



# **COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**16 JULY 2024**

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**REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON  
ON TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 9:00AM**

## **1 OPENING**

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

## **2 PRESENT**

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor A P Williams (Chairperson)  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor M D Wickerson  
Councillor S Latcham  
Councillor E W Oram  
Councillor C R Rutherford  
Councillor M A Taylor  
Councillor G D Mathers

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer (via video-link)  
Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services (Executive Officer)  
Mr R Cheesman – Deputy Chief Executive Officer  
Ms M Taylor – Chief Financial Officer  
Mr D Morrison – Manager Workforce and Governance (via video-link)  
Mr J Webb – Manager Communities & Culture  
Mr A Pont – Manager Parks  
Mr D Scott – Manager Planning and Regulatory Services (via video-link)  
Mr J Kann – Manager Office of the Mayor  
Mr M O’Keeffe – Manager RRWR (via video-link)  
Mr M Millett – Coordinator Major Venues  
Ms C Sloss – Coordinator Arboriculture and Streetscapes  
Mr C Wyatt – Coordinator Strategic Planning (via video-link)  
Ms A O’Mara – Coordinator Development Assessment (via video-link)  
Ms A James – Strategic Planner (via video-link)  
Mr J Bulwinkel – Sports and Active Communities Coordinator  
Mr J Barnett – Sports and Active Communities Advisor  
Ms D Meyer – Project Support Officer (via video-link)  
Ms K Walsh – Committee Support Officer

## **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

## 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Communities Committee meeting on 18 June 2024 be confirmed.

**Moved by:** Councillor Wickerson

**Seconded by:** Councillor Oram

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Edward Oram informed the meeting:

“I wish to declare a prescribed conflict of interest in **Item 11.4 – Communities Project Reference Group – Item 5.3 – 24/25 Communities Capital Budget – Southside Pool**. This prescribed conflict of interest arises as my daughter Georgia Oram is an employee at one of the contracted businesses that looks after the Southside Pool as outlined in the report.

I will deal with the conflict by leaving the room and staying away from the place where the meeting is being held when this matter is being discussed and voted on.”

## 6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

### 6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

**File No:** 10097  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services

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#### 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 Communities Committee is presented for Councillors' information.*

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Business Outstanding Table for the Communities Committee be received.

**Moved by:** Councillor Rutherford

**Seconded by:** Councillor Mathers

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Nil

**9 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Nil

## 10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

### 10.1 PORTFOLIO UPDATE

**File No:** 10097  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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#### SUMMARY

*Portfolio Councillors for Communities and Heritage, Planning and Regulation, and Parks, Sport and Public Spaces will provide an update on matters of interest within their portfolio.*

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

THAT the Portfolio Updates for Communities and Heritage, Planning and Regulation, and Parks, Sport and Public Spaces be received.

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Taylor

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## 11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

### 11.1 RELOCATION OF MAYOR'S CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT OUTDOOR CONCERT

**File No:** 6097  
**Authorising Officer:** John Webb - Manager Communities and Culture  
Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Mark Millett - Coordinator Major Venues

#### SUMMARY

*Proposal to re-locate Mayor's Carols by Candlelight – outdoor event from the Rockhampton Music Bowl.*

*Declining attendance and an increasing infrastructure cost at the Music Bowl have presented RRC an opportunity to relocate the Carols by Candlelight outdoor concert. The change of location is expected to make the event easier to access for patrons and enable the flexibility to increase stage size to accommodate more community groups and performers such as choirs and dance ensembles.*

#### *Suspension of Standing Orders*

##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

9:36AM

That pursuant to s7.8 Council Meeting Procedures the provisions of the Rockhampton Regional Council Meeting Procedures be suspended to allow adequate time for informal discussion on Item 11.1 – Relocation of Mayor's Carols by Candlelight Outdoor Concert prior to entering into formal debate.

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Rutherford

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### *Resumption of Standing Orders*

##### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

9:48AM

That pursuant to s7.8 Council Meeting Procedures the provisions of the Rockhampton Regional Council Meeting Procedures be resumed.

**Moved by:** Mayor Williams  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Oram

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**



**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the matter lay on the table, be workshopped and brought back to the next Communities Committee meeting on 20 August 2024.

**Moved by: Mayor Williams**

**Seconded by: Councillor Wickerson**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**11.2 ROCKHAMPTON PANTHERS AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB INC. - SECOND FIELD PROPOSAL - ROCKHAMPTON CRICKET GROUNDS**

**File No:** 5464  
**Authorising Officer:** Aaron Pont - Manager Parks  
Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Jack Barnett - Sports and Active Communities Advisor  
Justin Bulwinkel - Sports and Active Communities Coordinator

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**SUMMARY**

*Rockhampton Panthers Australian Football Club Inc. seeks Council resolution to approve a second AFL field at Rockhampton Cricket Grounds, The Common.*

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT

1. Council approve the request to extend Trustee Permit area for Rockhampton Panthers Australian Football Club Inc. as identified in *Attachment 1* in the report to support a second competitive field.
2. Council approve the removal of six (6) trees on-site to support the second field development as identified in *Attachment 2* in the report.

**Moved by:** Councillor Mathers  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Rutherford  
**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**11.3 URBAN GREENING POLICY PROGRESS REPORT**

**File No:** 805  
**Authorising Officer:** Aaron Pont - Manager Parks  
Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services  
**Author:** Cassandra Sloss - Coordinator Arboriculture and Streetscapes

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**SUMMARY**

*Manager Parks providing annual update of the Urban Greening Policy Action Plan.*

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the annual update in relation to the Urban Greening Policy Action Plan be received.

**Moved by:** Councillor Rutherford

**Seconded by:** Councillor Oram

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**11.4 COMMUNITIES PROJECT REFERENCE GROUP**

**File No:** 11979  
**Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer  
**Author:** Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services

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**SUMMARY**

*The first meeting of the Communities Project Reference Group was held on 3 July 2024.*

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the Communities Project Reference Group meeting held on 3 July 2024, excluding **Item 5.3 – 24/25 Communities Capital Budget – Southside Pool** be received and the actions contained in the minutes be endorsed.

**Moved by:** Councillor Rutherford  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Wickerson

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10:13AM

Councillor Edward Oram, having earlier informed the meeting of a prescribed conflict of interest and his decision to not participate in **Item 11.4 – Communities Project Reference Group – Item 5.3 – 24/25 Communities Capital Budget – Southside Pool** left the place at which the meeting was held, including any area for the public and stayed away while the topic of Southside Pool was discussed and voted on.

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

THAT the minutes of the Communities Project Reference Group meeting - **Item 5.3 – 24/25 Communities Capital Budget – Southside Pool** held on 3 July 2024 be received and the actions contained in the minutes be endorsed.

**Moved by:** Councillor Rutherford  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Wickerson

**MOTION CARRIED**

Councillors Rutherford, Wickerson, Williams, Latcham, Mathers and Taylor voted in the affirmative.  
Councillor Oram was not in the meeting room and did not participate in the vote.

10:14AM Councillor Oram returned to the meeting room

**12 NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

**13 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**14 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS**

**15 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10:14am.

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SIGNATURE

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CHAIRPERSON

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE



**MEETING  
ATTACHMENTS**

**16 JULY 2024**

## **ANNEXURE A**

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

### **Item 10.1 Portfolio Updates – Parks, Sport and Public Spaces**



# VANDALISM



Joyce Harding Park



Hamster Wheel Kershaw Gardens



Gracemere Cemetery Amenities

# GRAFFITI





# ILLEGAL DUMPING



# VICTORIA PARK



*Pop Up Polo damages assessment to Vic Park field. Photo taken on the 14<sup>th</sup> June.*



*Field remediated for the Rugby Championships. Photo taken on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.*



“The true meaning of life is to plant trees; under whose shade you do not expect to sit.”

– Nelson Henderson





# JAPANESE GARDENS



Before



After

