

PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

22 AUGUST 2018

Your attendance is required at a meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 22 August 2018 commencing at 12.30pm for transaction of the enclosed business.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER 15 August 2018

Next Meeting Date: 19.09.18

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 R A Swadling Councillor N K Fisher Councillor C E Smith Councillor M D Wickerson

In Attendance:

Ms C Worthy – General Manager Community Services (Executive Officer) Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee held 18 July 2018

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORT COMMITTEE

File No:	10097
Attachments:	1. Business Outstanding Table
Authorising Officer:	Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services

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, Recreation and Sport Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORT COMMITTEE

Business Outstanding Table

Meeting Date: 22 August 2018

Attachment No: 1

Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Due Date	Comments
16/11/2016	Tree Planting Program for Rockhampton Region	THAT Officers prepare a discussion paper on a strategy for tree planting throughout the Rockhampton Region.	Blake Hunton	22/08/2018	Report will be presented to Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee meeting on 22 August 2018
16/08/2017	Application for Works in Parks and Public Areas: Rotary Club of Rockhampton	 THAT: I. the Works in Parks and Public Areas Application Form submitted by the Rotary Club of Rockhampton not be approved as it is not consistent with the intended scope of activities; and II. Council Officers continue to work with the club to frame an application aligned with the scope and intent of typical "Adopt a Park" activities outlined in the April 2017 report to Council. 		26/10/2018	Report to be presented to Committee about the Adopt-a-Park Rollout including the request from Rotary Club of Rockhampton
16/08/2017	Gracemere Cemetery - Reservation and pre- purchase of burial plots	THAT Council makes provision for the reservation and pre-sale of plots at Gracemere Cemetery including required changes to the Cemeteries Policy and schedule of fees and charges, and such amended Policy be returned to Council for consideration. This policy will apply to Gracemere Cemetery only due to space constraints in other cemeteries.		30/10/2018	Policy draft is being reviewed by CIS

Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Due Date	Comments
16/08/2017	Adopt-a-Park Wider Rollout	THAT documents on previous schemes that may have operated in the Rockhampton Region be included in a review to inform the wider Adopt-a-Park rollout.	Blake Hunton	26/10/2018	Report to be presented to Committee about the Adopt-a-Park Rollout including the request from Rotary Club of Rockhampton
18/04/2018	Parks Operational Report - January 2018	 THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks Section for January 2018 be received. THAT a report on recent tree planting activities be prepared. 		22/08/2018	Report will be presented to Committee on 22 August 2018
23/05/2018	Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Taskforce Update	 THAT the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Taskforce Update be received. THAT the General Manager Community Services organise a meeting with all stakeholder groups involved with the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. THAT a report be prepared for the next Parks Recreation and Sport Committee meeting on the naming of elements of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan. 		30/11/2018	Report on naming of elements presented to Committee on 22 August 2018
23/05/2018	Sport, Parks, Active Recreation and Community Strategy	THAT Council receives the report and a Councillor Workshop be held to define elements of the Sport, Parks, Active Recreation and Community strategy.		30/10/2018	Councillor Workshop booked for 2 October 2018.

Meeting Date	Report Title	Resolution	Responsible Officer	Due Date	Comments
18/07/2018	Naming of Remembrance Park	 THAT Council: Supports the naming of the maintained parkland on the corner of Platen Street and Arthur Street, Gracemere as 'Remembrance Park'; and Endorses the public notification of the proposed naming to seek community opinion. 		01/08/2018	Public consultation has commenced and ends on 17 August. Report will be tabled at the following Parks Recreation and Sport meeting
18/07/2018	Col Brown Park	 THAT Col Brown Park should be designed as a showpiece of tropical colour with designs presented to the Council table; and THAT Council explore ways to introduce tropical plantings on a wider scale, including medians and gardens. 		22/08/2018	Report will be presented to the Committee meeting on 22 August 2018

6.2 LIFTING MATTERS FROM THE TABLE

File No:	11979
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Alyce James - Acting Senior Parks Planning Advisor

SUMMARY

Items lying on the table require a report to be lifted from the table before being dealt with. This report is designed to lift all necessary reports from the table to be dealt with at the Council meeting on 22 August 2018.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the following matter "lying on the table" be lifted from the table and be dealt with accordingly:

 Nature Strip (Footpath) Mowing Policy – THAT the matter lay on the table pending a Councillor Workshop

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 NATURE STRIP (FOOTPATH) MOWING POLICY

File No:	11979
Attachments:	1. Footpath Mowing Policy
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Alyce James - Acting Senior Parks Planning Advisor

SUMMARY

A draft policy that will underpin Council's responsibilities in relation to the mowing of nature strips (footpaths).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopts the Nature Strip (Footpath) Mowing Policy.

COMMENTARY

This report was tabled at the Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee on 23 May 2018. The matter was laid on the table pending a Councillor workshop.

Reference was made to Section 5.1.2 (d) of the Policy, in particular, including a specific measurement to clarify when Council will mow nature strips when they are proportionally larger than reasonably expected rather than undertaking a site inspection for each request to mow.

It is suggested that Section 5.1.2 (d) remain as is without stipulating a specific measurement. The general width of a residential nature strip varies from six metres to fifteen metres. Each request to mow would need to be considered case by case given the variance in nature strip widths. It is also noted, that Council only receive a limited number of these requests and a site inspection to determine what is reasonable for each case would not burden Council.

BACKGROUND

Council relies on residents to maintain the nature strip adjacent to their private, commercial or industrial property on the basis that owners/occupiers with civil pride undertake this activity as a contribution to the amenity of the region which allows Council to direct its resources to other services.

The maintenance of nature strips is important as it improves the amenity of the area, removes potential nuisances and hazards and maintains pedestrian access.

The objectives of this Policy are to:

- (a) Set out the respective responsibilities of both Council and residents in relation to the mowing of nature strips;
- (b) Ensure nature strips in the Region are kept in good repair for pedestrian access;
- (c) Ensure prevention of nuisances and preservation of visual amenity; and
- (d) Ensure the cost to Council of mowing nature strips is minimised.

Whilst the majority of residents/landowners take pride in maintaining the nature strip adjacent to their land/house some do not. Council has responsibility for the maintenance of nature strips in the region, if Council was to maintain all Council managed nature strips, the cost would be excessive.

Council will uphold the legacy of the former Mount Morgan Shire to maintain nature strips for elderly residents, noting that this level of service will incrementally be phased out as opportunities arise and property ownership changes.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly Council's endorsement of the attached Nature Strip (Footpath) Mowing Policy is recommended.

NATURE STRIP (FOOTPATH) MOWING POLICY

Footpath Mowing Policy

Meeting Date: 22 August 2018

Attachment No: 1

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NATURE STRIP (FOOTPATH) MOWING POLICY

COMMUNITY POLICY

1 Scope

This policy applies to all Rockhampton Regional Council controlled grassed areas between property boundaries and Council controlled roads.

2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- (a) Set out the respective responsibilities of both Council and residents in relation to the mowing of nature strips;
- (b) Ensure nature strips in the Region are kept in good repair for pedestrian access;
- (c) Ensure prevention of nuisances and preservation of visual amenity; and
- (d) Ensure the cost to Council of mowing nature strips is minimised.

3 Related Documents

3.1 Primary

Nil

3.2 Secondary

Nil

4 Definitions

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions apply:

Council	Rockhampton Regional Council			
Region	Rockhampton Regional Area defined by the Local Government Areas of Queensland.			
Rural Nature Strip (Footpath)/Roadside Verge	Defined by road system not supported with kerb and channelling.			
Urban Nature Strip (Footpath)	The area of land between a property boundary and the edge of a roadway. The primary purpose of this land is to facilitate pedestrian movement alongside the roadway and provide an area for infrastructure provision.			

5 Policy Statement

Council does not mow grassed nature strips adjoining private, commercial or industrial property on the basis that owners/occupiers with civic pride undertake this activity as a contribution to the amenity of the Region which allows Council to direct its resources to other services.

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5.1 Procedure for Unattended Nature Strip

Upon receiving a complaint regarding an overgrown nature strip, or a request to mow a nature strip, Council inspects the site to undertake a risk assessment.

5.1.1 Risk Assessment

A risk assessment determines whether further action is necessary, based on the following criteria:

- (a) The grass on the nature strip is generally higher than 500mm;
- (b) The nature strip is overgrown to the extent that it potentially obstructs traffic visibility;
- (c) The nature strip is overgrown to the extent that it hinders the safe passage of pedestrians along the nature strip; or
- (d) The nature strip is overgrown to the extent that it is detrimental to the amenity of the neighbourhood.

If the public risk is assessed as being unacceptable, Council makes appropriate arrangements to undertake a "rough cut" of the area to eliminate the risk.

The property owner or occupier is contacted to ascertain their intentions regarding the regular mowing of the nature strip.

5.1.2 Urban Nature Strips

Council only mows urban nature strips under the following conditions:

- (a) The nature strip is an integral part of an adjacent park or reserve under Council';
- (b) The nature strip adjoins Council owned land (for example Council's Administrative Centres);
- (c) On an 'as' needs basis if road and pedestrian safety and/or negotiation is an issue, including where a sight restriction has been created at an intersection by vegetation growth; or
- (d) Nature strips are proportionally larger than is reasonably expected (i.e. the nature strip is larger than the private property it adjoins), deeming it impractical for owners/occupiers to mow.

5.1.3 Rural Nature Strips

Council endeavours to slash or mow rural bitumen road nature strips as follows:

- (a) The road shoulder of bitumen sealed roads is mowed or slashed by a tractor/slasher combination where the terrain permits.
- (b) Slashing is restricted to the immediate shoulder adjacent to the bitumen edge. The typical width of slashing is 1.0-2.0 metres.

Council endeavours to slash or mow rural gravel road nature strips where terrain permits at the typical width of 1.0-3.0 metres as follows:

- (a) Intersections -to ensure adequate sight distance for motorists and pedestrians for safety;
- (b) School bus routes;
- (c) Where a section of nature strip functions as a park; and
- (d) Where facilities are provided within the nature strip that require a higher standard of maintenance for example horse trails, car parks.

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6 Review Timelines

This policy is reviewed when any of the following occur:

- (a) The related information is amended or replaced; or
- (b) Other circumstances as determined from time to time by the Council.

7 Document Management

Sponsor	Chief Executive Officer
Business Owner	General Manager Community Services
Policy Owner	Manager Parks
Policy Quality Control	Legal and Governance

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8.2 COL BROWN PARK GARDEN UPGRADE

File No:	5918
Attachments:	1. Concept Plan
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Alyce James - Acting Senior Parks Planning Advisor

SUMMARY

This report provides a concept plan of the proposed garden upgrade of Col Brown Park.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council receives the plan of the proposed garden upgrade of Col Brown Park.

COMMENTARY

At the Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee meeting on 18 July 2018, Councillors requested Col Brown Park be designed as a showpiece of tropical colour. A concept plan has been prepared with an array of tropical plants and is attached for consideration.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The garden upgrade is anticipated to cost approximately \$130,364. The proposal will need to be staged as there is currently \$6,591 in the 2018-19 Parks capital budget for this proposal. Additional budgetary consideration should be given in the 2019-20 year and beyond for the purpose of completing the remaining stages of the garden upgrade.

CONCLUSION

The concept plan for the garden upgrade at Col Brown Park be received.

