



MISSION AND VALUES OF COUNCIL

"A Sustainable Community that is inclusive, attractive, healthy and pleasant to live in, that uses our land so as to preserve our history and environment, respects the rights and equality of our citizens and manages our future growth wisely."

AGENDA

FOR MEETING OF THE

COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

07 APRIL 2005

SHIRE OF BROOME

**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE
COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON THURSDAY 07 APRIL 2005
COMMENCING AT 8.30AM**

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Apologies

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved:

Seconded:

That the Minutes of the Coastal Park Committee Meeting held on 17 November 2004 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

5. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES 17 NOVEMBER 2004

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Coastal Park
APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE:	CTE 28
AUTHOR:	Director Community Services
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Community Services
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	7 April 2005

SUMMARY: The last meeting of the Coastal Park Management Committee Meeting was held on the 17 November 2004. The Draft Minutes of that meeting were mistakenly put to the Council for consideration. It is usual practice for the minutes to be ratified at the next Coastal Park Management Committee meeting prior to going to Council.

BACKGROUND

It is usual practice for minutes of the Coastal Park Management Committee to be put to Council only after the Committee at its next meeting has adopted them.

The last meeting of the Coastal Park Management Committee Meeting was held on the 17 November 2004. The Draft Minutes of that meeting were mistakenly put to Council for consideration.

COMMENT

Council adopted all Committee recommendations with the exception of the Committee Recommendation of the report entitled PRESERVING NATIVE VEGETATION IN BROOME:

The Committee recommendation was:

1. *To collate existing policies and resolutions of Council;*
2. *Undertaking research into how other Shire Councils have protected native vegetation.*
3. *Convening a meeting of interested parties, after March 2005, to explain of existing ways to:*
 - *Protect existing native vegetation;*
 - *Rehabilitate degraded areas of land using local native vegetation;*
 - *Encourage private landholders to retaining and replant with local native vegetation.*

Council resolved the following:

That we defer any matters referred from Coastal Park Management Committee that are not expressly dealing with Coastal Park Management Committee issues until such time as a Joint Management agreement has been finalised.

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. ***That the Committee notes that the Minutes of the Coastal Park Management Committee were mistakenly sent to Council Meeting on 21 December prior to them being adopted by the Coastal Park Management Committee.***
2. ***The Coastal Park Management Committee notes that Council resolved at that meeting the following:***

That we defer any matters from Coastal Park Management Committee that are not expressly dealing with Coastal Park Management Committee issues until such time as a Joint Management Agreement has been finalised.
3. ***That the minutes of the Coastal Park Management Committee of the 17 November be adopted by the Coastal Park Management Committee and be resubmitted to Council.***

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

5.2 REVIEW OF COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Coastal Park
APPLICANT:	N/A
FILE:	CTE 28
AUTHOR:	Director Community Services
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Community Services
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	24 March 2005

SUMMARY: At the Coastal Park Management Committee meeting held in November the Committee resolved that a communication be sent to the State Government requesting resources to develop and finalised the agreement. This report tables a DRAFT Project Brief for discussion.

BACKGROUND

At the Coastal Park Management Committee in November, the following was resolved in terms of taking forward a review of the Management Committee.

- 1. That the Committee notes, that Council has already given a priority to the development of a Joint Management agreement between Rubibi and Shire of Broome.*
- 2. That a joint communication be prepared and signed by both the Shire of Broome and Rubibi and sent to the State Government detailing an urgent need for resources to develop and finalise the agreement.*

COMMENT

In response to this recommendation, a letter was drafted and forwarded by email to Mr Ben Wurm on the 18th November 2004 for comment. (See attachment A)

A Draft Project Brief titled Review of Coastal Park Management Plan and Coastal Park Management Committee was forwarded to Mr Ben Wurm on the 23 February 2005 with the request that it be forwarded to the Rubibi CPMC members for discussion. This was sent well in advance to enable consideration by Committee Members prior to this meeting. (See Attachment B)

The Committee needs to consider whether it wishes to proceed with the project as described, and/or whether it wishes to amend the project brief.

CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer, Councillors and Directors

Documents have been emailed to Kimberley Land Council prior to this agenda for consideration

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

Land Administration Act

Local Government Act

Native Title Act 1993-1998

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Resources for funding the project to be sought from the WA Government.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Broome and Rubibi have an Interim Agreement, which includes the establishment of the Coastal Park Management Committee.

The Shire's Strategic Action Plan 2004 – 2005 identifies the need to review the existing Coastal Park Committee and establish clear roles and responsibilities.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That funds be sought from the Western Australian Government for carrying out the project, Review of Coastal Park Management Plan and Coastal Park Management Committee.

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

[Attachments: 9 pages](#)

5.3 CABLE BEACH VEHICLE MANAGEMENT

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Minyirr Park, Stage 1 (Reserves 19289, 43080, 36477)
APPLICANT:	Rubibi
FILE:	CTE 28
AUTHOR:	Ben Wurm
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Nil
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	N/A
DATE OF REPORT:	24 March 2005

SUMMARY: Rubibi seeks a report from the Shire administration about the proposed "vehicle Management Plan".

BACKGROUND

Rubibi understands that the Shire intends to draft a "Vehicle Management Plan" for Cable Beach. Cable Beach falls within Minyirr Park, specifically Reserves 19289, 43080 and 36477 and various parcels of unallocated Crown land.

The management issue of unregulated vehicle access to Cable Beach has been raised as an Agenda item by Rubibi on many occasions. In addition, the On-Site Supervisors for the Minyirr Park Project have liaised directly with relevant Shire staff on this issue. Unregulated vehicle access to the Beach has detrimental affects on cultural heritage and environmental values of the Beach.

Minyirr Park is a joint land-management project of the Shire of Broome and Rubibi. The project arises from the 1999 *Coastal Park Management Plan* (commissioned by the Shire of Broome) and is now in its sixth year of implementation.

COMMENT

It should be noted in Council's consideration of this issue, that Rubibi is not merely another "stakeholder" in public consultations, but rather a management 'partner' with the Shire. This partnership has been the basis for the successful Minyirr Park project. In keeping with this partnership, Rubibi looks forward to a collaborative approach to planning aimed at addressing this serious land management issue.

CONSULTATION

Public consultation on management options should only take place after:

- (i) the Shire and Rubibi have jointly identified management options for addressing the issue of vehicle access to Cable Beach; and
- (ii) the options so identified have been submitted to Council through the Coastal Park Management Committee.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972
Land Administration Act
Local Government Act
Native Title Act 1993-1998
Off-Road Vehicles Act

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council request relevant Shire staff member to submit a report on proposals for a "Vehicle Management Plan" to the next Committee meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

5.4 CAMEL OPERATORS: CABLE BEACH ACCESS ROUTE

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Minyirr Park, Stage 1 & unallocated Crown land
APPLICANT:	Rubibi
FILE:	CTE 28
AUTHOR:	Ben Wurm
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Nil
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	N/A
DATE OF REPORT:	24 March 2004

SUMMARY: Rubibi seeks Shire support for:

- (i) dedication of an agreed route to Cable Beach for licensed camel operator; and
- (ii) protection of cultural heritage values at Hidden Valley.

BACKGROUND

Some licenced camel operators have adopted the practice of taking their camel trains through Hidden Valley to Cable Beach to commence tours.

This practice is not acceptable to Rubibi because it compromises the extremely important cultural heritage values of the Hidden Valley area. The area was registered as an "Aboriginal site" under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*, many years ago. Any interference with the area, contrary to protection of its cultural heritage values, therefore constitutes a breach of the *Heritage Act*.

In addition, camel access through the area has led to an increase in other human impacts, such as the dispersal of feral plants, litter and ingress of illegal trail bikes. The Shire struggles, with existing resources, to address the enforcement issues raised by illegal trail bikes in this area.

COMMENT

It is understood that licences are issued to camel operators by the Shire administration and that these licences stipulate an authorised access route to Cable Beach.

Rubibi has identified an acceptable access route for the current, licenced camel operators: Lullfitz Drive – Sanctuary Road – Cable Beach Road West. This is outlined on the map at

Attachment 1. This route minimizes detrimental impacts on cultural heritage and environmental values.

Rubibi seeks confirmation from the Shire that this is the route stipulated in the current camel operators' licences and if it is not, asks that the licences be amended accordingly by the Shire. Further, Rubibi seeks the Shire's support in ensuring the compliance of licenced camel operators.

In relation to the illegal trail bikes, Rubibi seeks the assistance of the Shire to install appropriate signage and bollards on the Lullfitz Drive perimeter of Hidden Valley. In addition, Rubibi seeks an increased ranger presence in this area to assist in compliance.

CONSULTATION

Shire consultation with licence camel operators to ensure compliance will be necessary.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972
Land Administration Act
Local Government Act
Native Title Act 1993-1998

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minor recurrent expenditure only (eg signage & bollards).

Breaches of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act* can incur fines.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (i) Ensures that the current licenced camel operators comply with the access route specified on the map at Attachment 1.**
- (ii) Supports the installation of appropriate signage, bollards and other measures in consultation with Rubibi, on the Lullfitz Drive perimeter of Hidden Valley to address the current illegal access by trail bikes.**

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

[Attachment: 1 page](#)

6. MEETING CLOSURE