



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 A MEETING OF THE COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To be held at 10.00am in the Shire Committee Room

2 NOVEMBER 2006

SHIRE OF BROOME

**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE
COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON THURSDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2006
COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Apologies

Officers

Public Gallery

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 6 July 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

FOR:

AGAINST:

5. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 POWER SUPPLY FOR MINYIRR PARK (RESERVE 43080)

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Minyirr Park, Broome Reserve 43080
APPLICANT:	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:	Res 43080
AUTHOR:	Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	20 October, 2006

SUMMARY:

Minyirr Park staff seek Shire approval for a proposal to bring in power into Minyirr Park (Reserve 43080). In the immediate future the power will be used for lighting in toilets blocks that are to be constructed in 2006 at Base Camp and Youth Camp.

BACKGROUND

Minyirr Park staff wish to discuss the possibility of bringing power into Minyirr Park. The power source will be used for lighting toilet blocks that are to be constructed in 2006 at Base Camp (information centre) and future works that include conferencing (power point presentations).

COMMENT

Minyirr Park staff wish to discuss the possibility of bringing power into Minyirr Park, pending Rubibi approval. Kevin Moore at Western Power has indicated that the power is likely to be underground and a 2m² transformer would need to be constructed in the Park. Landcorp have offered to provide financial assistance with the high costs involved - with the Januburu Six Seasons Estate the closest power source. Minyirr Park staff wish to discuss with the Shire, planning considerations and whether the Shire is able to contribute resources to offset the high costs. Minyirr Park staff wish to discuss the necessary steps required such as cultural and environmental approvals, Shire planning and building approvals. Minyirr Park are meeting with Western Power (24 October 2006) to establish what is involved with bringing power into the park and the estimated cost.

OFFICER COMMENT

The provision of a new power supply would involve an underground cable for at least 600metres, a road crossing, transformer, associated works and headwork charges from Horizon Power. The actual length of the supply would depend on the closeness of the adjacent Landcorp subdivision stage 3, on the east side of Gubinge Rd. The costs are not known but are estimated to be considerable. There would also have to be a calculation made of the expected maximum load required for the proposed and existing buildings and uses. The best source of funds is considered to be the contribution from Landcorp as part of their original approval agreement with Rubibi for the release of the Januburu land parcels. If there is a shortfall, then other sources such as grant funds or Shire funds may have to be

considered. Some assistance may be able to be provided by the Shire for the trenching, and we have already made provision for a conduit to go under the new Gubinge Rd formation to save the cost of an underbore.

Planning approval will be required but it is not clear what the proposal is at this stage. Depending on the proposal, if it is not in accordance with management plan, the management plan may have to be modified. More details are therefore required before the proposal can be assessed

CONSULTATION

Shire and Rubibi consultation is required before commencement of the project. Future Acts and Aboriginal Heritage will need to be consulted, although Future Acts clearance is not normally required to bring in power.

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 Action Plan* 2004-2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Broome Shire Council consider financial/on ground engineering works that can be contributed toward the project.

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

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council advise Rubibi of planning considerations with bringing in power and advice of financial/on ground assistance that can be contributed.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Rubibi be advised:

- 1. That additional information will be required to be able to assess the proposal against the approved Management Plan. If the proposal is not in accordance with the Plan, then an amendment to the plan will be required. The total power demand for the Park is required to be able to calculate the electricity supply requirements, cable sizes and transformer size.*
- 2. Planning and building approvals will be required for any development works.*
- 3. That the Shire will facilitate any new power supply to the site, including the crossing under Gubinge Road. and the provision of on-ground assistance or equipment if required, but that the major electrical costs will need to be sourced from Landcorp or grants.*

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

5.2 ERADICATING WEEDS IN MINYIRR PARK

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Coastal Park and Environs
APPLICANT:	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:	CTE 28 and Rs 43080
AUTHOR:	Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	20 October 2006

SUMMARY:

Eradication of weeds in coastal reserves. Minyirr Park has been awarded an Envirofund grant of \$44,087.11 (not including GST) to eradicate weeds in reserves 43080 and 19289. Minyirr Park supervisors would like to discuss the support that Shire can offer throughout the 12 month project.

