



COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

21 FEBRUARY 2023

Your attendance is required at a Communities Committee meeting of Council to be held in the Council Chambers, 232 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton on 21 February 2023 commencing at 9:00am for transaction of the enclosed business.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
16 February 2023

Next Meeting Date: 21.03.23

Please note:

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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
Councillor C R Rutherford
Councillor M D Wickerson
Councillor D Kirkland
Councillor G D Mathers

In Attendance:

Mr E Pardon – Chief Executive Officer
Ms A Cutler – General Manager Community Services (Executive Officer)

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Communities Committee held 15 November 2022

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

6 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING

6.1 LIFTING MATTERS FROM THE TABLE

File No:	10097
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services

SUMMARY

Items laid on the table require a report to be lifted from the table before being dealt with. This report is designed to lift the reports that have been laid on the table at previous Communities Committee Meetings.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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

- Property Matter – Disposal of Site Improvement Assets

7 PUBLIC FORUMS/DEPUTATIONS

Nil

8 PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil

9 COUNCILLOR/DELEGATE REPORTS

Nil

10 OFFICERS' REPORTS

10.1 TOUR OPERATORS - ZOO AND GARDENS

File No: 3066
Attachments: Nil
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Liz Bellward - Curator Rockhampton Zoo

SUMMARY

The zoo and gardens have been approached by a tour operator wishing to conduct paid tours at both sites. The proposal is to operate as a stand-alone operator at multiple Council sites.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Tour Operators – Zoo and Gardens report be received.

BACKGROUND

Currently there are no general public guided tours operating at the Botanic Gardens and Zoo due to limited resources to deliver the tours and develop the materials.

An opportunity has arisen by an approach of an experienced tour operator wishing to conduct paid tours. The operator would be responsible for website, ticketing system, payment systems and running the tour. To facilitate this activity, a permit is required to conduct a commercial business on council controlled areas.

Detailed internal discussions have confirmed the following:

- Activities can be currently enforced adequately under Subordinate Local Law No. 1.2 (Commercial Use of Local Government Controlled Areas and Roads) 2011.
- Local Laws will develop a new form to support the process
- Conditions relating to tour operators will need to be developed.
- \$20 million public liability insurance required by the tour operator
- An appropriate fee to be included in the 2023/2024 Fees and Charges Schedule.

This is a fantastic opportunity to promote our attractions through the offering of a new product, without any cost to Council.

10.2 PARKS PROGRESS REPORT

File No: 8044
Attachments: 1. **Parks Operational Highlights**[↓](#)
Authorising Officer: Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author: Aaron Pont - Manager Parks

SUMMARY

Manager Parks providing bi-monthly update in relation to Parks Service Standards.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the bi-monthly update in relation to Parks Service Standards be received.

COMMENTARY

Parks section have continued making progress towards achieving our common goal of 'Growing great spaces everyone enjoys and we are proud of'. Parks leaders celebrated the team's achievement of delivering Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec 2022) actions and initiatives on time and within scope.

Rainfall and warm temperatures has seen a spike in grass growth across the region with operational teams moving quickly to ensure our parks and spaces are neat and tidy. The implementation of our resourcing plan has been successful with Parks employees working throughout the Council closedown period to ensure that our Parks and Open spaces were well maintained for our community to enjoy. Our team continues to work additional hours throughout the week and on weekends to ensure this standard is maintained. The rain in mid-January has seen the engagement of contractors to support our maximized workforce in maintaining our outer lying and lower profile areas to allow our crews to focus on our higher order parks.

Operational highlights in the last month are shared in the attached document:

- Recruitment and marketing content
- Kershaw Gardens Australia Day Celebrations and Rapids pump installation
- Botanic Gardens Playground upgrade
- William Street median renovation

Key achievements

Significant progress has been made towards a range of actions and initiatives throughout Quarter 2 (Oct-Dec 2022).