COL BROWN PARK GARDEN UPGRADE

Concept Plan

Meeting Date: 22 August 2018

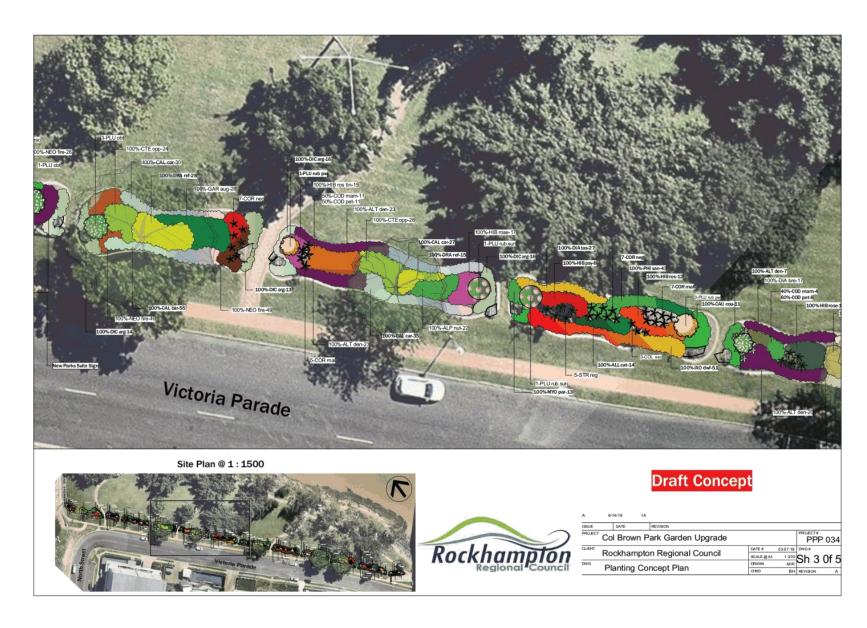
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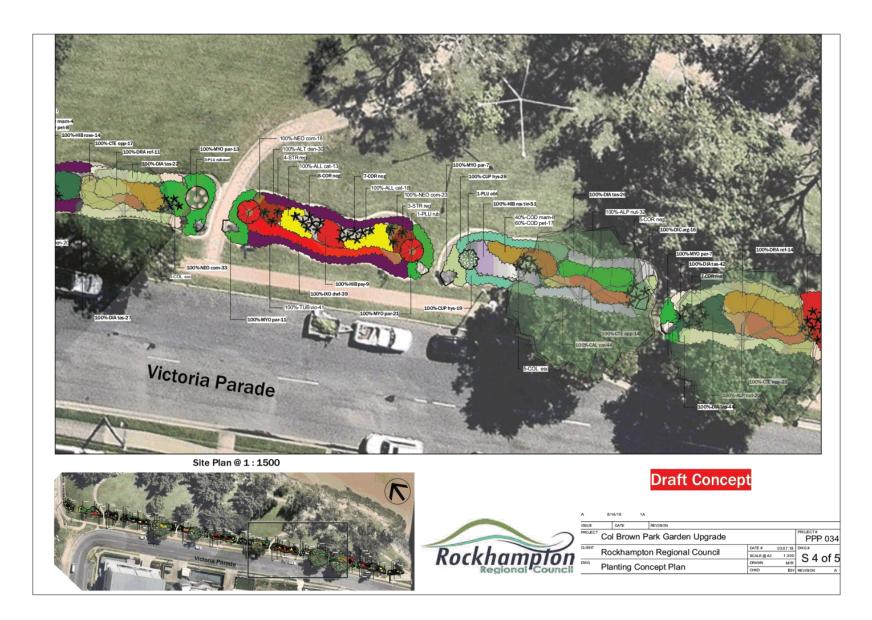
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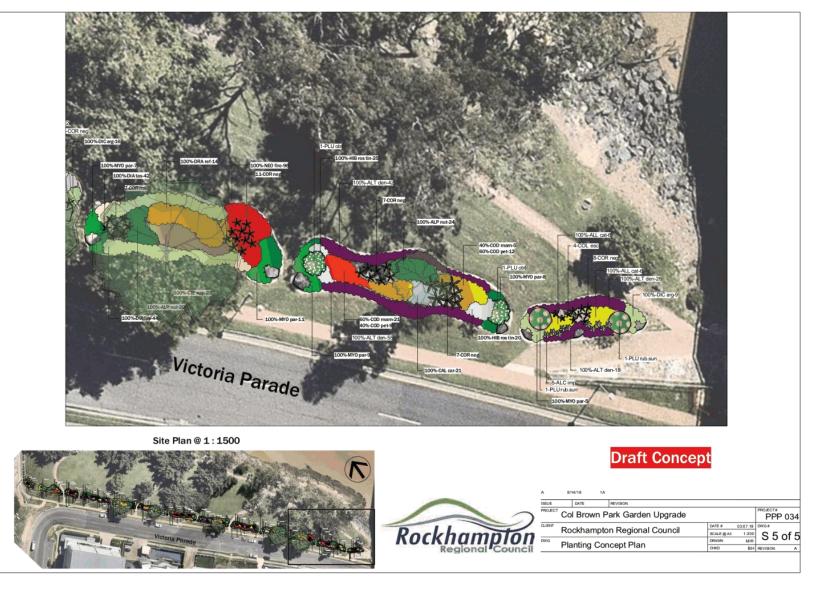
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8.3 FRASER PARK REDEVELOPMENT NAMING ELEMENTS

File No:	5918
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Brett Nicholls - Coordinator Community Projects and Open Space Facilities

SUMMARY

This report outlines the background to the naming of various elements of the Fraser Park Redevelopment Project, which represents a suite of related projects resulting from the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the Fraser Park Redevelopment Naming Elements be received.

COMMENTARY

The Mount Archer Activation Master Plan (the 'Master Plan') resulted in 87 projects to be delivered. One third of these projects are being led by the Parks Department with several completed to date.

As many of these activities related directly to the redevelopment of Fraser Park, these are being progressed collectively under the Fraser Park Redevelopment Project (the 'Project'). This latter project has a three tier governance structure, namely:

- 1. Fraser Park Collaborative Working Group. This working group comprises officers from both Council and Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS). The purpose of this working group is to collaboratively plan and deliver key components of the Master Plan including the Fraser Park redevelopment in a tenure blind approach.
- 2. Fraser Park Project Control Group (PCG). This control group was convened to provide approvals for direction and endorsement for the Fraser Park redevelopment projects and comprises Council officers and Councillors.
- 3. Mount Archer Activation Master Plan Taskforce. This group comprises stakeholder representatives from all agencies, including Council officers and Councillors, responsible for the delivery of their respective projects. A quarterly outcomes update report is provided to Council.

BACKGROUND

The various elements of the Project are progressed within the Collaborative Working Group and then presented to the PCG. The following project staging was endorsed by the PCG on 30 August 2017:

<u>Stage 1 – northern part of Fraser Park</u>

- Stage 1A Nurim Circuit elevated boardwalk part A (including River and CBD lookouts, connection node and interpretive elements), integrated into the existing path network;
- Stage 1B Nurim Circuit elevated boardwalk part B (including the Gawula lookout and associated interpretive elements), integrated into the existing path network;
- Stage 1C Nurim Circuit concrete pathways (to complete all abilities access from the car park to the major lookouts and activity areas);
- Stage 1D Munda-Gudda Discovery Path emergency helipad / gathering area (including associated water and electrical services);
- Stage 1E Munda-Gudda Discovery Path nature play area and landscaping (including bush tucker);

• Stage 1F – Car park.

Stage 2 – central part of Fraser Park

- Stage 2A Welcome area (including way finding/interpretive elements and connecting the car park, toilets, picnic areas, walking trails and amphitheatre);
- Stage 2B Picnic area;
- Stage 2C Open air amphitheatre.

Stage 3 – southern part of Fraser Park

- Stage 3A Overflow parking areas and connecting pathways;
- Stage 3B Grass Trees trail head and walking trail;
- Stage 3C To be confirmed (pending outcomes of final site master planning).

The project staging names are reflected in the approved project plan; respective funding applications, grant approvals and acquittals; signage and media releases.

These names are derived as follows:

Nurim Circuit

This represents the complete circuit from the carpark, consisting of the Elevated Boardwalk (stage 1A completed and stage 1B underway) amongst the Fraser Park canopy with Darumbal cultural stories entwined in its design. A prominent lookout provides a panoramic view of Rockhampton along with a connecting all-abilities path returning to the carpark. Nurim is the recognised traditional owners' name for Mt Archer. The term Elevated Boardwalk is utilised as this clearly reflects the build and to distinguish this project from other canopy walks.

Munda-Gudda Discovery Path

This represents the grassed pathway through the middle of the Nurim Circuit, connecting the carpark to the centre of the Elevated Boardwalk. Munda-Gudda is the recognised traditional owners' name for the rainbow serpent, being the Fitzroy River. The term Discovery Path is utilised as this area comprises nature play landscaping and bush tucker. The Darumbal people are providing guidance in the development of the bush tucker trail.

Welcome Area

This represents the information centre for Fraser Park that connects car park patrons to the picnic areas, toilets, walking trails and amphitheater. The term Welcome Area is utilised as this clearly reflects the intent of this site to visitors and includes wayfinding signage.

Open Air Amphitheatre

This represents an area of terraced seat consistent with the topography to support local events, outdoor learning opportunities and social gatherings. It should be noted that power, water and communications are out of scope for this stage. The name reflects the nature of the planned open air layout in a natural theatre setting.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Council approved the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan on the 13 October 2015 and authorised an implementation plan be prepared.

An initial implementation plan was endorsed by Council on the 8 December 2015.

A governance framework and priority projects for the 2016/17 period was endorsed by Council on the 28 June 2016.

Council approved on 29 May 2018 that a report be prepared for the next Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee meeting on the naming elements of the Mount Archer Activation Master Plan.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Concerns were raised with the Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee Chair in 2017 regarding the increasing use of alternative names for the Nurim Circuit and in particular the elevated boardwalk, creating confusion in the public realm.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

This Project is consistent with the following provisions:

Corporate Plan 2017 - 2022

1.2 Regional public places that meet our community's needs

1.6 Our sense of place, diverse culture, history and creativity are valued and embraced

Operational Plan 2017 - 2018

1.1.1 Delivery high quality infrastructure

1.2.1 Ensure that a range of community meeting spaces, public venues and facilities are provided to service the needs and expectations of our community

CONCLUSION

The report on the Fraser Park Redevelopment Naming Elements be received.

8.4 TREE PLANTING REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

File No:	5918
Attachments:	 Tree Planting Report 2017-18. Planting Palette Implementation Plan.
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Aaron Pont - Coordinator Parks Operations

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to deliver a summary of Parks' recent tree planting and provide a discussion paper on the implementation plan of the Planting Palette.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council:

- 1. Receives the 2017-18 Parks Tree Planting Report; and
- 2. Receives the Planting Palette Implementation Plan as outlined within the report.

COMMENTARY

A healthy urban forest has been proven to deliver numerous benefits to the community including increased amenity, liveability and wellbeing. Trees can provide significant cooling effect in tropical climates and reduce the heat island effect in public spaces.

Council currently plant an estimated 3,000 trees per annum across a range of sites including revegetation and grass reduction, amenity plantings of streetscapes, and shade specimen trees in Parks. Commencing 2018-19, Parks are seeking to identify and capitalise additional opportunities to enhance Rockhampton's urban forest and deliver a planned and strategic program guided by the Planting Palette.

The Planting Palette aims to enhance our parks and streetscapes by delivering cool and shady landscapes with a splash of colour. An Implementation Plan has been developed to assist with the long term planting improvements across the Rockhampton Region over a five year period. Parks have selected a diverse balance of sites to distribute the benefits of the palette across the region (refer to attachment two).

