

SHIRE OF BROOME

**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE
COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TO BE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2003
COMMENCING AT 10:00AM**

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Apologies

Officers

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2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: **Seconded:**

That the Minutes of the Coastal Park Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2003 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

1.1 MINYIRR COASTAL PARK: FINANCIAL COMMITMENT 2003-2004

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Broome
APPLICANT:	Rubibi
FILE:	CTE28
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Anna Mardling
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	26 September 2003

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park is an important joint arrangement between Aboriginal Traditional Owners and the Shire of Broome. The three main goals are to:

- Conserve the environmental integrity of the coastal areas;
- Protect and promote Aboriginal culture and heritage; and
- Provide opportunities for people to recreate, in a manner compatible with the conservation and cultural and heritage values held for the Park.

Rubibi seeks the commitment from the Shire to include the amount of \$25,000 to implement the Minyirr Park coastal plans into the current 2003-2004 budget.

BACKGROUND

Since the Commonwealth Regional Development funded, Local Government Development Project, (LGDP) and the adoption of the *Shire of Broome Coastal Park Management Plan* in 1999, the Shire has committed funds for the Plans implementation ranging from \$55,000-\$67,000 per year. Since its inception, the Coastal Park budget has been allocated to help meet the operational costs in the Minyirr Coastal Park, the majority of which helps to cover essential personnel.

The Shire has made funds available to support a part-time Coastal Landcare Project Officer (CLPO) for 10 hours per week, to enable implementation of the Plan and coordination of coastal works, two on-site supervisors for 3 days per week to supervise the work-teams in the Coastal Park and a small amount of administrative assistance. In 2002-03 the Shire of Broome's coastal park budget provided \$55,000 pa (equivalent to \$1,058 per week) towards the cost of personnel. This year personnel costs are estimated at \$70,092pa, \$1,593 per week.

Shire funds for the Park have been supplemented each year with grant monies worth twice the Shire amount (and mostly to cover materials tools and equipment and a highly valued community and volunteer labour force valued at over \$250,000 every year).

Rubibi understands that at the September Special Budget meeting, Shire Councillors decided to only fund Minyirr Park up to December 2003, effectively halving the annual budget. Rubibi would like this matter clarified.

The CLPO has recently provided all Councillors and the CEO with fact sheets on the operational budget, income and grants, the likely impact of funding cuts, a flowchart of the

management and operations of the CPMC and how it relates to the operations on-ground i.e. Minyirr Park project.

RUBIBI COMMENT

This year the CLPO sought from the Shire an increase of \$26,500, over last year's budget for the coastal park during 2003-2004. This was to enable the supervision on-site from 3 to 4 days a week and to pay an administrative assistant for 10 hours per week.

A guaranteed operational budget is needed to ensure the continued operations of the Minyirr Park project, which is the physical delivery arm of all the management strategies identified in the Coastal Park Management Plan.

The project depends on Shire funds for the Coastal Landcare Project Officer, two on-site supervisors and the administrative assistant to manage and supervise the project and to coordinate coastal works in Broome. A reduction in operational monies would curtail all on-site work from December onwards.

COUNCIL STAFF COMMENT

Council resolved as part of its budget procedure to guarantee funding for Coastal Park operations in their current form until the end of December 2003. It has allocated a further \$25,000 towards activities in the Coastal Park but this funding is to achieve Council's priorities as yet to be determined.

It should however be noted that Council resolved on 23 September to implement vehicle management measures and it could be expected that some if not all of this funding will be utilised in this manner.

It should also be noted that Council also resolved to review the budget for Coastal Park matters and this is currently in train.

It is a matter for Council to determine but is not expected any favourable consideration to guarantee funding into 2004 can be expected until further information is to hand.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act, 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Shire's *Interim Agreement* with Rubibi (1996), the *Coastal Park Management Plan* (1999), the findings of the *Local Government Development Program* (1997) and the Shire's *Strategic Plan* (2001)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

1. ***That Shire of Broome commit sufficient funds to financially support the Minyirr Park project at least to the basic operational level of the previous years, to ensure the implementation of the Coastal Park Management Plan.***
2. ***That Council show its support for both the Interim Agreement with Rubibi and the Coastal Management Partnership Project, Minyirr Park, by working in positive ways to help develop the project and achieve the goals set down in the Shire of Broome's Coastal Park Management Plan.***

COUNCIL OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council acknowledge the support from various agencies for ongoing implementation of the Coastal Park Management Plan and reviews its position on funding for the current level of activity prior to the end of December 2004.

Moved:**Seconded:****FOR:****AGAINST:**[Attachments: 2 Pages](#)**1.2 MINYIRR PARK – PATH (WET TRAIL)**

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APPLICANT:	Rubibi
FILE:	CTE28
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Anna Mardling
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	26 September 2003

SUMMARY: Rubibi have been constructing a wet path trail in Minyirr Park and have had the route physically blocked by Kevin Closter (radio man).

BACKGROUND

Kevin Closter (known as the radio man) has been granted approval by the Shire to continue to reside in the coastal park reserve 43080 on the provision that he co-operates with the ongoing management of Minyirr Park (resolution 3 November 2002 Council Meeting). The issues relating to the prevention and interference with the development of walk trails has been raised on a number of occasions (Council's November 2002 meeting).

COUNCIL STAFF COMMENT

Council staff are not aware of any difficulties arising from Mr Kloster's ongoing occupation of the area. It is suggested that if any do arise, the Chief Executive Officer be advised accordingly.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act, 1995
 Land Administrative Act, 1997
 Aboriginal Heritage Act, 1972
 Caravan Parks and Camping Ground Act, 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The interference with the plan to create low-key walk trails are inconsistent with the Coastal Park Management Plan (April 1999) prepared by for the Shire.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

Council Shire staff to take an active role in assisting with the implementation of the Coastal Park Management Plan (April 1999) by supporting the work - team at Minyirr Park complete the wet-path trail.

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

That Rubibi contact Council staff should there be any concerns in relation to the "Radio Man" occupying portion of the coastal area.

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6. MEETING CLOSURE