Key achievements towards the common goal since last meeting include:

- Development of a recruitment video highlighting careers in Parks for potential jobseekers. This will be used for upcoming recruitment campaigns and aims to showcase the various career paths within Parks and the great work the team do.
 - The Parks common goal of "Growing great spaces everyone enjoys and we are proud of" was shared across the whole of Parks through a series of workshops. Increasing awareness of the common goal will assist in building employee engagement and allow input into future actions toward the common goal.
 - A Council workshop was undertaken on 14 December to introduce the proposed parks categorisation system and maintenance frequencies. A demonstration of the GIS Field App was also provided. Work is continuing to build data on current maintenance frequencies in the App.
 - A review of parks key administrative processes was completed, identifying a series of recommendations to improve efficiencies and service improvements. The implementation of the recommendations will be undertaken in Quarter 3.
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- Development and implementation of a communications plan to keep the community informed of our seasonal demands and works program. This included an insert with key messaging issued with February rates notices, radio advertising, corflute signs and facebook posts. The updates will be progressive and will aim to provide good information to the community.
- A relationship has been established with Department of Transport and Main Roads with a focus from RRC on increasing the presentation of our major road corridors and increasing the safety for our employees maintaining them.
- We continue to strengthen key operational partnerships between sections including Community Assets and Facilities. Work prioritisation and quality of the hard assets in our Parks and Open spaces remains a focus and we are exploring opportunities to address the backlog in work orders throughout Quarter 3.
- Fuel cards are being made available for Gardeners to have easier access to fuel. This will reduce travel and waiting time to the fuel bowsers at our depots which will allow us to spend more time growing great spaces.

The setting of clear short-term objectives continues to work well with the achievement of all objectives for Quarter 2.

Completed quarter 2 actions

Pillar	Q2 Actions	Overview
HAPPY PROUD & ENGAGED TEAM	People Plan budget	Training plan and budget proposal to elevate training levels across the section. A training and development plan will help to retain our employees.
	Recruitment promotions	Promotional recruitment material highlighting careers in Parks for potential jobseekers and highlight the variety of work and can be used for schools and career expos.
	Share common goal	Sharing our common goal of 'growing great spaces everyone enjoys and we are proud of' across the whole of Parks to increase awareness and engage employees at all levels.
SYSTEMS PROCESSES & DOCUMENTS	GIS Field App	Finalise the visual mapping of maintenance areas, improved scheduling and real time performance data. This will provide integral information to develop defined service levels and capture maintenance information over the wet season.
	Parks Playbook	Parks Playbook outlines our collection of plans and procedures, plans and strategies Putting some structure around the collection of documents that exists will allow them to be known and referenced when needed.

	Works Management systems and process review	Review of parks administrative processes will be undertaken to look for potential efficiencies and service improvements when supporting the operational works units.
	Maintenance categories workshop	A Council workshop will be undertaken to discuss and introduce the proposed categorisation system and maintenance frequencies.
	Implement Program Controls	In the first quarter a review of the Capital Works control was undertaken with a number of recommendations for improvement. This quarter will see the implementation of improvements that provide better accountability over project management.
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Marketing content	Update marketing photos and videos of all Parks services. Councils' website is out-of-date in many aspects. The update will be progressive and will aim to provide good information to the community.
	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Establish a strong working relationship to ensure Council can continue to prioritise the presentation of our major road corridors.
	Community Assets and Facilities	Strengthen key operational partnership between sections. Explore opportunities for improvement with Community Assets and Facilities so that they are working toward the common goal also.
	Growing season communications to the community	Development and implementation of a communications plan keeping the community informed of our seasonal demands and works program
RESOURCES	Fuel	Implementing a more efficient source of fuel will mean less time waiting to refuel and more time servicing and maintaining our great spaces.
	Nursery	Reduction in nursery stock and development of a medium-long term plan to elevate nursery quality and production standards.
	Fleet renewals acquisitions and disposals	Review and prioritise requests for additional fleet within the team. The increased fleet will improve safety and efficiency.

OPERATIONS	Public area and bbq cleaning	Review and identify recommendations to improve quality and efficiency of the current service.
	Depot security	Following an incident at the North Rockhampton Depot, a plan is being developed to improve worker safety.
	Deliver seasonal maintenance program	This action features in the plan as it is recognition that it will be time consuming to ensure our parks and open spaces are safe to use and well presented for summer 2022-23.

Objectives for quarter 3

Since the last meeting the Parks Leadership Team have also collaboratively set their Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar 2023) actions which are outlined in the table below.

Pillar	Q3 Actions	Overview
HAPPY PROUD & ENGAGED TEAM	Parks and team promotion and engagement	To expand on the pride of the work we do utilising the photo and video library developed in Q2.
	People Plan	Document a process for the implementation of our People Plan to ensure training levels across the section are elevated.
	Weekly Communications	Build on the weekly work plans circulated by the Manager to incorporate operational highlights and key messages.
	Work Park Week	Celebration and promotion of the Parks within our Region and the people who maintain them. This will include encouragement for the community to enjoy the Parks across the region.
SYSTEMS PROCESSES & DOCUMENTS	GIS Field App	To continue to build on the data in the app. This will provide integral information to develop defined service levels and capture maintenance information over the wet season.
	Parks Toolkit (Formerly Playbook)	It has been identified that this toolkit should be an accessible document available on Council's Intranet. A plan will be developed identifying the required resources to create and maintain this on The Hub.

