree management crew approved.					
Yeppen Roundabout Landscape Renewal			WIP	14,915	
Comment: Power supply issue to lighting remains to be resolved.					
Gracemere Cemetery			WIP	153,615	497
Comment: Concept prepared, approved by Council. Timeframes for delivery of construction being confirmed.					
Redevelopment 42 nd Battalion Memorial Pool	July 2015	June 2016	WIP	1,074,119	162,328
Comment: Demolition of redundant facilities underway.					
Southside Memorial Pool – Shade Structure	July 2015	Sept 2015	WIP	50,000	
Comment: Installation completed					
Rockhampton Botanic Gardens – pathways			WIP	134,662	10,388
Comment: Priority areas for rectification to be re-assessed due to TC Marcia impact.					
Amenities - German St Park			NYC	40,000	
Comment: Allocation from Div 9 and Div 10. Allocation of \$20,000 diverted to contribution for mountain bike trail development; advice being sought on allocation of remainder					
Div 8 Pilbeam Park			WIP	10,000	
Comment:					

Project	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	Status	Budget Estimate	YTD actual (inc committals)
Div 5 Zoo Improvements			NYC	70,000	
Comment:					
Div 8 Additional playground equipment			WIP	10,000	
Comment: Elizabeth Park - initial site planning and scope completed. Installation timing dependent on delivery of order equipment. Estimate exceeds budget					
Div 9 Allocation Swadling Park enhancements			WIP	69,670	93,080
Comment: Amenities procured, cost exceeds budget.					
Div 6 Parks Project			WIP	15,000	
Comment: Improvements for Col Brown Park					
Div 7 Church Park shade structure			C	12,000	11,184
Comment: Installation completed.					
Div 4 Playground Equipment - Leanne Hinchliffe Memorial Park			NYC	10,000	
Comment:					
Div 9 - Anna St Park - border landscaping and exercise machines			NYC	15,000	
Comment:					
TCM Playground Equipment			WIP	89,000	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks					
TCM: Fencing/ Gates/ Bollards	May 2015	Dec 2015	WIP	6,660	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks					
TCM: Riverside Park lighting	June 2015		WIP	117,737	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks					
TCM: Zoo aviary			WIP	70,000	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Rockhampton Zoo					
TCM: Park facilities	May 2015	Dec 2015	WIP	19,221	

Project	Start Date	Expected Completion Date	Status	Budget Estimate	YTD actual (inc committals)
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks					
TCM – RBG Road/ Pathways/ bridges and car-parks				350,000	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks. Budget amended with approved carry-over					
TCM RBG - Fernery & Visitor Centre entry			WIP	275,000	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks.					
TCM – Kershaw remediation	Apr 2015		WIP	2,000,000	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks. Budget amended with approved carry-over. Expenditure to be journalled to Capital from Operational.					
TCM – Kershaw restoration	Aug 2015			760,000	
Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks. Budget amended with approved carry-over.					

4. ACHIEVEMENT OF OPERATIONAL PROJECTS WITHIN ADOPTED BUDGET AND APPROVED TIMEFRAME

Project	Revised Budget	Actual (incl. committals)	% budget committed	Explanation
Median restoration	\$50,000	\$5,336	10.6%	Planning underway for median restoration/ renovation, with priority - Moores Ck Road between High and Knight St
Project	Explanation			
Policy Reviews:				
• Street Tree Policy	Current version being reviewed and overall scope for revised policy drafted. The learning from the effects of TC Marcia on the street and park tree population will influence this revision			
• Naming of Parks	Current version being reviewed			
• Fitzroy River rowing course install and removal	Current version being reviewed			

Kershaw Gardens

Kershaw Gardens remains closed to the public. The process of vegetation clearance and site sampling commenced in April with the establishment of a compound at the Charles St entrance to control site access; this area includes a vehicle wash-down facility to facilitate decontamination of vehicles, plant & equipment operating on the site. Appropriate site management equipment/ facilities and essential first aid are in place.

Detailed remediation planning has commenced and design consultants engaged to develop a new masterplan to guide the restoration of the Gardens. A new water supply point has been identified and approved. Liaison continues with the relevant state agencies. Restoration works have commenced in the northern section, irrigation repairs are continuing.

Rockhampton Botanic Gardens

The primary focus has been undertaking usual maintenance duties and continuing site restoration works. The annual garden beds along Ann Street have been replanted. Options for improving the water quality in the Japanese Gardens pond are still being investigated.

Planning has continued for an Open day in the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens on 1 November 2015. The aim of the event is to provide recreational and educational experiences within the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and to further demonstrate/ publicise that the Botanic Gardens are open and available following the impact (closure) of TC Marcia. All activities will be free of charge to members of the public, with the exception of those that involve catering for example Chai Tea and Tai Chi. An example of the activities being organised includes:

- Face painting
- Arts and Craft
- Comedy
- Music
- Dancing displays
- Yoga
- Handmade Markets
- Tours (Gardens and Zoo)

The event will be run at low cost and Council Officers are working with providers who are able to provide free or minimal cost activities on Council's behalf.

Rockhampton Zoo

The two chimpanzees from Israel arrived at the Zoo and have been gradually introduced; to Cassius and Sam on 10 September and 28 September respectively. Holly is expected to be introduced in October. All interactions to date between the chimpanzees have been positive.

After months of training the Colonel (saltwater crocodile) was successfully moved into his lock-away area allowing staff and volunteers the opportunity to complete much needed maintenance on the enclosure. Both the Colonel's and freshwater crocodile's enclosures were maintained:

- Ponds emptied and cleaned, fresh water
- Two (2) hydrostatic valves were replaced in the Colonel's enclosure to stop a water leak
- All garden beds were maintained including weed removal and replanting

The male Cassowary, "Hammy" is currently sitting on five (5) eggs directly under the viewing platform. Keepers have closed this pathway temporarily to allow him to incubate the eggs with less stress and distractions.

Regional Cemeteries

All cemeteries have been maintained to schedule.

2016 Sports and Health Expo:

- Date: Sunday, 28 February 2016

- Time: 9am to 1:30pm
- Venue: Robert Schwaren Pavilions, Rockhampton Showgrounds
- 2016 Sponsorship Prospectus has been sent out to possible sponsors

Spring Garden Spectacular 2015 (Garden Competition)

- Competition Opened: July 2015
- Competition Closed: 30 September
- Judging: 6 – 8 October
- Presentation: 10 October, Rockhampton Botanic Gardens Tearooms
- Bus Tours: 17 October 2015

Sponsorship:

Naming Rights	Betascapes
Major – Media	Channel 10 4RO 990 AM
Category	Gunna-Do Hardware Fitzroy River Water Gracemere & Mt Morgan Hardware Total Eden Water Solutions Troy Weir Tree Services Rockhampton Tree Services
Bus Tours	Rothery's Coaches
Accommodation	Not required
Presentation Day	Rockhampton Tree Services
Prizes	Native Plants Queensland (formerly SGAP) Yarrandoo Nursery Tropicals Flower Box Brushwood Glen Nursery

The competition closed on 30 September with 131 Category entries across 48 unique addresses.

- Best Use of Native Plants – 7
- Best Food Garden – 13
- Best Young Gardener – 4
- Best Corporate Garden – 8
- Best Home Garden On Town Water – 21
- Best Home Garden Not On Town Water – 4
- Best Lifestyle Garden – 22
- Best Flower Garden – 19
- Best View from the Street – 23
- Best Seniors Garden – 10

Comparison with previous years:

Year	Unique Addresses	Category Entries
2015	48	131
2014	38	103
2013	47	120
2012	53	71

5. DELIVERY OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S ADOPTED SERVICE LEVELS

These service levels are not formally adopted but are operational standards to show overall progress across the Parks section.

Service Delivery Standard	Target	Current Performance
Pool Operator reporting (Rec'd by 7 th of Month)	On-time	Achieved
Tenure Renewals – Resolved in the current financial year	64	7 (FYTD)

Progressive Measures / Indicators	Previous Period	Current Period
Pool Patronage (previous period is same month last year)	5,010	13,673
Burials (previous period is same month last year)	13	6
Ashes Interments (previous period is same month last year)	1	5
Chapel/ other Services (previous period is same month last year)	3	4
Zoo visitors (previous period is previous month)	10,950	17,071
Zoo guided tours – School/ outside school care/ other (previous period is previous month)	2	0
Zoo donations (previous period is previous month)	\$1,296.95	\$1,046.50
Volunteer Participation – Zoo (previous period is previous month)	332 hrs	334 hrs
Volunteer Participation – Memorial Gardens (previous period is previous month)	63 hrs	84 hrs

FINANCIAL MATTERS

As at period ended 30 September 2015 – 25% of year elapsed.

	Adopted Budget \$	Adopted Budget (Pro Rata YTD) \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Commit + Actual \$	Variance %	On target 25%
PARKS						
Park Operations						
1 - Revenues	(1,545,000)	(386,250)	(12,455)	(12,455)	1%	x
2 - Expenses	7,046,186	1,761,546	1,872,593	2,807,973	27%	x
3 - Transfer / Overhead Allocation	1,860,900	465,225	415,115	415,115	22%	✓
Total Unit: Parks Operations	7,362,086	1,840,521	2,275,253	3,210,633	31%	x
Park Recreation Services						
1 - Revenues	(366,500)	(111,625)	(158,233)	(158,233)	43%	✓
2 - Expenses	5,002,538	1,311,815	1,280,409	2,433,000	26%	x
3 - Transfer / Overhead Allocation	458,155	122,854	81,844	81,844	18%	✓
Total Unit: Park Recreation Services	5,094,194	1,323,043	1,204,020	2,356,611	24%	✓
Parks Management						
1 - Revenues	(71,000)	(17,750)	(14,125)	(14,125)	20%	x
2 - Expenses	4,911,671	1,227,918	1,082,314	1,093,419	22%	✓
3 - Transfer / Overhead Allocation	90,880	22,720	23,636	23,636	26%	x
Total Unit: Parks Management	4,931,551	1,232,888	1,091,826	1,102,930	22%	✓
Grand Total:	17,367,831	4,396,453	4,571,099	6,670,175	26%	x

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 CLOSURE OF MEETING