BACKGROUND

In December 2017, the Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee carried the motions:

- 1. THAT the Planting Palette as outlined in the report be adopted as a guide for long-term planting improvements across the Rockhampton Region; and
- 2. THAT an implementation plan be developed for the Planting Palette.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Parks Operations have a budget amount of \$50,000 for Planting Palette Implementation in the 2018-19. It is proposed that budgetary consideration be given for 2019-20 to 2022-23 for \$200,000 per annum for the purpose of Planting Palette Implementation across a number of additional sites.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Parks staff will be responsible for delivery of the entire Planting Palette Implementation and will plan and deliver projects as well as provide necessary after care at all sites.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The Planting Palette aims to support the following key areas and expectations, as outlined in the Corporate Plan 2017-2022:

Community (active and healthy lifestyles):

- CP1.2 Regional public places that meet our community's needs
- CP1.4 Healthy living and active lifestyles
- CP1.6 Our sense of place, diverse culture, history and creativity are valued and embraced

Economy (regional profile and growth):

- CP2.1 A destination sought for lifestyle, community events and tourism
- CP2.3 The redevelopment and activation of major urban places to attract investment and improved lifestyles

Environment (protect, enhance and sustain our natural environment):

- CP3.1 Contribute to healthy natural ecosystems
- CP3.2 Sustainable and innovative environmental practices

CONCLUSION

Parks will deliver tree planting programs that capitalise on our natural assets and improve the amenity and aesthetic appeal of the Rockhampton Region through the planting palette implementation plan and strategic long term planning for future years.

Additional resources received in the 2018-19 budget will allow Parks to focus on enhanced and holistic management of Rockhampton's urban forest.

TREE PLANTING REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Tree Planting Report 2017-18

Meeting Date: 22 August 2018

Attachment No: 1

Tree Planting by Parks 2017-18

	Plantings	Trees Planted
	2017 National Tree Planting Day	1,000
	Frenchman's Road	
	Blackall Street	
	Gracemere	
	Mt Morgan 2017 Naidoc Week	150
	2017 Naldoc Week	150
	Bill Crane Park - Syzygium screening of transmission tower	18
	Cedric Archer Park – shade planting of large Ficus benjamina	11
	Georgeson Oval – shade planting of large Ficus	15
	Coorgooon ovar onado planting of largo 7 louo	
	Street Tree replacements – approximate numbers of plantings	100
7	to offset tree removals	100
2017		
	Ranger Street – centre median Burdekin Plums	18
		10
	2018 National Tree Planting Day	750
	 Newman Oval, Mount Morgan 	
	O'Shanesy Park	
	Frenchman's Road	
	2018 Naidoc Week	150
2018		
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	Total	2,212

TREE PLANTING REPORT AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Planting Palette Implementation Plan

Meeting Date: 22 August 2018

Attachment No: 2

Planting Palette Implementation Plan

Project	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Gavial Gracemere Road	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$7,500		
 Screen plantings 					
Wildlife corridor					
 Sound attenuation 					
Somerset Road Gracemere	\$10,000	\$5,000			
 Feature specimens 					
 Screen plantings 					
Wildlife corridor					
 Sound attenuation 					
Mt Morgan Entry statements	\$5000	\$5,000			
 Feature plantings 					
complimentary to					
welcome signage					
Bajool Entry statements	\$10,000				
Feature plantings					
complimentary to					
welcome signage	¢15.000	¢15.000	¢15.000		
Glenmore Road, Park AvenueOpportunity to remove	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000		
 Opportunity to remove and replace declining 					
Palm trees with more					
suitable species for					
location					
Avenue feature planting					
Cherryfields Road Gracemere		\$10,000	\$7,500		
Feature specimens		+ -,	+)		
Screen plantings					
Wildlife corridor					
 Sound attenuation 					
Norman Road		\$85,000	\$50,000		
 Median feature trees 					
 Screen plantings 					
 Sound attenuation 					
 Species selection in 					
consideration of					
powerlines (3m high)					
Gladstone Road (Yeppen		\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
Roundabout to Central Park)					
 Feature plantings verges 					
and median					
Assessment of current					
trees for site suitability		Ф1E 000	¢10.000	¢10.000	
Newman Oval, Mt MorganSite enhancement		\$15,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	
plantings to increase shade					
 Improved screening of 					
adjacent properties					
Marmor Entry statements		\$5,000	\$5,000	1	
Feature plantings		+0,000	+=,000		
complimentary to					
welcome signage					

Project	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
 Westwood Entry statements Feature plantings complimentary to welcome signage 		\$10,000			
 Bouldercombe Entry statements Feature plantings complimentary to welcome signage 		\$7,500			
Moores Creek Road (Feez Street to Norman Road) Median feature trees Verge buffer/screen plantings			\$75,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Murray St, Depot Hill Peltophorums: strategic planning of replacement plantings memorial avenue 				\$60,000	\$60,000
 Kent St Rockhampton City Tamarinds: strategic planning of replacement plantings memorial avenue 				\$50,000	\$70,000
 Sportsgrounds throughout Rockhampton Region Canopy shade tree planting on Council sportsgrounds 		\$20,000	\$20,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total Budget	\$50,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

8.5 REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEASED AREA - ROCKHAMPTON OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

File No:	9790
Attachments:	 Proposed Lease Extensions Photos of Unauthorised Material
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Jacinta James - Acting Senior Sports and Education Advisor

SUMMARY

Rockhampton Outrigger Canoe Club hold a Trustee lease over part of the Ski Gardens Reserve. Rockhampton Outrigger Canoe Club is seeking permission to amend their leased area in three directions in order to carry out improvement works.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT

- 1. Council approve the request from the Rockhampton Outrigger Canoe Club to extend the existing lease boundary to the West of the existing shed to allow the construction of a canoe rack;
- 2. Council deny the request from the Rockhampton Outrigger Canoe Club to extend the existing lease boundary to the North of the existing shed and the subsequent removal of unauthorised material; and
- 3. Council deny the request from Rockhampton Outrigger Canoe Club to extend the existing lease boundary to the East of the existing shed to allow the construction of an additional storage shed.

COMMENTARY

The Ski Gardens Reserve is located at 30 Harman Street, Wandal (being Lot 371 CP863559). The following organisations Lease part of this Reserve:

- Rockhampton Outriggers Canoe Club lease expires 31 December 2018
- Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club lease expires 30 April 2024
- Grammarians Rowing Club lease expires 30 June 2019
- Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club lease expires 30 June 2018

Rockhampton Outrigger Canoe Club continues to provide outrigging and associated coaching activities for their 33 members.

BACKGROUND

In early 2018, The Rockhampton Outrigger Canoe Club were invited by Council to renew their lease over part of Ski Gardens Reserve. Council has since received the Club's application form to renew that requested the existing Lease area be increased in three (3) directions to allow the Club to carry out proposed improvements.

On Tuesday 19 June, Council officers met with a representative of the Club to further discuss the proposed improvements and amendments to the Club's Trustee Lease. The meeting established the following:

Canoe Storage Rack

The Club propose to install a canoe storage rack to the West of the existing shed. The rack will be surrounded by a fence which will allow for the safe storage of large canoes. The Club already utilise this area to store canoes on the ground, which is not an ideal long term storage solution. Increasing the lease to include this area provides the Club with the ability to safely and effectively store large canoes while reducing Council's liability of potential trip hazards and/or injury to a member of the public.

Rigging and Loading/Unloading Area

The Club seek approval to increase their lease boundary by 7m to the North of the existing building to allow a flat grassed surface to rig and load/unload canoes.

The Club currently have and will continue to have ability to utilise the parkland in front of their Lease area to rig and load/unload canoes in its original state. Increasing the Lease area to include additional land to the North of the existing shed will provide the Club with exclusive use of the area.

This matter was discussed at length in the meeting on 19 June, with the Club representative agreeing that exclusive use of this area is not required, given the Club currently has the ability to utilise the area.

While onsite, it was identified that the Club had placed several loads of crusher dust to the North of the existing shed, on Council land external to the leased area without Council approval. This material creates a safety concern for pedestrians as a result of its gradient on the sides and is in close proximity to two (2) established trees.

Additional Storage Shed

The Club propose to construct an additional shed (11m x 18m) to the East of the existing shed to store trailers that transport canoes to regattas and power boats used during events.

The position of the proposed shed would require the removal of three (3) established trees, is in close proximity of an electrical switchboard that powers the floodlights and some of the surrounding sheds, therefore limiting accessibility for maintenance and could establish an area between the sheds that promotes anti-social behaviour.

Furthermore, there is currently five (5) sheds within Ski Gardens that impact on the visual amenity of the reserve.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

19 July 2017 – Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee: Freehold Lease and Trustee Lease renewals for Parks until 30 June 2019.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The Club are not seeking financial assistance from Council, however have indicated that they will be making submissions in funding programs that provide 100% contributions in order to proceed with the improvements.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

1.4.3.4 – Support community and volunteer organisations in the delivery of sport and recreation activities

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve the extension to the West of the existing Lease area to allow the Club to improve their storage methods and deny the requests to extend the existing Lease to the North and East.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEASED AREA - ROCKHAMPTON OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

Proposed Lease Extensions

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PARKS, RECREATION AND SPORT COMMITTEE AGENDA

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF LEASED AREA - ROCKHAMPTON OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

Photos of Unauthorised Material

Meeting Date: 22 August 2018

Attachment No: 2

Photos of Unauthorised Material





8.6 PARKS OPERATIONAL REPORT – JULY 2018

File No:	1464
Attachments:	1. Parks Operational Report - July 2018
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Colleen Worthy - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Jacinta James - Acting Senior Sports and Education Advisor

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities and services of Parks section for July 2018.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks Section for July 2018 be received.

COMMENTARY

- 1. Park Visitor Services
 - Kershaw Gardens
 - Rockhampton Botanic Gardens
 - Rockhampton Zoo
- 2. Park Planning and Projects
 - Sport and recreation
- 3. Parks Administration and Management
 - Park bookings
 - Customer service

The attached report contains information on the activities and services of these areas for July 2018.

PARKS OPERATIONAL REPORT – JULY 2018

Parks Operational Report - July 2018

Meeting Date: 22 August 2018

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The contract for construction of the Nurim Circuit Elevated Boardwalk was awarded in May, anticipated completion date is September. Panel invitation for the detailed design for the balance of Fraser Park including Amphitheatre closed in May and under evaluation.

Parks team is delivering the Dog Pound landscaping. Costs and plant selection were settled in April. Scheduled for completion in July.

Parks assumed responsibility for the landscaping associated with the Kershaw Gardens redevelopment, should be delivered by July with initial plantings commencing in May.

The Campbell road roundabout planting selection has been identified with a strong theme of colour and will allign with similar roundabouts.

Shade for the crocodile viewing area within the zoo is completed. Internal shade for the crocodile has been received and will be installed in October.

The SPARC public consultation process closed on 3 April 2018. Report presented to Committee on 23 May. Workshop will be organised before Council further consideration.

Contract #13019 Irrigation Designs for Multiple Parks and Sporting Fields has been awarded and design works have commenced immediately. These designs will form the basis of Parks' strategic irrigation renewals into the future, from here we can seek estimates for construction and plan budget allocations for renewal Capex projects

The very first World Chimpanzee Day was held at the Zoo on Saturday 14 July. There were lots of activities during the day – hourly Zoo Keeper talks, giving out children's Chimpanzee activity books, a private fundraiser for the Walk as One campaign as well as a visit from Debbie Cox who has been working for JGI in Central and Eastern Africa for 23 years. Debbie spoke to Zoo staff about the many achievements that have been made in Chimpanzee conversation in Africa.

A total of 156,000 visitors were recorded over the past 12 months at Zoo.

2. Innovations, Improvements and Variations

With the Organizational structure settled, Parks Operations and Administration will be collaborating on a number of business improvements including:

- Overtime and on-call rosters: analysis of existing roster with a view to rationalisation
- Pathway Requests: reforming processes and workflows
- Parks booking responsibilities: improved working procedures

Parks Operations have used the restructure as a catalyst for redistribution of workforce into critical areas including CBD and fringing areas, Sports Grounds, and North Rockhampton Parks. Objective for the team is to embed these changes in anticipation of the growing season. Team are optimistic that these changes will result in improved maintenance cycle times, reduced Pathways and improved customer experience

3. Customer Service Requests

Response times for completing customer requests in the reporting period for July 2018 are:



All Monthly Requests (Priority 3) Parks 'Traffic Light' report July 2018

				onth NEW Jests	TOTAL			Avg W/O	Completion	Avg	Avg	Avg	Avg Duration
	Balance B/F	Completed in Current Mth	Received	Completed	INCOMPLETE REQUESTS BALANCE	Work Orders Issued	On Hold	Issue Time (days) 12 months	Standard (days)	Completion Time (days) Current Mth	Completion Time (days) 6 Months	Completion Time (days) 12 Months	(days) 12 Months (complete and incomplete)
Cemeteries - Complaint	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	8	0.00	6.50	4.60	2.86
Cemeteries - General Enquiry	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0.32	14	0.00	6 5.94	8.92	8.33
Sport & Recreation - General Enquiry	1	1	3	3	0	0	0	4.45	10	2.67	12.17	• 17.88	11.37
Parks Booking Services Request ***Notification***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	5	0.00	0.50	.4.31	0.27
Tree and Stump Removal - Request	14	8	25	7	24	0	0	6.71	50	7.86	9 14.13	6.07	14.55
Parks General - Request	27	13	88	64	38	5	0	30.95	10	2.63	8.23	8.81	4.61
Tree Trimming - Request	27	24	79	58	24	0	0	52.02	40	. 1.76	5.56	5.30	4.42
Council Owned Swimming Pools - General Enquiry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	10	0.00	e 26.00	9 25.39	13.20

4. Service Delivery

July 2018

Service Level	Target	Current Performance	Service Level Type (Operational or Adopted)
Pool Operator reporting (Received by 7 th of Month)	On-time	Achieved	Operational
Tenure Renewals – Resolved this financial year	46	4	Operational

Progressive Measures / Indicators	Same Month Last Year	Current Month
Zoo visitors	14,110	22,772
Zoo donations	\$1,513	\$2,824
Parks bookings (number of events and celebrations in month / FYTD)	74 / 74	78 / 78
Volunteer Participation (hours) – Zoo	292	71

5. Legislative Compliance and Standards (including Risk and Safety)

Safety Statistics

The safety statistics for the reporting period are:

		FIRST QUARTER	
	July	August	September
Number of Lost Time Injuries	0		
Number of Days Lost Due to Injury	*		
Total Number of Incidents Report	2		
Number of Incomplete Hazard Inspections	0		

*Not yet collated

Risk Management Summary

Currently under review.

6. Operational Plan Targets by Section

The following Operational Plan actions and targets are required to be reported to Council on a monthly basis. This data will also form part of the Operational Plan quarterly report to Council:

Operational Plan Ref	Action	Target	Status	
1.1.1.1	Operate, maintain and repair infrastructure as detailed in the annual maintenance programs	Delivery of the annual operating budget to 95%	Parks Planning and Projects activities underway and on target.	
			Parks Operations activities on track and within budget allocations.	
1.1.1.2	Deliver the annual capital works program	Budget expenditure greater than 95%	Project Managers responsible. Refer to Section 7 Parks Capital Projects below.	
1.1.3.4	Develop and Implement a strategic plan for the Region's open space, parks and streetscapes that improves amenity	SPARC adopted by Council by 31 December 2017	The SPARC public consultation process closed on 3 April 2018. Workshop required before Council consideration.	
	and encourages / increases physical activity and builds communities	Implement development actions in accordance with SPARC objectives and guidelines	Pending Council adoption of strategy.	
1.2.1.5	Continued implementation of the Kershaw Gardens Restoration and Redevelopment	Completion of planned works as scheduled by 30 June 2018	Project Management for RRC by Program Delivery Unit. Practical completion date for Redevelopment (#12446) contract is 26 June 2018.	
1.4.1.1	Increase utilisation through a range of entertainment, education and recreation events in parks	Undertake usage surveys of four parks per year	Visitor intercept and on line surveys completed for Rockhampton Botanic Gardens and Zoo. Parks Manager to review these and discuss with the new curators when these positions are appointed, learnings and trends from the intercepts.	
1.4.3.2	Engage volunteers to assist with activities in the zoo and selected major parks	Increase in number of volunteers by 10%	Volunteer numbers have been maintained. The volunteers at the Botanical park number up to seven .The Parks manager will be discussing this with the new curator on building the numbers for 18/19.	
1.4.3.4	Support community and volunteer organisations in the delivery of sport and recreation activities	Increase number of organisations supported	Council have provided the Queensland Government with feedback to develop the Building Active Community Workshops schedule for the second half on 2018. Focusing on the following topics: Marketing and	

Operational Plan Ref	Action	Target	Status
			Sponsorship, Using Social Media, Grant Writing and Sport for All.
1.6.2.2	Operate and manage the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens	Rockhampton Botanic Gardens opened in accordance with operating hours and managed in accordance with Strategic Master Plan	The draft Strategic Master Plan will be reviewed by the Manager of Parks and the new Curator and will result in a report to Council later in the financial year.
2.1.2.3	Work with the Region's sporting associations to develop opportunities and attract sports competition events to the	One or more new events attracted	CONVIC were awarded the Tender to conduct Safety Audits off the Region's Skateparks. The draft report is expected in early August.
	Region		Planned events for 2018 include CQ Swimming Championships, Masters State Short Course Championships, Capricornia School Trials, National Water Polo Championships and Qld Secondary Schools Open Touch Football Championships.
			Rockhampton Softball are hosting the Queensland State School 10-12 Yrs Girls Championships the last weekend in August. The Club is also hosting the Open Men's State Championships in October.
			Rockhampton Hockey Association was successful in their bid to host the Oceania Championships in 2019.
			The Queensland Schools State Rowing Championships are being held 21 -24 September 2018.
		Increased utilisation of the Region's sport facilities	Supporting sporting organisation's to deliver events and activities that increase utilisation of facilities.
			Netball Queensland and the Frenchville Sports Club have recently made contact with Sport & Education in relation to strategic infrastructure planning.
3.1.4.1	Improve landscape design and delivery within parks and streetscapes to provide diversity of vegetation cover	Planting in accordance with the Streetscape Design Manual	Gracemere Ranger Street revegetation median strip planting completed. Parks team will be meeting the voice of Gracemere group in late August 2018 to identify further works.

7. Capital Projects

As at period ended July 2018

Project	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date	Status	Budget Estimate	YTD actual (incl committals)	
ASSET RENEWAL PROGRAMMED WORKS						
Upgrade field surface	July 2017	June 2018	WIP	18,869	3,844	
Comment: Works completed at Saleyards Park to address fiel	d condition is	sues. Further	r investigation is required on the overall perfo	rmance of play	ving field assets.	
Irrigation Renewal	July 2017	June 2018	WIP	207,047	1,063	
Comment: Tender has been awarded for design of multiple Parks and Sports Fields with works commencing immediately						
Rockhampton Botanic Gardens – pathways	July 2017	June 2018	NYC	101,991	0	
Comment: Parks Manager to review pathways with the new Curator and reference previous historical investigation and preliminary design.						
Botanic Gardens – Japanese Garden pond restoration	July 2017	June 2018	NYC	30,000	0	
Comment: Planning deferred to 18/19. The Facilities projects	eam will be c	costing up and	d confirming scope by mid-september 2018.			
DI	VISIONAL C	OUNCILLOR	ALLOCATIONS			
Div 5 Zoo Improvements	July 2017	June 2018	WIP	71,740	0	
Comment: Div 5 funds to be roll over to 18/19.						
	TC MARCIA	RESTORAT	TON WORKS			
TCM RBG - Fernery & Visitor Centre entry	June 2017	June 2018	WIP	259,539	40,978	

Comment: Restoration and repair of cyclone damage in Parks. Detailed design almost complete. Special Project unit engaged to progress delivery. PCG to approve final design.

8. Operational Projects

As at period ended July 2018

Project	Revised Budget	Actual (incl. committals)	% budget committed	Explanation
Median restoration	\$75,000	\$693		Currently developing program for the year. The final planning for implementation completed. Works on hold and will carried over into 2018/2019.
Tree renewals/ planting	\$90,000	\$21,131	23%	Undertaken as required in consultation with the Rockhampton Regional Council arborist and Manager of Parks.

Kershaw Gardens

Local company JM Kelly Builders have been awarded the two contracts (Civil Works and Redevelopment Works) for Kershaw Gardens. Possession of site was effected on Friday 9 June. The initial works package encompasses the civil works required to ready the site for the construction of the new infrastructure, play elements, park furniture and landscaping. The construction site area has been fenced to allow for safe conduct of the works.

Project near completion, Parks staff have been briefed on the various playground pieces and new vegetation's.

National Tree Day

The Schools National Tree Day was held on Friday 27 July, with 16 schools registering to participate. Emmaus College partnered with Stockland Rockhampton to clean up and plant out a section of Moores Creek.

The National Tree Day public planting was held on Sunday 29 July over three (3) sites: Frenchman's Creek, O'Shanesy Park and Newman Oval. Both Frenchman's Creek and Newman Oval received a good turnout, recording 90 and 60 registrations respectively. Additionally, the Mount Archer Scouts attended the Frenchman's Creek planting, and the Gracemere Scouts attended the Newman Oval planting.

9. Budget

Financial performance as expected for the reporting period – the higher than anticipated percentage of budget expended to date reflects some large commitments in the capital program.

	Adopted Budget	Revised Budget	EOM Commitments	Actuals for 01	Commit + Actual
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ARKS					
Parks Operations					
Revenues	(56,466)		0 0	(34,919)	(34,919)
Expenses	5,726,954		0 216,077	329,300	545,377
Transfer / Overhead Allocation	1,579,043		0 0	51,686	51,686
Total Unit: Parks Operations	7,249,530		0 216,077	346,068	562,144
<u>Parks Management</u>					
Revenues	(47,243)		0 0	(2,682)	(2,682
Expenses	5,391,628		0 32,067	233,435	265,502
Transfer / Overhead Allocation	68,137		0 0	9,657	9,657
Total Unit: Parks Management	5,412,522		0 32,067	240,410	272,477
Botanic & Kershaw					
Revenues	(32,217)		0 344	(3,276)	(2,932
Expenses	3,700,332		0 68,164	140,770	208,93
Transfer / Overhead Allocation	344,586		0 0	22,787	22,78
Total Unit: Botanic & Kershaw	4,012,702		0 68,508	160,282	228,790
Rockhampton Zoo					
Revenues	0		0 0	(658)	(658
Expenses	0		0 32,290	33,335	65,625
Transfer / Overhead Allocation	0		0 0	904	904
Total Unit: Rockhampton Zoo	0		0 32,290	33,581	65,871
Parks Administration Services					
Expenses	0		0 1,227	0	1,227
Total Unit: Parks Administration Services	0		0 1,227	0	1,227
Total Section: PARKS	16,674,754		0 350,169	780,341	1,130,510

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 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.

11 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.

12.1 42nd Battalion Memorial Pool – Operational Costs Associated with Waterslides

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

12 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

12.1 42ND BATTALION MEMORIAL POOL - OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WATERSLIDES

File No:	11795
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Blake Hunton - Manager Parks Steven Gatt - Acting General Manager Community Services
Author:	Jacinta James - Acting Senior Sports and Education Advisor
This report is considered co	nfidential in accordance with section 275(1)(b) of the Local

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(h), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to other business for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government or someone else, or enable a person to gain a financial advantage.

SUMMARY

The Waterslides at the 42nd Battalion Memorial Pool opened to the public on 16 December 2017. This report summarises the operational costs associated with the Waterslides for the 2017/18 Financial Year and the projected costs for the 2018/19 Financial Year.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING