



**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

21 JUNE 2022

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**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2022 COMMENCING AT 09:00AM**

1 OPENING

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor, Councillor N K Fisher
Councillor S Latcham
Councillor C E Smith (via video-link)
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor D Kirkland
Councillor G D Mathers (via video-link)

In Attendance:

Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services (Executive Officer)
Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer (via video-link)
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services (via video-link)
Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer (via video-link)
Mr D Morrison – Manager Office of the Mayor (via video-link)
Mr D Scott – Manager Planning and Regulatory Services
Mr A Pont – Manager Parks
Ms E Dwyer – Manager Community Assets and Facilities
Ms K Barrett – Project Officer
Mr J Bulwinkel – Supervisor – Sports and Administration (via video-link)
Mr S Harvey – Coordinator Infrastructure Planning (via video-link)
Ms K Walsh – Acting Senior Committee Support Officer
Ms K Kellett – Acting Committee Support Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Communities Committee of 17 May 2022 be confirmed.

Moved by: Councillor Latcham

Seconded by: Councillor Kirkland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Nil

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 OFFICERS' REPORTS

8.1 FLYING FOX ROOST MANAGEMENT PLAN

File No: 1160
Authorising Officer: Doug Scott - Manager Planning and Regulatory Services
Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Karen Moody - Coordinator Health and Environment

SUMMARY

This report provides the Flying-Fox Roost Management Plan for Council Approval.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council approves the Flying-Fox Roost Management Plan and a letter be written to the Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs, Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP outlining Council's difficulties and inviting the Minister to visit and assist.

Moved by: Councillor Kirkland

Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.2 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - MAJOR SPONSORSHIP

File No: 12535
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Kerri Dorman - Administration Supervisor

SUMMARY

An application from the Black Dog Ball Inc for Major Sponsorship Assistance towards their Black Dog Ball 2022 event is presented for Council consideration.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT this matter be referred to the next Council Meeting to be held on 28 June 2022.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

9:41AM The Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.

8.3 CMP UPDATES - HERITAGE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

9:46AM The Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting.

File No: 13866
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Emma-Jane Dwyer - Manager Community Assets & Facilities

SUMMARY

Best practice guidelines suggest that for Heritage Listed assets a Conservation Management Plan should be prepared. A body of work is currently required to update a number of CMPs to reflect current condition and work required. Advice has been received that the Mount Morgan Commonwealth Bank Building does not meet the criteria of State Significance. As such, a recommendation is sought to apply to remove this building from the register.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT matter lay on the table until further consultation with the community.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION TIED

That due to a tied vote the decision be referred to the next Council Meeting to determine.

8.4 CEMETERIES RELATED ACTIVITIES POLICY

File No: 11979
Authorising Officer: Damon Richardson - Acting Coordinator Community Facilities
Emma-Jane Dwyer - Manager Community Assets & Facilities
Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Joanne Stratford - Supervisor Cemeteries

SUMMARY

This matter was referred to a workshop at the Parks, Recreation and Sport Committee meeting on 12 February 2020 with the following resolution:

“that Officers prepare a scenario that would see Council assuming control of burial rights as a last resort.”

A workshop was held with Councillors on 17 August 2020.

Meeting Adjourned**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

10:16AM

That the meeting be adjourned for a 20 minute recess.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

10:35AM

That the meeting be resumed.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council adopt the Cemetery Related Activities Policy.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

Councillor Smith and Councillor Rutherford recorded their voted against the motion.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT a report be presented to Council within 6 months on the future of cemeteries.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT Council review the Cemetery Related Activities Policy within 12 months.

Moved by: Councillor Wickerson

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8.5 PROPERTY MATTER

File No: 374
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Emma-Jane Dwyer - Manager Community Assets & Facilities
Kellie Roberts - Coordinator Property and Insurance

SUMMARY

Manager Community Assets and Facilities reporting on a proposal for property acquisition in Mount Morgan.

This matter was withdrawn from the Agenda prior to the meeting.

9 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

11 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

12 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:33am.

CHAIRPERSON

DATE



**MEETING
ATTACHMENTS**

21 JUNE 2022

ANNEXURE A

Documents presented to Councillors for their reference during the Council meeting when dealing with:

Item 8.1 Flying Fox Roost Management Plan

Page Number	Section	Old Wording	New Wording								
2	1.2	Nil	Expanded legislation overview explaining in more detail what Council can do.								
11	2.6.6 Damage to vegetation	Nil	Overall tree health within the RBG is of particular concern to Council, as is the potential damage to heritage-listed trees within the park. Management actions to deter flying-foxes from roosting in heritage listed trees and maintain the health of all trees within the RBG are considered in section 5.								
47	Management Actions - Nudging Using Low Intensity Disturbance Appraisal	Not currently suitable	Only suitable where other management techniques have been effectively implemented and proven unsuccessful in alleviating impacts.								
48	Management Actions - Nudging Using Low Intensity Disturbance Suitability	Previous attempts to nudge flying-foxes from this location have been unsuccessful.	Previous attempts to nudge flying-foxes from this location have had both positive and negative feedback from the community, but have ultimately been unsuccessful in shifting the flying-foxes from high-conflict locations long term.								
48	Management Actions - Passive Dispersal though Vegetation Removal Appraisal	Not currently suitable	Only suitable where other management techniques have been effectively implemented and proven unsuccessful in alleviating impacts.								
49	Active Dispersal though disturbance Appraisal	Not currently suitable	Only suitable where other management techniques have been effectively implemented and proven unsuccessful in alleviating impacts.								
49	Active Dispersal though disturbance Suitability	As such, it is not recommended for RBG, Kabra or Westwood roosts. In addition, given RBG's history with unsuccessful dispersal and nudging attempts, no further attempts are recommended at RBG.	As such, is not currently recommended for RBG, Kabra or Westwood roosts. While previous dispersal and nudging attempts at the RBG have had temporary success, none have provided long-term solution for the conflict at the site.								
51	Management Approach	Nil	<p>Active management, including nudging and/or dispersal activities, should only be considered for very high conflict sites where other management techniques have been effectively implemented and proven unsuccessful in alleviating impacts. Where necessary, nudging should be as passive as possible (e.g. lighting as opposed to noise), particularly when attached young may be present, to avoid welfare impacts. No form of nudging is appropriate in areas where creching young are present as it will likely result in harm and breach legislation. Further it will not be effective when flightless young are present.</p> <p>If active management techniques are planned, Council will develop a Project Health and Safety Plan to protect the safety of personnel, flying fox welfare, and to manage other associated risks.</p>								
53	Table Four Management Actions	Nil	<table border="1"> <tr> <td></td> <td>complete forest deterioration during large flying-fox influxes and provide refuge habitat during HSEs.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Active management (nudging and/or dispersal)</td> <td>Active management will only be considered for very high conflict sites where other management techniques have been effectively implemented and proven unsuccessful in alleviating impacts.</td> <td>Costs will depend on the size of the roost, location, resources and personnel required to undertake initial works, and ongoing costs to maintain nudging/dispersal outcomes</td> <td>Only when required</td> </tr> </table>		complete forest deterioration during large flying-fox influxes and provide refuge habitat during HSEs.			Active management (nudging and/or dispersal)	Active management will only be considered for very high conflict sites where other management techniques have been effectively implemented and proven unsuccessful in alleviating impacts.	Costs will depend on the size of the roost, location, resources and personnel required to undertake initial works, and ongoing costs to maintain nudging/dispersal outcomes	Only when required
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64	Appendix One - Legislation		Expansion of the legislation and how council can operate.								
79	Appendix 4 - Protected Matters Search Tool results	Links to search documents provided	Information from search now forms part of the document.								
81	Appendix 5 – Community Survey Results	Links to search documents provided	Results form part of the document.								

Further Amendment not yet updated in document...

- Section 6 Management Approach – added the following long-term action:
 - *Undertake monthly monitoring at Kabra, Westwood and RBG flying-fox roosts, increasing to weekly four weeks prior to and following any active management (e.g. nudging, dispersal), and daily three days prior to, during, and following active management.*

- Table 4 – added ‘regular monitoring’ as an action, with the following description:
 - *Undertake regular, monthly monitoring of the Kabra, Westwood and RBG flying-fox roosts to detect any changes in population numbers or distribution in the area. Where possible, monthly monitoring should also include other known roosts in the area, such as the Lakes Creek roost, to inform knowledge regarding flying-fox movement and resources in the region. Monitoring at the three key roosts should increase to weekly in the four weeks leading up to and following any active roost management. Moreover, monitoring should increase to daily in the three days prior to, during, and following active management.*