	Parks Categorisation	To continue to work with Councillors to confirm parks categories and related maintenance frequencies. This will assist to identify exceptions for future workshopping in Q4.
STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Strengthen working relationship with DTMR and communicate Council's core objectives for maintaining our road network and city entrances.
	Fleet Service Level Agreement	Finalise and implement the Parks and Fleet Service Level Agreement to minimise plant and equipment downtime and limit disruption to the performance of vegetation maintenance activities.
	Customer Service Relationship	Improve the working relationship with Customer Service to share the Parks Common Goal and progress against 90 day actions. It is envisaged that longer term the customer service team will have access to the GIS Field App and have the ability to provide real time information to the customer for a better customer experience.
	Works in Parks	This action aims develop an internal process for other areas of Council utilising parks and open spaces for internal works (materials storage, site offices etc). Development of a robust process will support the protection of our parks against damage and alignment with the Parks common goal.
	Parks/CAF Work Prioritisation	Review Parks-CAF work orders prioritisation and identify opportunities for improvement
RESOURCES	Green waste & raw material stock pile	Implement more effective green waste & raw material stock pile for all Southside parks employees. This will reduce time spent procuring raw materials and dumping green waste.
	Public area cleaning/BBQs review	Improve the quality and efficiency of bbq and public amenity cleaning through the implementation of the recommendations from Q2.
	Support Team	

	Fuel	Continue to rollout a more effective source of fuel for all parks crews via the distribution of fuel cards.
OPERATIONS	Depot security	Continue planning and scope of works for upgrades to Northside Depot security. This will improve worker security.
	Nursery	Implement long term nursery plan through revised procurement, indoor plant hire and book out processes. This will support the team to elevate nursery quality and production standards.
	Deliver seasonal maintenance program	This action features continues to feature in the plan as it is recognition that it will be time consuming to ensure our parks and open spaces are safe to use and well presented for summer 2022-23. A review on the effectiveness of the program will be conducted at the end of Q3.

BACKGROUND

Bi-monthly report was previously received by Council in November 2022.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

No previous decisions relating to this.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Action plan development and implementation all within existing budget. No additional funds required at the current point.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

No foreseen legislative context.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

No foreseen legal implications.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

No foreseen staffing implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

No foreseeable risks.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

Operational Plan 2.1.5.2 Continue the review of current levels of service and maintenance of open spaces to identify opportunities for continuous improvement.

CONCLUSION

Progress has continued across the Parks section and will continue to strengthen. Council will receive an update to Committee in April 2023.

PARKS PROGRESS REPORT

Parks Operational Highlights

Meeting Date: 21 February 2023

Attachment No: 1

Recruitment and Marketing Content

In December, Parks updated their video and photo library. This content will be used in various marketing collateral and recruitment campaigns showcasing the variety of work our parks team undertake.



Kershaw Gardens



In preparation for the Australia Day – Great Australian Bites event, the team blew out excess sand out of garden beds beside the playground and re-mulched multiple garden beds, with a total of 100 cubic metres of mulch going out across the Kershaw Gardens estate.



Rapids pump installed and running again after a long period of non-operation.



Botanic Gardens Playground upgrade

The Botanic Gardens Playground upgrade is progressing well and nearing completion. The Botanic Gardens team have recently planted the garden beds adjacent to the playground.

It is anticipated that the playground opening will coincide with World Parks Week in March.



William Street median renovation

The William Street garden/tree-pit refurbishment is close to completion. The crew have been planting the garden beds up as they are completed by Civil Operations.



10.3 SKI GARDENS MASTER PLAN ENGAGEMENT

File No:	15225
Attachments:	1. Draft Ski Gardens Master Plan ↓
Authorising Officer:	Angus Russell - Executive Manager Strategy and Planning Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Brandon Diplock - Strategic Planner

SUMMARY

Officers are seeking endorsement of the Draft Master Plan document for the Ski Gardens to allow a high level of community engagement to take place.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT the draft Master Plan for the Ski Gardens be endorsed to allow community engagement to take place.

COMMENTARY

In line with the operational plan, officers have been actively working on preparing master plan documentation for the 'Ski Gardens'. The purpose of the master plan is to guide development within the 'Ski Gardens' precinct and ensure future development supports appropriate uses whilst also meeting community expectation and strengthening site character.

In consultation with the key stakeholders of the precinct, a master plan has been prepared to reflect the desired outcomes for its long-term development. The document has a focus on encouraging active and passive recreation whilst complimenting and leveraging the natural setting in which they reside.

A copy of the draft master plan is attached for Council consideration.

It is proposed that community consultation will involve the following levels of engagement:

- Launch consultation on Council's online engagement platform – EHQ
- Media release
- Facebook post to launch and prior to closing date

BACKGROUND

Our network of open spaces, parks, sports fields and recreation facilities are part of the social, environmental and economic fabric of our cities and towns. There are a number of key sporting and recreation precincts throughout the region and the existing and proposed social infrastructure in these spaces is critical to the liveability of our region. They enable our communities to socialise, engage in leisure activities and organised sport that in turn improves physical and mental health and the community's overall wellbeing. They are also an essential part of our economy, supporting the tourism sector, major events, recreation businesses and associated jobs in our community.

Council's sporting and events precinct planning, and proposed infrastructure investment aims to continue to improve and enhance the capacity of identified locations through a master planned approach. The key to successful planning will be to develop long term action plans that look to address site constraints such as topography and flooding and provide the community with better multi-purposed facilities.

Planning within these precincts also needs to consider promoting infrastructure that supports and enhances event capacity as well as meeting current sporting and events requirements.

The outcomes sought from these master plans is to develop a long-term action plan which will provide a framework to guide ongoing development and supports appropriate uses that meet community expectations and strengthens site character.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Nil

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

Nil. No budget is assigned to the master plan document. The document has been designed to guide the long-term development of the precinct subject to funding and grants.

LEGISLATIVE CONTEXT

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Sufficient staff resources exist to ensure the completion of the project's engagement and endorsement phase. It is important to recognise that there are no direct actions required by Council as a result of endorsing this draft master plan. Rather, the master plan provides a long-term action plan that assists in guiding ongoing development within the precinct.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Nil

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

The proposed master plan supports the following Operational Plan activities:

2.2.1.1 Undertake planning for major sports and events precincts.

CONCLUSION

To proceed to the community consultation phase of the project, it is recommended Council endorse the draft master plan document. A further report will be provided to Council following consultation.

SKI GARDENS MASTER PLAN ENGAGEMENT

Draft Ski Gardens Master Plan

Meeting Date: 21 February 2023

Attachment No: 1

CONSULTATION DRAFT

SKI GARDENS

PRECINCT MASTER PLAN



SKI GARDENS PRECINCT MASTER PLAN



Foreword

Parks, sport and public spaces Councillor Rutherford

Our network of open spaces, parks, sports fields and recreation facilities are part of the social, environmental and economic fabric of our cities and towns.

These areas and facilities are critical elements to the liveability of our region. They enable our communities to socialise, engage in leisure activities and organised sports that in turn improves physical and mental health and the community's overall wellbeing. They are also an essential part of our economy, supporting the tourism sector, sporting and entertainment events, recreation businesses and associated jobs in our community.

Rockhampton Regional Council's (RRC) sporting and events precinct planning aims to improve and enhance the capacity of targeted locations through a strategic master planned approach. The key to successful planning will be to develop and deliver plans that address site constraints while providing the community with better facilities that support multiple uses. Planning for the precincts will also need to consider infrastructure that supports and enhances event capacity as well as improving existing facilities to meet current requirements.

This master plan captures a vision of how the Ski Gardens may be developed taking into consideration its existing uses and building on the various land and water based activities occurring within the park in short to long term (subject to funding).

The vision for the site is to create a premier water sports precinct taking advantage of its riverfront location and close proximity to essential services, whilst also creating an enhanced destination for formal and informal recreational activities as well as family activities orientated around play spaces and picnic facilities.



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Strategic Intent:

The outcome sought from this master plan is to provide a framework to guide ongoing development that supports appropriate uses, meets community expectations and leverages the sites unique character. In particular, this master plan sets out to achieve the following objectives:

- A precinct and uses that leverage its location on the bank of the Fitzroy River and close proximity to the Rockhampton CBD and essential services.
- A precinct that caters for recreation, leisure and sporting opportunities contributing to the Council's overarching sports and event planning goals.
- A precinct that is capable of hosting local, state and national water sport events.
- Encourages passive and active recreation while increasing community awareness and appreciation for the various land and water based activities.
- Provides a key link along the Fitzroy River with connections to the CBD and West Rockhampton.
- Takes advantage of the unique tourism and events opportunities and generates economic benefits for the region.
- Builds on existing uses and the strength of the site, while working within the constraints of the site.

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SKI GARDENS PRECINCT MASTER PLAN

Location Map

Ski Gardens, Rockhampton Qld



Site Characteristics & Constraints:

The Rockhampton Ski Gardens is a large open space located on the river's edge, upstream of the barrage. It supports competitive and social water sports, events and recreation. The site's strategic location within close proximity to the CBD (approx. 2kms) and essential services creates the perfect opportunity to reinforce the site as a premier water sports, event and recreation destination.

The site currently incorporates a number of public facilities including the regions only rowing course, playground, amenities, open space, boat ramp and car park facilities. Frequent uses include rowing regattas and training, water sports (water skiing, kayaks and canoes) social gatherings, outdoor recreation and weddings.

A number of constraints within the precinct have been identified and will need to be considered in the planning and design of any future development. These include:

- Fitzroy River Flooding
- Local drainage and flooding
- Environmental values
- Bushfire Hazard
- Adjoining residential areas

These constraints are clearly articulated in Council's Planning Scheme and have guided the development of this Master Plan.

Site Opportunities:

The Rockhampton Ski Gardens site occupies one of the largest parcels of publicly accessible land adjacent to the freshwater reaches of the Fitzroy River. As part of any future upgrades, the site will need to build on the success of existing uses and users, broaden its offerings to create a sense of place and better connect with the regions open space network. More specifically, the precinct presents the following opportunities:

- Take advantage of the sites strategic location and natural beauty to create a place with greater public value and community uplift.
- Build on existing capacities to host large scale water sports and community events and capitalise on associated tourism opportunities.
- Repurposing land in proximity to the river's edge to increase awareness and appreciation for various land and water based activities, whilst improving the overall visual aesthetics of the site.
- Encouraging passive and active recreation uses along with better connections to our road and cycle networks.
- Investigate opportunities for the decommissioned Sewer Treatment Plant
- Increased irrigation to open space areas

Recent Improvements:

Recent improvements have been undertaken within the Ski Gardens precinct and include:

- Riverbank Stabilisation (inclusion of a hard edge)
- Boat Ramp upgrades

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Ski Gardens Masterplan:



MASTER PLAN LEGEND

- A Cycle & Pedestrian network connections
- B Internal cycle/pedestrian pathways
- C Car park & access upgrades
- D Playground
- E RGS Clubhouse/Function
- F Judging Tower Platform
- G Spectator/Hill Seating & Amenities
- H Seating & Tables
- I Precinct Wayfinding
- J Existing Sheds/Clubhouses
- K Amenities Block
- L Tree Planting (funded/scoped by Parks)
- M Hard Edge / Soft Edge
- N Power
- O Overflow Parking / Event Space
- P Weed Management
- Q Held Start
- R Distance Markers Upgrades
- S Recreation Area and Platform
- T Decommissioned Sewage Treatment Plant
- U City Gas Gate
- V Drainage Channel / Pipe
- W Irrigation

SKI GARDENS PRECINCT MASTER PLAN

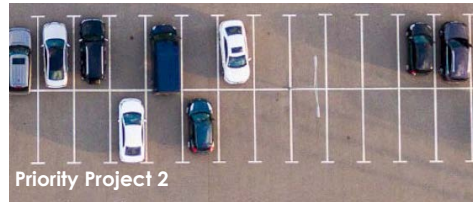
Priority Projects:



Priority Project 1

Amenities Building

An amenity block including showers and changerooms located above flood level and close to current facilities will improve the user experience for both daily users and for larger scale events and regattas. The development and delivery of an amenities building is a key outcome which services an increase of users of the precinct and assists in attracting larger scale events.



Priority Project 2

Vehicular Access and Parking

This project would deliver upgrades to vehicular circulation and parking within the precinct and may ultimately include kerbing and channelling the entire network, new formal parking spaces, overflow parking areas, upgrades to the existing road surface and improvements to safety. This project could be delivered in stages.

Character Images:



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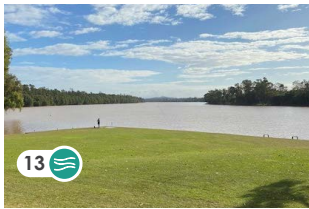
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Priority Project 3
Judging Tower Platform

A judging tower is an important asset that supports competitive water sports and also provides the ability to attract more significant events to the precinct. The design of a judging tower will need to take into consideration engineering constraints and viewing requirements.



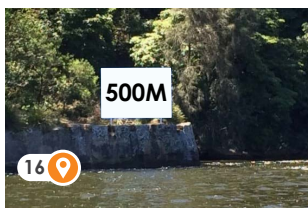
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CHARACTER IMAGES LEGEND

- 1 Cycle Network Connections

- 2 Internal Pathway Networks

- 3 Car Parking & Access Upgrades

- 4 Playground Upgrades

- 5 Multi-purpose clubhouse

- 6 Judging Tower Platform

- 7 Spectator/Hill seating

- 8 Seating & Tables

- 9 Precinct Wayfinding

- 10 Security

- 11 Amenities Block

- 12 Tree Planting

- 13 Open Space / Event Use

- 14 Hard/Soft Edge

- 15 Held Start

- 16 Distance Markers Upgrades

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Key Stakeholders:

The Ski Gardens is a large reserve on the river's edge, upstream of the barrage that combines competitive and social water sports and recreation. It incorporates a number of public facilities, including the city's only rowing course, playground, amenities, boat ramp and carpark facilities. The precinct is home to a number of clubs and associations who frequent the site on a daily basis. These include the Rockhampton Fitzroy Rowing Club (RFRC) who have a steadily increasing membership base of 200 rowers which includes masters, club, and school rowing. The RFRC utilise an existing shed as well as other shared facilities on site to house their members and equipment ensuring access for all levels of rowers. RFRC also work with a number of schools throughout the region who form part of RFRC but maintain their own rowing programs.

The Rockhampton Grammar School (RGS) own and operate the two-storey club house that regularly hosts events such as weddings, camps, RGS parent and friend functions and many others.

This facility along with a large shed are utilised to run a rowing programme that supports around 100 students from year 7 to 12, who compete at State and National levels, making the RGS rowing programme one of the most successful school programmes in Queensland. Other clubs that utilise the space include the Rocky Outrigger Canoe Club, Rockhampton Dragonboat Club and Emu Park S.L.S.C.

The precinct is also attractive to major events and has hosted large rowing regattas such as the Queensland State School Championships. It has also hosted the Australian Rowing Team on multiple occasions for training camps in the lead up to major events such as the Olympic Games. Other frequent uses include social gatherings, outdoor recreation and weddings.

A list of important assets and suggestions for the precinct have been provided by the key stakeholders to ensure opportunities for investment in new and improved infrastructure represents a positive outcome for all users of the space.

Stakeholder Priorities:

Short term priorities:

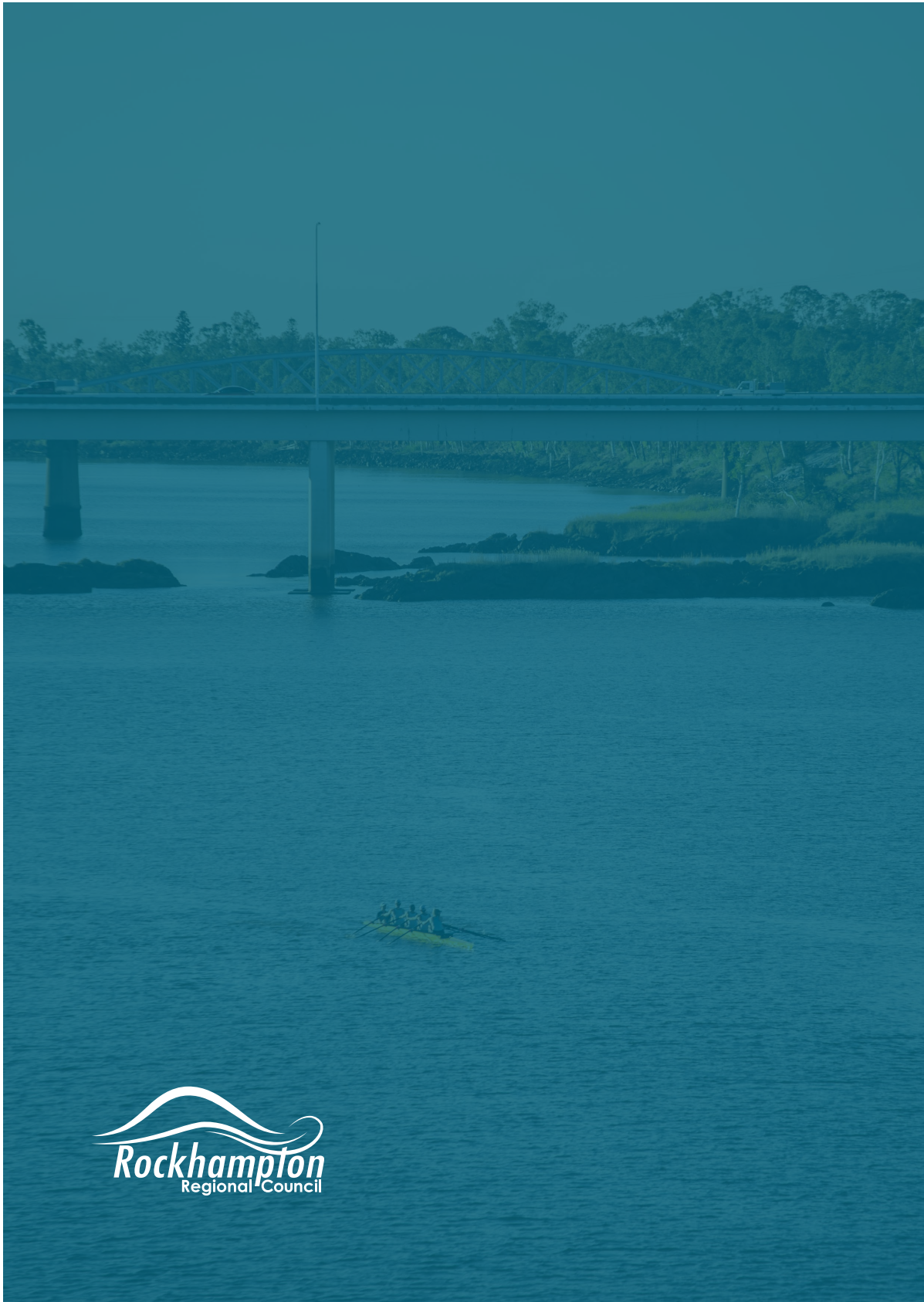
- Amenity block including showers – preferred location above flood level and close to current facilities & sheds.
- Held Start for rowing
- Judging tower
- Power supply upgrades
- Weed management
- Overflow carpark

Future Priorities:

- Upgrades to distance markers e.g. 500m and 250m intervals.
- Shed to house rowing Held Start, judging tower and when these are in use, to store visiting boats
- Enhancing the rowing course, viewing bank and/or finish line – clear walking track along viewing bank with seating. Would be multi-use for exercise activities, as well as coaching use.

Targeted events:

- Brisbane schools Rowing camps – December, January, June/July
- QAS training camp – December / January
- Queensland School State Championships – September
- CQ State Championships – June
- QLD State Masters Championships – April
- Australian Masters Rowing Championships – May
- 2032 Olympic Training Camps



10.4 CHANGING PLACES STYLE ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM FACILITIES

File No:	787
Attachments:	Nil
Authorising Officer:	Alicia Cutler - General Manager Community Services
Author:	Emma-Jane Dwyer - Manager Community Assets and Facilities

SUMMARY

This report provides information around the feasibility study completed for the inclusion of a Changing Places facility at the 2nd World War Memorial Aquatic Centre and Kershaw Gardens. The estimated costs for the 2nd World War Memorial Aquatic Centre will be added to the 23/24 Capital budget submission for consideration.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer (Manager Community Assets and Facilities) to add the estimated costs for the 2nd World War Memorial Aquatic Centre to the 23/24 Capital budget submission for consideration.

COMMENTARY

An Accessible Adult Change Facility was made a mandatory requirement in the *National Construction Code* from 1st May 2019 in certain types of buildings. As all our existing facilities have current approvals they are not required to be brought up to this new standard.

On 15 November 2022 a Council resolution recommended a feasibility study be undertaken at Southside Pool and Kershaw Gardens to establish the cost and options.

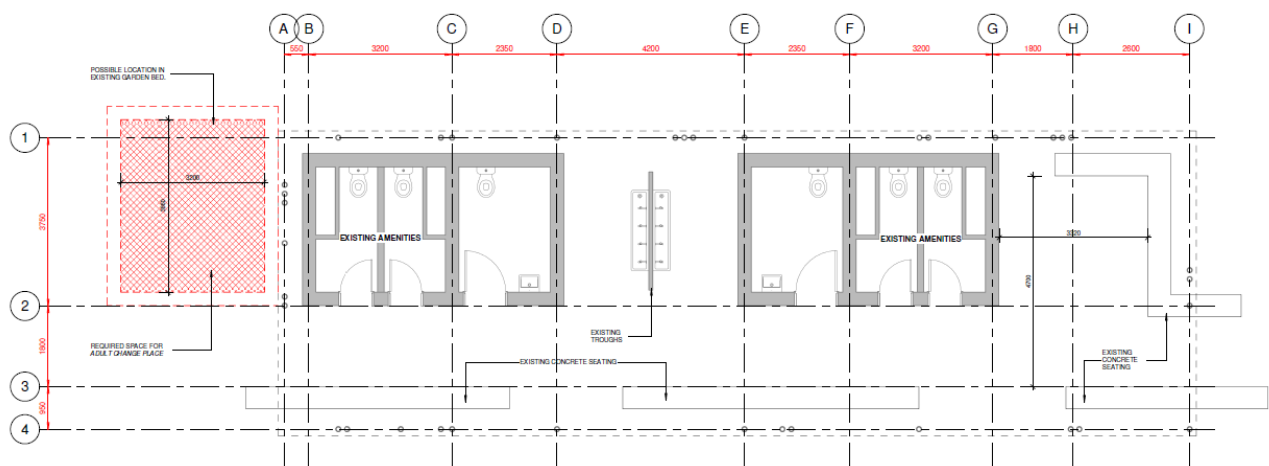
The feasibility study has now been completed with the following findings:

Kershaw Gardens

There isn't enough room within the existing amenities rooms to accommodate the proposed change space. We did investigate having it placed on the western end of the building under the existing roof, however due to there being a concrete bench seat there is insufficient space to accommodate this here, additionally it would have extended into the path of travel.

The only option at Kershaw Gardens would be to locate a freestanding building adjacent the eastern end of the existing amenities block within the garden area, although it would still have to be confirmed what existing services are under this area.

As this is a whole new amenities block, fit out & sewer pump system upgrade - budget estimate would be approximately \$475,000.



Southside Pool

There's insufficient space to accommodate the proposed adult change space within the existing PWD Amenities spaces. Doing this would alter the room sizes and while this is achievable, it would leave the circulation spaces that access these rooms non-compliant.

There is an alternate location that may be suitable which is indicated on the site plan near the café.

As this is retrofitting into existing amenities where there is already power & water – budget estimate would be approximate \$275,000.



The estimated budgets allow for detailed design, building approvals, purchase of all the required equipment, execution of electrical and building works.

PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On 15 November 2022 Council resolved to undertake a feasibility study for inclusion of a Changing Places facility at the 2nd World War Memorial Aquatic Centre and Kershaw Gardens for consideration in future budgets.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

An addition \$275,000 budget allocation is required in the 2023-24 Capital program for the inclusion of a changing places facility at the 2nd World War Memorial Aquatic Centre as detailed in the report.

An application for grant funding will be submitted though the Gambling Fund Super Round to assist with costs of undertaking these works.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil foreseen

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

There are adequate resources within Community Assets and Facilities.

RISK ASSESSMENT

Council manages all works in accordance with the relevant Service Agreement. Delivery partners develop a detailed risk assessment for each works project and must comply with all relevant workplace health and safety laws, standards, codes of practice, Council policies and procedures.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN

1.1.18 – Develop and implement three year forward community assets and facilities works program (renewals).

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council add the estimated costs for the 2nd World War Memorial Aquatic Centre to the 2023-24 Capital budget submission for consideration.

11 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

13 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.

14 CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with the provisions of section 254J(3) 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 254J(3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, for the reasons indicated.

15.1 Property Matter - Disposal of Site Improvement Assets

In accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

15 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

15.1 PROPERTY MATTER - DISPOSAL OF SITE IMPROVEMENT ASSETS

File No: 11795

Attachments: 1. Budget Estimate to Complete Works

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Kellie Roberts - Coordinator Property and Insurance

In accordance with section 254J(3)(g) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* it is considered necessary to close the meeting to discuss negotiations relating to a commercial matter involving the local government for which a public discussion would be likely to prejudice the interests of the local government.

SUMMARY

The site improvement nominated in this report requires significant remedial or maintenance works in order to retain it. This report details a plan to repair the nominated site improvement and best future use for the area.

16 CLOSURE OF MEETING