



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

7 DECEMBER 2006

SHIRE OF BROOME

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COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 2006
COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Apologies Cr G T Campbell

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 FOR MINYIRR PARK (RESERVE 43080)

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Minyirr Park, Broome Reserve 43080
APPLICANT: Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:
AUTHOR: Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR/S: N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 24 November, 2006

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park staff seeks 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 bringing power into Minyirr Park. The power will be used for lighting toilet blocks that are to be constructed in 2006/7 at Base Camp (information centre) and future works that include conferencing (power point presentations).

COMMENT

Minyirr Park staff wish to discuss bringing power into Minyirr Park, pending Rubibi approval. Kevin Moore at Horizon Power has advised that the power will be underground and a 2 m sq transformer will need to be constructed at the edge of the Park. Land Corp and Georgiou Group (contractors in the Januburu Six Seasons Estate) have been approached for financial assistance with the costs involved high. Minyirr Park staff wish to discuss planning considerations and whether Shire is able to contribute resources to offset the high costs. Minyirr Park staff also wish to discuss the necessary steps required such as cultural and environmental approvals, Shire planning and building approvals. Horizon Power have met with Minyirr Park staff and provided a quote. The estimate (quote provided by Horizon Power 6/11/06) is based on a 25kVa pole mounted transformer supplied via high voltage underground cable from Gubinge Road to the site boundary. **The estimate to undertake the required works is \$45,000.** A set cost will be prepared by Horizon Power for acceptance once notified by Minyirr Park they wish to pursue the matter further.

Power from Minyirr Park Boundary (quote from Peter Eastwood 27/11/06) to Base Camp including cabling. Estimate to undertake the required electrical contract work is \$20,000.

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. 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 are 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 considers 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 RUBIBI NOMINATIONS TO COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Minyirr Park
APPLICANT: Rubibi
FILE: CTE 28
AUTHOR: Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR/S: N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST: N/A
DATE OF REPORT: 24 November 2006

SUMMARY: Rubibi requests that Rebecca Edwards and Anna Mardling on the CPMC be replaced by Mr Jerome Wade and Mr Damien Parriman respectfully.

BACKGROUND

The Coastal Park Management Committee is comprised of 10 members, five nominated by the Shire and five nominated by Rubibi. Rubibi seeks to replace a Rubibi member on the Committee Ms Rebecca Edwards with Mr Jerome Wade and Ms Rebecca Edward’s proxy with Mr Damien Parriman.

The Shire reviewed its delegation to the Committee at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 February 2006 and amended Rubibi’s members at the Ordinary Council Meeting 13 April 2006.

COMMENT

The following tables provide the current list of members and the proposed list of members.

Coastal Park Management Committee
 As at 13 April 2006

Council	Shire Deputy	Shire Deputy to Deputy	Rubibi	Rubibi Deputy
Cr Graeme Campbell	Cr Chris Mitchell	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mrs Cecelia Djiagween	Ms Lorna Kelly
Cr Chris Maher	Cr Allan Grosse	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Richard Hunter	Mr Frans Hoogland
Cr Nik Weavers	Cr Elsta Foy	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Frank Sebastian	Mr Neil McKenzie
Cr Michael Albert	Cr Peter Matsumoto	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Michael Corpus	Ms Suzette Edgar
Mr Gary Waldron			Ms Rebecca Edwards	Ms Anna Mardling

PROPOSED RUBIBI MEMBERS

Council	Shire Deputy	Shire Deputy to Deputy	Rubibi	Rubibi Deputy
Cr Graeme Campbell	Cr Chris Mitchell	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mrs Cecelia Djiagween	Ms Lorna Kelly
Cr Chris Maher	Cr Allan Grosse	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Richard Hunter	Mr Frans Hoogland
Cr Nik Weavers	Cr Elsta Foy	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Frank Sebastian	Mr Neil McKenzie
Cr Michael Albert	Cr Peter Matsumoto	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Michael Corpus	Ms Suzette Edgar
Mr Gary Waldron			Ms Jerome Wade	Mr Damien Parriman

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

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* (2002-2007)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Minor additional contribution required from Council is estimated at approx \$250 per month.

OFFICER COMMENT

There are no financial implications. As noted in the minutes of the CPMC meeting of 2 February 2006, ... *sitting fees are not permitted to be paid due to the Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.100 'Payments for Certain Committee Members', which states ' A person who is a committee member but who is not a council member or an employee is not to be paid a fee for attending any committee meeting.'*

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

That Council amend Rubibi's Members on the Coastal Park Management Committee to include the replacement of Rebecca Edwards with Jerome Wade, and Deputy Member Anna Mardling with Damien Parriman, as per the following table:

Council	Shire Deputy	Shire Deputy to Deputy	Rubibi	Rubibi Deputy
Cr Graeme Campbell	Cr Chris Mitchell	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mrs Cecelia Djiagween	Ms Lorna Kelly
Cr Chris Maher	Cr Allan Grosse	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Richard Hunter	Mr Frans Hoogland
Cr Nik Wevers	Cr Elsta Foy	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Frank Sebastian	Mr Michael Corpus
Cr Michael Albert	Cr Peter Matsumoto	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Neil McKenzie	Ms Suzette Edgar
Mr Gary Waldron			Mr Jerome Wade	Mr Damien Parriman

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council amend Rubibi's Members on the Coastal Park Management Committee to include the replacement of Rebecca Edwards with Jerome Wade, and Deputy Member Anna Mardling with Deputy Member Damien Parriman, as per the following table:

Council	Shire Deputy	Shire Deputy to Deputy	Rubibi	Rubibi Deputy
Cr Graeme Campbell	Cr Chris Mitchell	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mrs Cecelia Djiagween	Ms Lorna Kelly
Cr Chris Maher	Cr Allan Grosse	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Richard Hunter	Mr Frans Hoogland
Cr Nik Wevers	Cr Elsta Foy	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Frank Sebastian	Mr Neil McKenzie
Cr Michael Albert	Cr Peter Matsumoto	Cr Allan Griffiths	Mr Michael Corpus	Ms Suzette Edgar
Mr Gary Waldron			Mr Jerome Wade	Mr Damien Parriman

Moved:

Seconded:

**FOR:
AGAINST:**

5.3 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.

DISCUSSION NOTES

Whilst the 2 November 2006 meeting of CPMC did not proceed due to the lack of a quorum, this item was discussed by those present, and the following noted.

The Director Engineering Services stated that Council has adopted a Policy on this, which is not limited to Minyirr Park and includes the whole town (Environmental Weed Management Strategy – Broome Townsite). Major weed species including Neem, Coffee Tree and various noxious vines are being tackled already and the Shire will work in with the Park on eradication as part of the overall plan. Some eradication has already taken place in the Park as part of the strategy for the Town.

The Manager Operations added that the Shire assisted Minyirr Park with the grant application and subsequently has an understanding of the process and approach for tackling the weed problem within the Park. He acknowledged it is a huge job however a successful outcome is expected. On-ground support requirements, amounts of chemical, and areas of priority will be the subject of ongoing discussions with Kent Williams and Michael Corpus and a strategy to work by will be the result.

The Committee discussed possible strategies to focus the wider community on particular weeds for removal prior to their flowering periods to assist in general eradication. This is an across the board problem and funding such as that granted to Kununurra for Neem eradication would be ideal. The Shire's Manager Operations will be looking at a number of issues including these. It will be important to maximise the Minyirr grant and Shire resources by only taking on an achievable area as stage one. Larger grants will be investigated for other areas.

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.

Moved:

Seconded:

FOR:

AGAINST:

[Attachment: 7 pages](#)

6. MEETING CLOSURE