BACKGROUND

Thanks to Broome Shire Council staff member Kent Williams, who provided a letter of support to Minyirr Park for the Envirofund grant. Consistent with joint management of coastal reserves 43080 and 19289, Minyirr Park would like to discuss what sort of support the Shire can offer for this ambitious project i.e. training of staff in the use of chemicals, resources including chemicals and equipment.

In 1999 the Shire of Broome's Coastal Park Management Plan – Broome WA identified weeds as a major problem in trying to protect the environmental and cultural values in the coastal park.

Recognising the worsening problem, Rubibi applied successfully in 2001 for a grant to get a weed audit carried out in the coastal park area, and to identify the priority weeds for reduction, as well as seeking to identify the most effective method of reduction. This was undertaken by Tim Willing at Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and he produced an accompanying report entitled Environmental Weeds of Minyirr Park Broome – June 2000.

In 2001 DEC declared vine thickets as a Threatened Ecological Community, primarily in recognition of their limited area and vulnerability to development pressures.

Rubibi applied for a Federally funded Landcare Grant sponsored by Uncle Toby's, in 2005, that enable Minyirr Park to put on Weed Buster Days to help eradicate weeds in the Park and raise awareness of how to prevent weed spread.

In the April 2006 CPMC meeting the problem of Neem trees in the Park and generally around Broome, was identified.

While there are large areas of the park still in good condition, a particular concern is the monsoonal vine thickets where a large number of weeds are occurring. For the past three

years Minyirr Park staff has organised Weed Buster Days to involve the community and to tackle the problem in the vine thickets when the ground is wet.

In recognition of the problem, in April 2006 Rubibi successfully applied for an Envirofund grant to eradicate weeds from the park. The plan is to remove the weeds in sections, so that follow up work can be carried out regularly to make sure the area remains weed free. As such it is anticipated that small areas of the park will be temporarily closed to allow for rehabilitation works. Weed management activities will be carefully planned in consultation with the Shire and a horticultural expert to avoid any negative impacts on intact native vegetation. The development of a five year weed management plan will ensure that the problem is managed beyond the period of this project.

COMMENT

Minyirr Park would like an on-site meeting with relevant Shire staff to develop the program of weed eradication. Staff involved in providing training in the park should also be involved i.e. TAFE (Kim Courtenay and Russell Gueho) and David Broun (Reading the Country). Some of the factors that need to be addressed are management of storm water, (subject of previous CPMC items), weed removal and follow-up tasks, the consideration with Traditional Owners of fire plans and chemical applications, an education and awareness-raising media exercise to help people recognise the problem and to encourage residents to do their bit in helping to reduce weeds, and to encourage the maintenance of runoff on their own properties i.e. water harvesting and reducing hardened surfaces.

OFFICER COMMENT

Shire staff have been working with Minyirr Park staff on this project already, and will continue to do so, within our resource and time limitations. Some Neem trees have been removed and/or poisoned and other works and advice will be offered. The new Shire Weed Strategy will also complement the works.

CONSULTATION

Kent Williams and Peter McFaddon have been consulted about the weed problem in Minyirr Park. DEC has also been consulted, with an environmental survey of weeds in the park undertaken in 2001. The study revealed 46 exotic plant species in the park, with the conclusion recommending an “urgent weed control program to reverse the seemingly relentless trend towards further degradation of Minyirr Park’s flora and conservation values.”

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Proposed weed strategy will have a new weed policy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be annual funding and resource requirements to implement the weed strategy in the coastal park. Yet to be assessed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Shire's Interim Agreement with Rubibi (signed in May 1996), the implementation of the Shire's Coastal park Management Plan (April 1999) and the Shire's Strategic Action Plan (2002-2007).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

1. That Shire Parks and Gardens staff, work together with Minyirr Park staff to develop and implement long-term strategies and planning to address the weed problem in the coastal park.
2. That the Shire provide resources and training wherever possible to undertake weed eradication.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

The Shire where practical will offer advice and assistance to support the desired outcomes of a weed program at Minyirr Park within our current budget allocations & resource commitments.

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Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

[Attachment: 7 pages](#)

6. MEETING CLOSURE
