



**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MINUTES

15 MARCH 2022

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**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON
ON TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022 COMMENCING AT 9:01AM**

1 OPENING

- 1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

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

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services (Executive Officer)
Mr P Kofod – General Manager Regional Services
Mr D Scott – Manager Planning and Regulatory Services
Mr A Pont – Manager Parks
Mr A Russell – Manager Strategy and Planning
Mr J Weir – Project Manager Art Gallery - Technical
Ms C Bell – Coordinator Environmental Sustainability
Ms K Moody – Coordinator Health and Environment
Mr S Ellis – Coordinator Community Master Planning
Ms A Johnson – Land Use and Community Planner
Ms L Leeder – Senior Committee Support Officer

Via Video Link:

Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer
Mr G Bowden – Executive Manager Advance Rockhampton
Mr A Collins – Manager Project Delivery

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

9:02AM

Councillor Shane Latcham informed the meeting:

"I have a declarable conflict of interest in **Item 7.1 Community Assistance Program: Environment and Sustainability Scheme - February 2022 Community Initiatives** as I attend the Emmaus College P&F Association meetings on a regular basis, while I am not an office bearer my children do attend Emmaus College.

I propose to leave the meeting when the matter is discussed and voted on."

9:04AM

Councillor Donna Kirkland informed the meeting:

"I have a perceived declarable conflict of interest in **Item 7.1 Community Assistance Program: Environment and Sustainability Scheme - February 2022 Community Initiatives** as I attend Emmaus College P&F Association meetings although I am not an office bearer.

I wish to participate in this matter and acknowledge that eligible Councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 150ES of the Local Government Act 2009, whether I:

- May participate in the decision, including by voting on the matter: or
- Must leave the meeting, including any area set aside for the public and stay away while the eligible Councillors discuss and vote on the matter."

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Donna Kirkland does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this item and may participate in the discussion, including by voting on the matter.

Moved by: Mayor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED

Councillors Williams, Smith, Rutherford, Wickerson, Mathers, Fisher voted in the affirmative. Councillors Kirkland and Latcham did not participate in the vote.

5 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

6 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

7 OFFICERS' REPORTS

7.1 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY SCHEME - FEBRUARY 2022 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

9:04AM Councillor Latcham, having earlier informed the meeting of a declarable conflict of interest and his decision to not participate in the decision, left the place at which the meeting was held, including any area for the public and stayed away while the matter was discussed and voted on.

File No: 12535
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Christine Bell - Coordinator Environmental Sustainability

SUMMARY

This report tables the latest round of community-based initiatives submitted for consideration under Council's Community Assistance Program – Environment and Sustainability Scheme.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

That Council approve funding and support for the following community-led environment and sustainability initiatives:

Organisation	Grant (GST exc)
Emmaus College P&F Association – Support to the Student Sustainability Committee's 'CQ Sustainability Youth Summit' and School Waste Management initiatives.	\$3,000
Total grant value	\$3,000

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Kirkland

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillors Williams, Kirkland, Smith, Rutherford, Wickerson, Mathers, Fisher voted in the affirmative.

Councillor Latcham was not in the meeting room.

9:06AM Councillor Latcham returned to the meeting room

7.2 BRINGING NATURE BACK - OPERATIONAL NRM PROGRAM UPDATE

File No: 1174
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Christine Bell - Coordinator Environmental Sustainability

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Council's Operational Natural Resource Management Program. It includes a summary of works completed to date and outlines proposed delivery partners for FY2022-23.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council receive the update on Council's Operational Natural Resource Management Program.

Moved by: Councillor Kirkland
Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 DRAFT BIOSECURITY PLAN 2022 - 2026

File No: 7099
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 presents the draft 2022 – 2026 Biosecurity Plan to Council for endorsement for internal and external consultation.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council endorses the draft 2022 – 2026 Biosecurity Plan for internal and external consultation focusing on the action plans and priority species lists.

Moved by: Councillor Mathers

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 DOG OFF LEASH AREAS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

File No: 13762
Authorising Officer: Steven Ellis - Coordinator Community Master Planning
Aaron Pont - Manager Parks
Author: Amy Johnson - Planning Assistant

SUMMARY

This summary report outlines the next steps in the dog off leash areas community engagement and implementation plan.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the report on the Dog off Leash Areas Community Engagement Plan be 'received'.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.5 ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS & ZOO REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

File No: 14700
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Jacob Weir - Project Manager Art Gallery - Technical
Aaron Pont - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on three critical areas of the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens & Zoo Redevelopment Program, including:

- 1. Botanic Gardens Playground Renewal Revised Concept Design.*
- 2. Visitor Hub and Animal Operations Centre Detail Design Progress Update.*
- 3. Enclosure Program Progress Update.*

10:20AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting
10:23AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

The Committee resolves that:

1. The revised concept design for the Botanic Gardens Playground Renewal is received and endorsed, enabling the project to proceed into detail design and construction.
2. The progress update for the Visitor Hub and Animal Operations Centre is received.
3. The progress update for the Enclosure Program is received and endorsed, enabling the program to proceed into releasing design and construct tender documentation; and securing recommendation new animal species.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Mathers

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.6 MOUNT MORGAN POOL REDEVELOPMENT

File No: 12534
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Kerri Dorman - Administration Supervisor

SUMMARY

Confirming the timing of the Mount Morgan Pool Redevelopment prior to the funding agreement being executed.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT Council does not proceed with the funding agreement and the proposed new swimming complex be removed from the budget.

THAT a subsequent report be presented to the Committee on the future operations of the Mount Morgan pool.

Moved by: Councillor Kirkland

Seconded by: Councillor Latcham

DIVISION:

Councillors Kirkland, Latcham, Smith, Wickerson, Mathers, Fisher voted in the affirmative.
Councillors Williams and Rutherford voted in the negative.

MOTION CARRIED

8 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

9 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

10 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS

11 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:16am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE