



ORDINARY MEETING

MINUTES

9 JUNE 2015

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**REPORT OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
232 BOLSOVER STREET, ROCKHAMPTON ON TUESDAY, 9 JUNE 2015
COMMENCING AT 9.04AM**

1 OPENING

The opening prayer was presented by Father John Hogan from the Catholic Parish of Rockhampton South.

2 PRESENT

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor G A Belz
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Rowe – General Manager Community Services
Mr R Cheesman – General Manager Corporate Services
Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services
Mr R Claus – Executive Manager Regional Development
Mr D Stevenson – Manager Corporate and Technology
Mr A Cutler – Manager Finance
Mr P Owens – Manager Arts and Heritage
Mr V Morrice – Acting Manager Parks
Ms T Cooper-Lavery – Director Art Gallery
Ms E Brodel – Media and Communications Officer
Ms L Leeder – Acting Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 12 May 2015 be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

**5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE
AGENDA**

Nil

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

8.1 PRESENTATION OF PETITION - SHELDRAKE ROAD, ALTON DOWNS

File No: 6833

Responsible Officer: Robert Holmes – General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

Mayor Strelow tabled a petition from residents of Alton Downs relating to the disrepair of Sheldrake Road, Alton Downs.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT pursuant to s21(5)(a) *Council Meeting Procedures* the Petition be received and a report be presented to Infrastructure Committee on this matter.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Williams

MOTION CARRIED

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

7.1 DEPUTATION - COMMERCIAL FISHING IN FITZROY RIVER

File No: 8019
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Mr Dave Swindells and Mr Keith Harris have requested an opportunity to speak with Council regarding commercial fishing in the Fitzroy River.

9:09AM The deputation commenced.
9:26AM Councillor Fisher attended the meeting.
9:35AM The deputation concluded.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the deputation from Mr Dave Swindells and Mr Keith Harris regarding commercial fishing in Fitzroy River be received.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

9 COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 JUNE 2015

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, held on 2 June 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. Business Outstanding Table for Parks and Recreation Committee
Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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 and Recreation Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.2 LIFTING MATTERS LAYED ON THE TABLE**

File No:	805
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Previous Items:	9.2.8 - Concept Plan for the development of Gracemere Cemetery - Parks & Recreation Committee - 07 Apr 2015 9.00 am 11.5 - Rescind Resolution - Gracemere Redbacks Football Club Lease on Johnson Road Gracemere - Ordinary Council - 12 May 2015 9.00 am

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 for the table to be dealt with at the current meeting 2 June 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

- Concept Plan for the Development of Gracemere Cemetery

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.3 CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRACEMERE CEMETERY**

File No:	805
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Perspective View2. Staging3. Extract from Queensland Government Gazette, 12 February 1898
Authorising Officer:	Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Previous Items:	<p>9.2.8 - Concept Plan for the development of Gracemere Cemetery - Parks & Recreation Committee - 07 Apr 2015 9.00 am</p> <p>11.5 - Rescind Resolution - Gracemere Redbacks Football Club Lease on Johnson Road Gracemere - Ordinary Council - 12 May 2015 9.00 am</p> <p>8.3 - Gracemere Redbacks Football Club's proposed lease - Parks & Recreation Committee - 05 Mar 2013 12.00pm</p> <p>8.4 - Regional Cemeteries - Capacity Assessment - Parks & Recreation Committee - 01 Apr 2014 3:00 pm</p> <p>8.4 - Regional Cemeteries - Capacity Assessment - Rockhampton Memorial Gardens - Cost Comparison - Parks & Recreation Committee - 01 Jul 2014 9.00 am</p>

SUMMARY

Council has previously resolved (April 2014) that "a Development Plan for Gracemere Cemetery be progressed to facilitate use as an earth dug grave cemetery". Concept Plans, including staging for development, have been prepared and are now presented for consideration by Council. The concept plans were presented to the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on 7 April 2015 and layed on the table. The impediment to further consideration of the concepts and resolution has been dealt with, and the report is now presented for consideration by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be received and the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to progress the conversion of SP163921/2 from Reserve for Park to Reserve for Cemetery, with requisite public consultation.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.4 COMMUNITY SERVICES CAPITAL WORKS MONTHLY REPORT - JUNE 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. **Community Services Capital Works - March - April 2015**
Authorising Officer: **Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**
Author: **Andrew Collins - Special Projects Officer**

SUMMARY

Project summary report for Capital Projects currently being delivered by Community Services Department on behalf of the Parks and Open Spaces section.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Capital Works monthly report for June 2015 for Parks and Recreation be 'received'.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.5 REQUEST TO INCREASE THE FREEHOLD LEASE AREA FOR NERIMBERA FOOTBALL CLUB AT PILBEAM PARK****File No:** 1464**Attachments:**

1. **Map of Pilbeam Park**
2. **Map of Pilbeam Park showing current Leased and Licenced areas**
3. **Map of Pilbeam Park showing proposed new Leased area**

Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services

SUMMARY

Nerimbera Football Club's clubhouse sustained significant damage during Tropical Cyclone Marcia, resulting in its demolition. The Club is in the process of finalising building plans for its new clubhouse, however, requires an increase in the Leased area to accommodate the new building footprint.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council accede to the request to Lease the whole of Lot 3 RP611713 to Nerimbera Football Club for the purposes of activities associated with the operation of the Club; and
2. Council cover the costs of surrender and registration of the new Freehold Lease Agreement totalling \$325.80 from Sport and Recreation Operational Budget.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.6 APPLICATION: QUEENSLAND ANZAC CENTENARY GRANTS PROGRAM
(ROUND THREE) - RESTORATION OF CENOTAPH LANDSCAPE**

File No: 1855
Attachments: 1. Palm Layout
Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Restoration Project

SUMMARY

As a result of damage arising from Tropical Cyclone Marcia the circle of twelve (12) Canary Islands Date Palms, which form part of the Heritage Listed Rockhampton War Memorial (Cenotaph), was severely compromised. Only five (5) palms remain standing. Officers are requesting Council support for the lodgement of a submission to the Queensland Anzac Centenary Grants Program seeking funding to undertake restoration of the Landscape to reinstate the original planting intent.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council endorse the lodgement of a submission to the Queensland Anzac Centenary Grants Program seeking funding to undertake restoration of the Landscape to reinstate the original planting intent of the Rockhampton War Memorial (Cenotaph) in accordance with Option Three (3) of this report.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.7 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE OPERATIONS REPORT - MARCH AND APRIL 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. **Parks and Open Space Operations Report -
March & April 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 months of March and April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report on the activities and services of Parks and Open Space Unit for March and April 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.8 REQUEST FROM THE 42ND AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION ASSOCIATION (ROCKHAMPTON) TO ERECT A CAIRN AND MEMORIAL PLAQUE AT SIR RAYMOND HUISH DRIVE**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Proposed Site for Cairn
Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Restoration Project

SUMMARY

The 42nd Australian Infantry Battalion Association has made a request to Council to install a small cairn and plaque on Sir Raymond Huish Drive in recognition of the unit's service in the First and Second World Wars and its long affiliation with Rockhampton and Central Queensland.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 42nd Australian Infantry Battalion Association (Rockhampton) be granted permission to erect a cairn and memorial plaque at Sir Raymond Huish Drive, subject to the following conditions:

1. The cairn and plaque are erected in the position designated by Council;
2. The cairn and plaque are installed and maintained at no cost to Council. This includes the cost of any future repair work and the cost of relocating the cairn to another site should this need arise; and
3. The cairn and plaque are installed in accordance with all applicable Australian Standards/Codes of Practice by suitably qualified, licensed tradespersons who hold public liability insurance for performing such work.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council develop a policy on war memorials and commemorative plinths, as a matter of urgency.

Recommendation of the Parks & Recreation Committee, 2 June 2015**9.1.9 KERSHAW GARDENS REMEDIATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT -
PROGRESS REPORT**

File No: 1464
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

Kershaw Gardens has been closed to the public since February; a remediation project commenced works on site on 21 April 2015, this report is an update on progress.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the verbal briefing on progress of remediation at Kershaw Gardens be received.

9.2 COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 JUNE 2015**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Communities Committee meeting, held on 2 June 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

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9:38AM Councillor Schwarten left the meeting

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. Business Outstanding Table for Communities
Responsible Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.2 COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - CHALLENGE THE MOUNTAIN****File No:** 7822**Attachments:**

1. Challenge the Mountain Application Form
2. Assessment spreadsheet

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

An application to the Community Assistance Program has been received from Challenge The Mountain. The application has been assessed and recommended for funding for a total amount of \$4800.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the following application for funding from the Community Assistance Program:

Applicant	Purpose of Grant/Sponsorship	Amount
Challenge The Mountain	2015 Challenge The Mountain	\$17,290 (inc. \$4,000 in-kind)

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.3 DRAFT COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP POLICY AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROCEDURE****File No:** 7822**Attachments:**

1. **Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy**
2. **Community Grants and Sponsorship Procedure - Community Assistance Program**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

Following previous discussion a draft Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy and Community Assistance Program Procedure is presented for consideration by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopts the Community Grants and Sponsorship Policy and Community Assistance Program Procedure, with both documents referred to Corporate Improvement and Strategy for finalisation.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.4 NATIVE TITLE AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FRAMEWORK****File No:** 3033**Attachments:**

1. Native Title and Cultural Heritage Policy
2. Extinguishment of Native Title by a public work

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

Council consideration is sought regarding the Native Title and Cultural Heritage framework.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolves to:

- (1) rescind the existing Native Title and Cultural Heritage (Community Policy); and
- (2) Advise Gilkerson Legal that it would prefer to rely on the “catch all” clause in the proposed consent determination in relation to Native Title Determination Application QUD6131/1998 (Darumbal People)

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.5 REGIONAL ARTS DEVELOPMENT FUND - RECOMMENDATION FROM 2014-15 ROUND FOUR**

File No: 8944

Attachments: 1. **Regional Arts Development Fund Recommendations from 2014-15 Round Four**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

Applications received for round four of the 2014-15 Regional Arts Development Fund have been assessed by the RADF Committee and three are recommended for funding.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

- Council approves the following applications for funding from the Regional Arts Development Fund

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Grant Recommended
Capricornia Arts Festival	Employing four professional tutors to conduct art and silversmith workshops during the Arts Festival	\$4,532
Rockhampton Regional Council	Commissioning a professional textile artist to create bespoke cushions for an interactive art installation constructed out of recycled materials.	\$3,959
Rockhampton Musical Union Choir Inc	To engage theatre artist Kara Lane to conduct master classes in preparation for the Choir's musical production Anything Goes to be held in the Pilbeam Theatre in October 2015	\$16,081

- Council approves the allocation of the balance of the 14/15 financial year fund, \$15,167, towards the development of a Cultural Plan for the region by contractor Creative Regions.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.6 COMMUNITIES AND FACILITIES MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT****File No:** 1464**Attachments:** 1. Monthly operational report for March, April 2015**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

This report provides information on the activities of the Communities and Facilities Section for the Months of March and April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operational Report on the activities of the Communities and Facilities section for the months of March and April 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.7 LOCAL RECOVERY PLAN****File No:** 2662**Attachments:**

1. RRC Human and Social Recovery Plan
2. Tropical Cyclone Marcia Recovery Plan
3. Rockhampton Cyclone Business Recovery Plan

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Cheryl Haughton - Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

A report is presented regarding the Local Recovery Plans prepared for Tropical Cyclone Marcia and their alignment to the Queensland Government Recovery Plan.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Local Recovery Plan report be received.

Recommendation of the Communities Committee, 2 June 2015**9.2.8 ARTS AND HERITAGE MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FOR MARCH AND APRIL 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Arts and Heritage Monthly Operations Report for March and April 2015
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

SUMMARY

The report provides information on the programs and activities of the Arts and Heritage section for March and April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Operations Report of the Arts and Heritage section for March and April 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Ordinary Council, 9 June 2015**9.2.9 UPDATE ON THE ROCKHAMPTON ART GALLERY FUTURE DIRECTIONS PROJECT**

File No: 456
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

Communities Committee at its meeting on 02 June 2015 resolved that the matter be referred to the Confidential Ordinary Meeting to be held on 09 June 2015.

SUMMARY

Council having previously 'received' a report on the Future Directions for the Rockhampton Art Gallery and approved reallocation of capital funds for the purpose of commissioning a Feasibility Study to advance the project, an update on the project. is now provided.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be referred to the Council Meeting on 9 June 2015 for consideration and determination.

9.3 HEALTH AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 2 JUNE 2015**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Health & Compliance Committee meeting, held on 2 June 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

9:40AM Councillor Schwarten returned to the meeting.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.1 SUSPENSION OF PARKING PATROLS FOR ROCKHAMPTON RIVER FESTIVAL**

File No: 8041
Attachments: 1. CBD Road Closure
Authorising Officer: Russell Claus - Executive Manager Regional Development
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Sarah Reeves - Manager Regional Promotions

SUMMARY

Manager Regional Promotions is requesting a suspension of parking patrols in the week leading up to the Rockhampton River Festival to lessen the disruption to CBD workers. It is also requested to suspend CBD parking patrols during the festival to encourage increased visitation and reduce negative impacts of enforcement.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council resolves to not undertake parking patrols of the regulated parking in the area bounded by Fitzroy, Denison, Derby and Quay Streets for the period 7 July 2015 to 13 July 2015 both dates inclusive.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF KEEPING OF ANIMAL APPLICATION FORMS****File No:** 8092

- Attachments:**
1. **Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Other Than Cats and Dogs).**
 2. **Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Cats and Dogs) Domestic Pets.**
 3. **Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Cats and Dogs) - Breeder or Show Animals.**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

Manager Community Standards and Compliance seeking approval for the Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Other Than Cats and Dogs), Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Cats and Dogs) – Breeder or Show Animals and Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Cats and Dogs) – Domestic Pets forms.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT:

1. Council approves the following forms:
 - Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Other Than Cats and Dogs)
 - Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Cats and Dogs) – Breeder or Show Animals
 - Application to Keep More Than Permitted Number of Animals (Cats and Dogs) – Domestic Pets
2. Council resolves to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer the power to approve forms under section 8 (1) of Local Law No.1 (Administration) 2011.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF COMMERCIAL USE OF ROADS APPROVAL FORM**

File No: 2317
Attachments: 1. Application for Renewal of Commercial Use of Roads Approval
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

Manager Community Standards and Compliance seeking approval for the Application for Renewal of Commercial Use of Roads Approval form.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the Application for Renewal of Commercial Use of Roads Approval form.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.4 DOG REGISTRATION FEE REPORT JUNE 2015**

File No: 1464
Attachments: 1. Dog Registration Fee Table - June 2015
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

Manager Community Standards and Compliance seeking approval for the proposed dog registration and animal related fees for 2015-2016.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the proposed dog registration fees for 2015-2016 as detailed in the report.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.5 PEST SURVEY PROGRAM 1 SEPTEMBER 2015 - 30 NOVEMBER 2015****File No:** 143**Attachments:**

1. **Inspection Map of Alton Downs for September 2015 to November 2015**
2. **Pest Survey Program Advertisement 2015**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

This report presents a Pest Survey Program for consideration to be conducted in Alton Downs. Prior to Rockhampton Regional Council's pest management staff undertaking property inspections for pest plants, a Pest Survey Program must be approved by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT in accordance with the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002*, Council approves the Pest Survey Program, as detailed in the report, for the locality of Alton Downs between Monday 1 September 2015 and Sunday 30 November 2015.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.6 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE UNIT FOR MARCH 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:**

1. **Monthly Operations Report from Community Standards and Compliance Unit for March 2015**
2. **Traffic Light Report for March 2015**
3. **Financial Matters Report for March 2015**

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

The monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section as at 31 March 2015 is presented for Councillor's information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Standards and Compliance Monthly Operations Report for March 2015 be 'received'.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.7 MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT FROM COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE UNIT FOR APRIL 2015****File No:** 1464**Attachments:**

1. Monthly Operations Report from Community Standards and Compliance Unit for April 2015
2. Traffic Light Report for April 2015
3. Financial Matters Report for April 2015

Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Catherine Hayes - Manager Community Standards and Compliance

SUMMARY

The monthly Operations Report for Community Standards and Compliance Section as at 30 April 2015 is presented for Councillor's information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Standards and Compliance Monthly Operations Report for April 2015 be 'received'.

Recommendation of the Health & Compliance Committee, 2 June 2015**9.3.8 OFF LEASH DOG PARKS****File No:** 1464**Responsible Officer:** Catherine Hayes – Manager Community Standards and Compliance**SUMMARY**

Councillor Fisher requested that Council officers provide a report on the feasibility of establishing further off lease park options and another dog agility park.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council officers provide a report on the feasibility of establishing further off leash park options and another dog agility park, similar to the one at Kershaw Gardens.

9.4 BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 JUNE 2015**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Business Enterprise Committee meeting, held on 3 June 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Councillor Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 3 June 2015**9.4.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR BUSINESS ENTERPRISE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Business Enterprise Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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 Business Enterprise Committee is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 3 June 2015**9.4.2 ROCKHAMPTON WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

File No: 11481
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

For a number of years Rockhampton City Council and subsequently Rockhampton Regional Council have been grappling with the issue of waste disposal and where and how to dispose of the solid waste generated in the Region. There have been a number of options looked at over that period including approximately 54 sites within the Council area, alternate waste technologies and disposal to facilities outside of the Region.

Those considerations have culminated in the latest two (2) solutions to be investigated and they are:

- 1) Gladstone Regional Council/Rockhampton Regional Council Joint Refuse Disposal Project; and*
- 2) Piggy Back Expansion – Lakes Creek Road Landfill Stage 3.*

The Committee's consideration and direction on those options is now sought.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT the Piggy Back Expansion of the Lakes Creek Road Landfill be adopted as the preferred medium term waste disposal option; and
2. THAT discussions be conducted with Gladstone Regional Council with a view to a collaborative approach to the long term waste issues and activities of both Council areas.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 3 June 2015

9.4.3 VERBAL REPORT - REGIONAL PROMOTIONS

File No: 1731

Responsible Officer: Sarah Reeves – Manager Regional Promotions

SUMMARY

A verbal report regarding signage options at the Rockhampton Airport was presented to the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the verbal report be received.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 3 June 2015**9.4.4 ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL WASTE & RECYCLING MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT AS AT 30 APRIL 2015**

File No: 7927
Attachments: 1. RRWR Operations Report April 2015
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Craig Dunglison - Manager RRWR

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an overview of Rockhampton Regional Waste and Recycling (RRWR) for the month of April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the RRWR Report for the period ended 30 April 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Business Enterprise Committee, 3 June 2015**9.4.5 CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT - ROCKHAMPTON AIRPORT - MONTHLY OPERATIONS AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN REPORT**

File No: 7927
Attachments: 1. Airport Monthly Operations & Annual Performance Plan Report
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author: Trevor Heard - Manager Rockhampton Airport

SUMMARY

The monthly operations and annual performance plan report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 30 April 2015 is presented for Councillors information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Corporate Services Departmental Operations and Annual Performance Plan Report for the Rockhampton Airport as at 30 April 2015 be "received".

9.5 WATER COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 JUNE 2015**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Water Committee meeting, held on 3 June 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted.

Moved by: Councillor Belz

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 3 June 2015**9.5.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDNG TABLE FOR WATER COMMITTEE**

File No: 10097
Attachments: 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Water Committee**
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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 Water Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 3 June 2015**9.5.2 FRW MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - APRIL 2015**

File No: 1466
Attachments: 1. FRW Monthly Operations Report - April 2015
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Nimish Chand - Manager FRW

SUMMARY

This report details Fitzroy River Water's financial position and other operational matters for the Council's information as at 30 April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the FRW Monthly Operations Report for April 2015 be received.

Recommendation of the Water Committee, 3 June 2015**9.5.3 DECOMMISSIONING OF THE WEST ROCKHAMPTON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION**

File No: 6210
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Nimish Chand - Manager FRW
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Jason Plumb - Coordinator Treatment and Supply

SUMMARY

The West Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant (WRSTP) is the oldest STP currently operated by Fitzroy River Water (FRW). Constructed in 1962, the WRSTP was designed to operate to meet a standard of treatment performance that reflected the then current state of knowledge of sewage treatment and its impacts of STP effluent discharges on the environment. Since that time, many advances in sewage treatment plant design have been made that have improved the treatment performance of STPs significantly. In addition, there has been increased stringency placed on the standard of STP effluent that is produced, especially when the effluent is discharged to a waterway.

If the WRSTP is not decommissioned as previously planned, there are significant works required to ensure that this STP can operate safely and reliably. These works are estimated to cost in excess of \$3M. This cost is greater than the cost to transfer all sewage flows to the South Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant (SRSTP) which has already been upgraded to cater for the WRSTP inflows. It is important to note that completing these works will not significantly improve the treatment performance and environmental footprint of WRSTP. The cost to achieve further performance improvement is estimated to be an additional \$1M. Keeping WRSTP would more quickly (i.e. 1 ML at WRSTP = 5-6 ML at NRSTP) consume the remaining unused buffer in our environmental licence and bring forward the large expenditure (greater than \$20M) required to augment the other two Rockhampton STPs.

Based on consideration of its age, its physical condition and also its substandard design and environmental performance, the decommissioning of the WRSTP should proceed to ensure that the STP infrastructure in Rockhampton can best meet the needs of the community and achieve the best overall outcome for the environment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That this matter be referred to a future Water Committee meeting with further information in respect of capital investment and capacity measures for the respective plants.

9.6 INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING - 3 JUNE 2015**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

THAT the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting, held on 3 June 2015 as circulated, be received and that the recommendations contained within these minutes be adopted, and that a representative from Department of Transport and Main Roads be invited to attend the Infrastructure Committee meeting on a quarterly basis.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

(**Note:** The complete minutes are contained in the separate Minutes document)

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 3 June 2015**9.6.1 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING TABLE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE****File No:** 10097**Attachments:** 1. **Business Outstanding Table for Infrastructure Committee****Authorising Officer:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer**Author:** Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

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 Infrastructure Committee is presented for Councillors' information.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

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

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 3 June 2015**9.6.2 UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS ISSUES**

File No: 8056
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

Mr Peter Trim District Director (Fitzroy) of the Department of Transport and Main Roads is attending to provide Council with an update on Department of Transport and Main Roads issues within the region and any proposed works.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the deputation be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 3 June 2015**9.6.3 TRAFFIC PROBLEMS - GLENMORE STATE SCHOOL AREA**

File No: 8056

Attachments: 1. Letter from Cr Schwarten regarding traffic problems

Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

Author: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

Councillor Stephen Schwarten has been contacted by a constituent raising the traffic problem in McLaughlin Street and Farm Street which, it was suggested, is becoming worse for those parents who pick their children up from Glenmore State School. Councillor Schwarten has requested that the matter be listed for consideration and it is suggested that this be included in the overall review of the school precincts in that area.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT a report outlining the issues impacting on traffic, especially school related, in the area bounded by Farm Street/Yaamba Road/Carlton Street and McLaughlin Street including an action plan to address the issues be prepared for Committee consideration.

THAT Council write to Glenmore State Primary School requesting that they revisit their recent decision in respect of finishing times due to the impact this was having on traffic in the area.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 3 June 2015**9.6.4 ENGINEERING SERVICES MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - JUNE 2015**

File No: 7028
Attachments: 1. Monthly Operations Report - Engineering Services - 31 March 2015 & 30 April 2015
Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

SUMMARY

This report outlines Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for the period to the end of March & April 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Engineering Services Monthly Operations Report for June 2015 report be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 3 June 2015**9.6.5 CIVIL OPERATIONS MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT - JUNE 2015**

File No: 7028

Attachments:

1. **Monthly Operations Report - Civil Operations - 31 March 2015 and 30 April 2015**
2. **Works Program - May - June 2015**

Authorising Officer: Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services

Author: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services

SUMMARY

This report outlines Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report 31 March 2015 and 30 April 2015, and also Works Program of planned projects for the months May – June 2015.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Civil Operations Monthly Operations Report for June be received.

Recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee, 3 June 2015**9.6.6 ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR ROAD PURPOSES - RAZORBACK ROAD
MOONMERA**

File No: 412, 11655
Attachments: 1. Drawings 2012-135-01, 2012-135-02 and 2012-135-3
Authorising Officer: Martin Crow - Manager Engineering Services
Robert Holmes - General Manager Regional Services
Author: Angus Russell - Coordinator Strategic Infrastructure

SUMMARY

The report seeks Council's approval to commence Taking of Land procedures under the Acquisition of Land Act 1967 for road purposes.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council Officers commence negotiations with the owners of Lot 7 SP220234 and Lot 1 MPH11262 to obtain land for road purposes from their properties generally in accordance with Drawings 2012-135-01 and 2012-135-02; and
2. THAT, if the owner has not signed and returned to Council an "Agreement to Acquire Land for Public Use Purposes" within 30 days of the date of this Council Resolution, then Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to issue a Notice of Intention to Resume in accordance with Section 7 of the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* for the resumption of land for road purposes from the owners of Lot 7 SP220234 and Lot 1 MPH11262 described as 'proposed road requirement' for the purposes of access, generally in accordance with Drawings 2012-135-01 and 2012-135-02.

10 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS**10.1 13TH QUEENSLAND WEED SYMPOSIUM, LONGREACH 14-17 SEPTEMBER 2015**

File No: 8291
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Megan Careless - Executive Support Officer

SUMMARY

The 13th Queensland Weed Symposium is being held at the Longreach Civic and Cultural Centre from Monday 14 September to Thursday 17 September 2015.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Neil Fisher and Councillor Ellen Smith be authorised to attend the 13th Queensland Weed Symposium to be held in Longreach from Monday 14 September to Thursday 17 September 2015. Councillor Fisher and Councillor Smith are also Council's representatives on the Capricorn Pest Management Group.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling
Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED

10.2 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION QUEENSLAND STATE CONFERENCE

File No: 8291
Attachments: 1. ALGWA Queensland State Conference Program
Authorising Officer: Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Kerri Dorman - Administration Supervisor

SUMMARY

Correspondence has been received from the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) inviting registration for the ALGWA Queensland State Conference hosted by North Burnett Regional Council from 22 – 24 July 2015.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Rose Swadling and Councillor Ellen Smith be approved to attend the Australian Local Government Women's Association Queensland State Conference being held in Gayndah on 22, 23 and 24 July 2015.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED

10.3 APPOINTMENT OF ACTING MAYOR - 11 AND 12 JUNE 2015

File No: 10072
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer

SUMMARY

Chief Executive Officer requesting appointment of Acting Mayor for Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June 2015 due to the absence of Mayor and Deputy Mayor on these days.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Councillor Rutherford be appointed Acting Mayor for Thursday 11 and Friday 12 June 2015.

Moved by: Councillor Smith
Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

11 OFFICERS' REPORTS

11.1 ANNUAL POLICY REVIEW - PURCHASING POLICY - ACQUISITION OF GOODS AND SERVICES

File No: 5883

Attachments:

1. Draft Purchasing Policy - Acquisition of Goods and Services - MARK-UP DISPLAYED
2. Proposed final draft - Purchasing Policy - Acquisition of Goods and Services

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

Author: Drew Stevenson - Manager Corporate and Technology

SUMMARY

The annual review of the Purchasing Policy – Acquisition of Goods and Services presented for consideration and adoption.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the revised Purchasing Policy – Acquisition of Goods and Services as attached to this report be adopted.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

11.3 REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR COUNCIL EMPLOYEE FOR TRAVEL TO ISRAEL

File No: 1464

Attachments:

1. **Action Sheet - Augmentation of Chimpanzee Population - Rockhampton Zoo**
2. **Report - Augmentation of Chimpanzee Population - Rockhampton Zoo**

Authorising Officer: **Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks**
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services

Author: **Sophia Czarkowski - Coordinator Parks Recreation Services**

Previous Items: **Augmentation of Chimpanzee Population - Rockhampton Zoo - Parks & Recreation Committee - 04 Nov 2014 9.00 am**

SUMMARY

*Rockhampton Zoo houses exhibits of various native and exotic animals, including Chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*). Current best practice management approaches for the species include the provision that captive populations should allow for appropriately sized social groups for the benefit of the animals and for the educational value for visitors. Approval has previously been granted to augment the Chimpanzee population through a partnership with Ramat Gan Safari Park in Israel. In order to acquire the two (2) chimpanzees one of Council's Zoo Keepers is to travel to Israel to be familiarised with the animals and to bring them into Australia.*

10:10AM Councillor Belz left the meeting
10:15AM Councillor Belz returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council approve:

1. international travel for Richard Johnston, Zoo Keeper, as detailed in the report; and
2. the use of Jet Pets as its courier service for two (2) chimpanzees as a sole supplier under s235 (a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.2 REVIEW OF ROCKHAMPTON REGION BRANDING

File No: 11560
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Russell Claus - Executive Manager Regional Development
Evan Pardon - Chief Executive Officer
Author: Sarah Reeves - Manager Regional Promotions

SUMMARY

The new Rockhampton Region branding requires a review to overcome useability issues with the colour scheme. A presentation will be made with a subsequent discussion on how issues can be addressed.

10:31AM Councillor Belz left the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council receive the report and that changes be made in accordance with the presentation.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Fisher
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10:34AM Chief Executive Officer left the meeting.

11.4 PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES 2015-16

File No: 7816
Attachments: 1. Fees and Chargers 2015-16
Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services
Author: Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

SUMMARY

The intention of this report is to submit Council's reviewed Fees and Charges Schedule for the 2015 – 2016 financial year.

10:36AM Chief Executive Officer returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopts the Fees and Charges schedule for the 2015-2016 financial year.

Moved by: Councillor Rutherford

Seconded by: Councillor Fisher

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11.5 FINANCE POLICIES FOR REVIEW**File No:** 5237**Attachments:**

1. Debt Recovery Policy
2. Investment Policy
3. Rates Concession Policy
4. Reserves Policy
5. Revenue Policy

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services**Author:** Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

SUMMARY*Manager Finance presenting reviewed annual policies to Council for adoption.*

10:39AM Councillor Belz returned to the meeting

10:46AM Councillor Schwarten left the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the following policies as detailed in the report be adopted.

- Debt Recovery Policy
- Investment Policy
- Reserve Policy
- Revenue Policy

Moved by: Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Fisher**MOTION CARRIED**

12 STRATEGIC REPORTS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

14 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

15 URGENT BUSINESS\QUESTIONS**15.1 COUNCILLOR DISCRETIONARY FUND – COUNCILLOR NEIL FISHER - MEALS ON WHEELS****File No:** 8295**Responsible Officer:** Evan Pardon – Chief Executive Officer**SUMMARY**

Councillor Fisher is seeking approval from the table to donate from his Councillor Discretionary Fund to Meals on Wheels Rockhampton towards Stage 2 of the landscaping at Meals on Wheels.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT approval be granted to donate \$1,770 from Councillor Neil Fisher's Councillor Discretionary Fund to Meals on Wheels towards Stage 2 of the landscaping for further beautification and functionality of the gardens at Meals on Wheels.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Swadling**MOTION CARRIED**

15.2 POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE

File No: 2021

Responsible Officer: Russell Claus – Executive Manager Regional Development

SUMMARY

Mayor Strelow raised the matter of a possible land purchase and that discussions should be held in Closed Session as it relates to Council's budget.

15.3 NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS FUND

File No: 7322

Responsible Officer: Robert Holmes – General Manager Regional Services

SUMMARY

Further discussions regarding the National Stronger Regions Fund are necessary and these discussions should be held in Closed Session as it relates to Council's budget.

16 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.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

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.

17.1 Bad Debt Write Offs

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.

17.2 Management of Australian White Ibis and other birds at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

17.3 Update on the Rockhampton Art Gallery Future Directions project

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

15.2 Possible Land Purchase

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

15.3 National Stronger Regions Fund

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow

Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

10:51AM

THAT pursuant to s34(1)(k) and s44 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves into Closed Session and be closed to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Williams

Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED

10:51AM Mayor declared a 10 minute recess.

11:05AM The meeting resumed.

Members Present:

The Mayor, Councillor M F Strelow (Chairperson)
Councillor C E Smith
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor G A Belz
Councillor S J Schwarten
Councillor A P Williams
Councillor R A Swadling
Councillor N K Fisher

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Mr M Rowe – General Manager Community Services
Mr R Cheesman – General Manager Corporate Services
Mr R Holmes – General Manager Regional Services
Mr R Claus – Executive Manager Regional Development
Mr A Cutler – Manager Finance
Mr P Owens – Manager Arts and Heritage
Mr V Morrice – Acting Manager Parks
Ms T Cooper-Lavery – Director Art Gallery
Ms E Brodel – Media and Communications Officer
Ms L Leeder – Acting Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

11:24AM Councillor Belz left the meeting
11:26AM Councillor Belz returned to the meeting

COUNCIL RESOLUTION**11:48AM**

THAT pursuant to s34(1)(k) and s44 *Council Meeting Procedures* the meeting moves out of Closed Session and be opened to the public.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling

Seconded by: Councillor Rutherford

MOTION CARRIED

17 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

17.1 BAD DEBT WRITE OFFS

File No: 1117

Attachments: 1. Write Offs Over \$1000 2014/15

Authorising Officer: Ross Cheesman - General Manager Corporate Services

Author: Alicia Cutler - Manager Finance

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

Manager Finance submitting a schedule of amounts considered to be uncollectable for approval to be written off as bad debts.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT the debts contained in the schedule within the report be written off as bad debts.

Moved by: Councillor Swadling

Seconded by: Councillor Smith

MOTION CARRIED

17.2 MANAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIAN WHITE IBIS AND OTHER BIRDS AT ROCKHAMPTON BOTANIC GARDENS

File No: 1855
Attachments: 1. Extract from Management Proposal 2015/16
Authorising Officer: Margaret Barrett - Manager Parks
Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services
Author: Vincent Morrice - Coordinator Parks Restoration Project
Previous Items: 13.1 - Management of Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis moluccus*) at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens - Parks & Recreation Committee - 03 Jun 2014 3:00 pm

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

SUMMARY

*The Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) is a native Australian bird and is protected under State Wildlife Legislation (Nature Conservation Act 1992). It is a serious offence to harm ibis. Since 2008 Council has used a combination of external contractors (as subject matter experts) and Council staff to manage bird roosting and breeding at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens. This report briefly discusses options for the ongoing management of AWI and other species.*

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT:

- Council continue with a management program for the Australian White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) and other birds at Rockhampton Botanic Gardens
- Council resolve to continue the contract with Ecosure, under Section 235 (a) of the Local Government Regulation; and
- The Damage Mitigation Permit for control measures be acquired and held by a suitably qualified and experienced external party (Ecosure) contracted to Council to manage the statutory requirements and risks.
- Council explore ways to control the birds that frequent the river bank on Victoria Parade.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow
Seconded by: Councillor Swadling

MOTION CARRIED

17.3 UPDATE ON THE ROCKHAMPTON ART GALLERY FUTURE DIRECTIONS PROJECT**File No:** 456**Attachments:** Nil**Authorising Officer:** Michael Rowe - General Manager Community Services**Author:** Peter Owens - Manager Arts and Heritage

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(e), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to contracts proposed to be made by it.

Communities Committee at its meeting on 2 June 2015 resolved that the matter be referred to the Confidential Ordinary Meeting to be held on 9 June 2015.

SUMMARY

Council having previously 'received' a report on the Future Directions for the Rockhampton Art Gallery and approved reallocation of capital funds for the purpose of commissioning a Feasibility Study to advance the project, an update on the project is now provided.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT no further action be taken at this stage.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Swadling**MOTION CARRIED**

15.2 POSSIBLE LAND PURCHASE**File No:** 2021**Responsible Officer:** Russell Claus – Executive Manager Regional Development

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

SUMMARY

Discussions to be held in regard to a possible land purchase.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

That Council enter negotiations for the purchase of the block of land as identified.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Fisher**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

15.3 NATIONAL STRONGER REGIONS FUND**File No:** 7322**Responsible Officer:** Robert Holmes – General Manager Regional Services

This report is considered confidential in accordance with section 275(1)(c), of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as it contains information relating to the local government's budget.

SUMMARY

Discussions were held regarding Round Two of the National Stronger Regions Fund programme.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

THAT Council not apply for funding for the Mount Morgan Sewerage System extension under the National Stronger Regions Fund as previously resolved and applies for a project to a total cost of \$3M on the lower riverbank in Rockhampton under the National Stronger Regions Fund.

Moved by: Mayor Strelow**Seconded by:** Councillor Smith**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

18 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11:50am.

SIGNATURE

CHAIRPERSON

DATE