



#### 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

# 3 MAY 2007

**SHIRE OF BROOME**  
**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE**  
**COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**TO BE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM**  
**ON THURSDAY 3 MAY 2007**  
**COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

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## 5. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

### 5.1 WATER MAIN IN MINYIRR PARK

<b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>	Minyirr Park, Broome
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
<b>FILE:</b>	
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<b>DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	20 April 2007

**SUMMARY:** There are plans for a water main to be established in Minyirr Park. As such Minyirr Park would like to discuss who will pay for water consumption, water rates and locking devices for the main.

### BACKGROUND

Minyirr Park wishes to discuss who will pay for water consumption in Minyirr Park, with Water Corp establishing a water main in the Park. Water will be used in the flushing and composting toilets, for drinking and reticulation of plantings that are being established throughout the park. The water main will provide normal water pressure, which is very much needed in the Park.

The question however, is who is going to pay for the water, as Minyirr Park has not budgeted for water rates and consumption. Minyirr Park staff have planted 80 – 100 trees in the Park, with plans for a further 200 for other degraded areas. All of these plants will be on drip reticulation (early in the morning) until the plants are established, which is generally within a two year period.

Minyirr Park is very conscious of water conservation, with plans for the second toilet system that is composting, and as such would like to discuss how the water main can be protected from theft (water main cage and locking device).

### COMMENT

In 2006 Landcorp, the WA Government's land & property development agency, provided Minyirr Park with temporary water facilities, with assistance on ground from Broome Shire Council staff. Minyirr Park has been advised by Landcorp that temporary water provision will become permanent when the new Landcorp subdivision is completed this year. What this means, is that a water main will be established inside Minyirr Park (Reserve 43080). Whilst this is good news for the Park, with a water supply in Minyirr Park essential for drinking supply for workers, reticulation of plants, the new toilet block that is currently being constructed at Base Camp and microflush composting toilets to be constructed at Youth Camp. What needs to be discussed however is who will pay for the water in the Park, the water rates and locking devices for the main once established.

## OFFICER COMMENT

At the Coastal Park Management Committee Meeting held on 5 April 2007, the Committee recommended to the Council that Council supports in principal the provision of power to Minyirr Park, and that Council waive any development and building fees associated with power being supplied to Reserve 43080. In addition the Committee recommended to the Council that an additional \$42,251 to meet increased salary costs for four permanent part time positions be provided, funding be provided for the Minyirr Park work team that has lost CDEP funding, and that a meeting be held to determine long term funding strategies. These recommendations will be put to the Council following endorsement of the 5 April Minutes by the Committee.

The request contained in this report for an agreement as to who will pay for water consumed, water rates and locking devices on the water main, needs to be considered in light of all other long term costs and the future management for the project.

There are any number of areas that need to be considered with regards the future of the Minyirr Park Project including the significant changes to CDEP funding in the town of Broome and their impact upon the Project, escalating project costs, and the pending Native Title determination on coastal areas between Willie Creek and Crab Creek.

Some of the areas that require consideration by Rubibi and Council include:

- Implications for management of the current subject reserves and additional future coastal reserves as per the pending Native Title discussions.
- The future level of responsibility and resources provided by the Council for the project into the future.
- The future level of responsibility and resources provided by the Federal and State Governments into the project.
- The future level of responsibility and resources provided by Rubibi.
- The future of the Coastal Park Management Committee in light of pending Native Title discussions and other possible management options.

In the short term, strategic direction on the future of the Project and the Coastal Park Management Committee in its current form is required. Some options for the Council are:

- Significantly increase the level of financial contribution to the project to cover any CDEP contributions that will not be available after 30 June 2007. As per Agenda Item 3.2 of 5 April this is estimated to be in the vicinity of \$120,000 for four part time coordinators and \$150,000 for the equivalent of four full-time workers, a total of \$270,000. The Shire currently contributes \$75,000 per year to the Kimberley Land Council to support the Project.
- Provide funds in the 2007/08 budget for various options for the management and development of the Minyirr Park Project, including a review of the current Management Plan, future management options, and future projects within the area. Estimated at \$25,000.

- Cease providing support for the project and Committee until such a time that Native Title is determined and future management of coastal areas is negotiated with all relevant stakeholders including Traditional Owners, and other levels of governments.

## **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 2004-2009*.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Broome Shire Council and Rubibi consider financial implication of the establishment of a water main in Minyir Park and locking devices.

## **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 and Rubibi come to an agreement about who will pay for water consumed in Minyirr Park, water rates, and locking devices on the main.*

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

*That Council provide strategic direction on its current and future commitment to the Minyirr Park Project and Coastal Park Management Committee.*

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**6. MEETING CLOSURE**