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*"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."*

# MINUTES

FOR MEETING OF THE

COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**02 FEBRUARY 2006**

**SHIRE OF BROOME**

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

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## 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

|                |   |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Attendance     | Cr G T Campbell<br>Cr V L Wevers<br>Cr C M Maher<br>Cr P D Matsumoto<br><br>Anna Mardling<br>Michael Corpus<br>Frank Sebastian<br>Frans Hoogland<br>Cecelia Djiagween<br>Gary Waldron | Chairperson<br><br>Deputy Rep for Cr A K Grosse<br>Deputy Rep for Cr M L B Albert (from<br>10.06am)<br>Kimberley Land Council<br>Rubibi<br>Rubibi<br>Deputy for Richard Hunter<br>Rubibi<br>Community Representative (from<br>10.37am) |
| Apologies      | Cr M L B Albert<br>Cr A K Grosse  |  |
| Officers       | Suzanne Lollback<br>Jillian McMahon   | Director Community Services<br>Council Secretary   |
| Public Gallery | Suzette Edgar<br>Emily Burke<br>Jane Blackwood<br>Sharon Griffiths<br>Cr E R M Foy<br>Dave Dureau<br>Rebecca Edwards  | Rubibi<br>Kimberley Land Council<br>Kimberley Land Council<br><br><br><br>Kimberley Land Council   |

## 2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil. However, it is noted that should Agenda Item 5.2 Recommendation 2. be accepted, all members of the Committee have a financial interest to declare.

## 3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- 3.1 Sharon Griffiths announced that she took Leave of Absence as Project Officer of Rubibi and will not be renewing her role. Sharon expressed thanks to the Committee, KLC and Rubibi. CPMC Chairperson thanked Sharon for her work and wished her well.
- 3.2 Dave Dureau asked the Committee to define the Minyirr Park gazetted area.

The Chairperson replied that CPMC will continue to meet until which time Native Title is determined and the Reserves/area defined. There are two Reserves the Committee is dealing with until notice is given otherwise.

Dave Dureau requested he be given an indication as to where the Park is gazetted from and to, whereby the Chairperson indicated Reserves 4380 & 19289 and reference to the aerial map in the meeting room was made.

Dave Dureau asked whether the Committee is extending the park? The Chairperson stated that once Native Title is determined, the Council will give consideration to extending the coastal park and capacity for the Committee to look at these areas.

- 3.3 Dave Dureau asked if there were any proposals to address the weed problem within the Park as he was aware of a survey having been done regarding this?

Frans Hoogland advised that a Weed Busting plan is in place this financial year to address this (5 March 2006). Dave Dureau suggested the plan be made public and involve other organisations who may be interested. The Chairperson noted this and will follow up with the Shire regarding assistance in advertising this date.

Dave Dureau asked about a Council decision some time ago (date not known) regarding a decision to remove Neem trees from Shire streets? He is concerned each year the problem increases and sees it as a matter of urgency. The Chairperson stated that he will investigate this.

Jane Blackwood asked if the Weed Busting Day would be successful as it clashes with the Kimberley Cleanup Day on 5 March? The Chairperson noted this and will advise the Shire and progress from there.

#### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved: Michael Corpus**

**Seconded: Graeme Campbell**

***That the Minutes of the Coastal Park Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2005 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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| <b>5. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION</b> |
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| <b>5.1 RUBIBI NOMINATIONS TO COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b> |
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| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>           | Minyirr Park     |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>                  | Rubibi           |
| <b>FILE:</b>                       | CTE 28           |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                     | Anna Mardling    |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>              |                  |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>        |                  |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:</b> | N/A              |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>             | 19 November 2005 |

**SUMMARY:** Rubibi requests that Mr Damien Parriman, Mr Bruce Goring and Ben Wurm, three current members/deputies to the Coastal Park Management Committee, be replaced by Mr Neil McKenzie, Ms Suzette Edgar and Anna Mardling 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 Damien Parriman with Neil McKenzie and as Deputy member, Bruce Goring with Suzette Edgar and Deputy Member Ben Wurm with Anna Mardling.

The Shire reviewed its delegation to the Committee at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 25 May 2005 and amended Rubibi's members at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 2 June 2005

### COMMENT

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

#### As at 2 June 2005

| <b>Council</b>     | <b>Shire Deputy</b> | <b>Shire Deputy to Deputy</b> | <b>Rubibi</b>         | <b>Rubibi Deputy</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Cr Graeme Campbell | Cr Chris Mitchell   | Cr Allan Griffiths            | Mrs Cecelia Djiagween | Ms Lorna Kelly       |
| Cr Allan Grosse    | Cr Chris Maher      | 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 Damien Parriman    | Mr Bruce Goring      |
| Mr Gary Waldron    |                     |                               | Ms Rebecca Edwards    | Mr Ben Wurm          |

**Proposed Rubibi Members**

| <b>Council</b>     | <b>Shire Deputy</b> | <b>Shire Deputy to Deputy</b> | <b>Rubibi</b>        | <b>Rubibi Deputy</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Cr Graeme Campbell | Cr Chris Mitchell   | Cr Allan Griffiths            | Mrs Cecelia Djagween | Ms Lorna Kelly       |
| Cr Allan Grosse    | Cr Chris Maher      | 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    |                     |                               | Ms Rebecca Edwards   | Ms Anna Mardling     |

**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 approximately \$250 per month.

**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 Damien Parriman with Neil McKenzie, and Deputy Member Bruce Goring with Suzette Edgar, and Deputy Member Ben Wurm with Anna Mardling as per the following table:*

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

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**Moved: Frans Hoogland**

**Seconded: Cecelia Djiagween**

*That Council amend Rubibi's Members on the Coastal Park Management Committee to include the replacement of Damien Parriman with Michael Corpus, and Deputy Member Bruce Goring with Suzette Edgar; Deputy Member Ben Wurm with Anna Mardling; and Neil McKenzie as Deputy to Frank Sebastian, as per the following table:*

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

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.2 RESOURCING THE COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**LOCATION/ADDRESS:** Minyirr Park  
**APPLICANT:** Rubibi  
**FILE:** CTE 28  
**AUTHOR:** Ben Wurm & Emily Burke  
**CONTRIBUTOR/S:**  
**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:**  
**DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:** N/A  
**DATE OF REPORT:** 18 November 2005

**SUMMARY:** Rubibi seeks Council support for additional resources to promote the efficient operation of the CPMC.

**BACKGROUND**

Currently, Rubibi is not specifically funded to research and prepare Agenda items for submission to meetings of the CPMC. As a consequence, this duty has fallen to staff of the Kimberley Land Council.

In addition, no member of the CPMC (with the possible exception of Shire Councillors) is paid sitting fees for their attendance at monthly meetings.

**COMMENT**

The CPMC is currently the only framework for the joint management of coastal reserves (principally 'Minyirr Park') in Broome by Rubibi and the Shire. As such the CPMC has important responsibilities and should be resourced accordingly.

**Preparation of Agenda items**

Rubibi estimates that up to seven (7) hours per month is devoted to researching, preparing and submitting in the Shire's prescribed format Agenda items on behalf of Rubibi for consideration at the monthly CPMC meetings, as well as reviewing items submitted to the Agenda by the Shire. When the Shire wishes to submit Agenda items to the CPMC, these time-consuming tasks are performed by various officers in the Shire administration. Rubibi is not similarly resourced and has no paid administrative staff. Instead these tasks have fallen, by default, to officers of the KLC.

The funding by the Shire of an additional seven (7) hours/month for the Coastal Landcare Coordinator (who project-manages Minyirr Park) to prepare and submit Agenda items on behalf of Rubibi would address this serious inequity of resources.

**Sitting Fees**

Similarly, with the exception of Shire Councillors on the CPMC (who receive an annual allowance for the performance of their duties as Councillors), all other members of the CPMC participate in meetings with no remuneration.

It is suggested that a modest 'sitting fee', payable to all members for their attendance at CPMC meetings, would recognise the time devoted by CPMC members and facilitate the smooth operation of the CPMC.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## **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 additional contribution from Council.

## **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:

1. Funds the Minyirr Park Coastal LandCare Co-Coordinator for an additional seven (7) hours/month to prepare Rubibi Agenda Items;
2. Considers funding 'sitting fees' for all members of CPMC.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**In regard to Rubibi Recommendation Point 2, the Chairperson noted advice from Shire staff stating 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.'**

**Moved: Cr V L Wevers**

**Seconded: Cr C M Maher**

**That Standing Orders be suspended at 10.20am**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved: Cr C M Maher**

**Seconded: Cr P D Matsumoto**

**That Standing Orders be reinstated at 10.32am.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Moved: Cr V L Wevers**

**Seconded: Anna Mardling**

**That Council funds Minyarr Coastal Park Coordinator for an additional 7 hrs to prepare Agenda items:**

1. **To the amount of \$1,000 to financial year ending 2005.**
2. **That \$3,000 be included in the draft budget for 2006/07.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 5.3 MINYARR PARK PROGRESS, WORKS AND ACTIVITIES – JULY TO DECEMBER 2005

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| <b>LOCATION/ADDRESS:</b>           | Minyarr Park, Stage 1 & unallocated Crown land |
| <b>APPLICANT:</b>                  | Rubibi   |
| <b>FILE:</b>                       | CTE 28   |
| <b>AUTHOR:</b>                     | Coastal Landcare Project Officer               |
| <b>CONTRIBUTOR/S:</b>              | Director Community Services                    |
| <b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>        | Coastal Landcare Project Officer               |
| <b>DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:</b> | N/A  |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>             | 20 January 2006                                |

**SUMMARY:** This report tables reports on the progress, works and activities carried out in Minyarr Park between July 2005 and December 2005 and identifies key areas for works programs for the coming year.

#### BACKGROUND

In 1999 the Shire adopted the Coastal Park Management Plan to guide works undertaken in Reserves 43080 and 19289, commonly referred to as Minyarr Park. The Plan outlines Zones of Opportunity for works to be undertaken on the Reserves.

#### COMMENT

The attached reports *Minyarr Park Progress, Works and Activities – July to December 2005* and *Zones of Opportunity – July to December 2005* provide an analysis of works completed during the specified time.

#### Plan of Works 2006

Over the coming year 2006, the following works are planned subject to funding being received:

- Skill Share Project to commence February 2006.
- Completion of ablution block facility at Base Camp to cater for Minyarr Park workers and Park visitors.
- Collection and propagation of indigenous seeds.
- Establishment of basic Indigenous plant 'nursery' (funding application pending) for revegetation and re-generation projects within the Park.
- Revegetate and rehabilitate degraded areas.
- Publication of 'Tree Talk' to educate the public about local plants.
- Youth Program Reading the Country – 2006 program scheduled to commence March 2006.
- Green Corp program to commence May 2006 (funding application pending).
- Investigation of appointment of Minyarr Park Staff as Honorary Rangers.
- Ongoing maintenance of Park facilities such as, shelters, walking tracks, dune crossings, trail markers, car-parking areas etc.
- Host 6-Seasons interpretation walks and invite members of the public.

- Ongoing management of exotic species in park, eg removal of Neem Trees and Buffle Grass.
- Complete the 6 season's interpretation signs.
- Continue blocking off unauthorised tracks.

Please refer to attached reports for further details.

The Broome Shire Council also has plans to carry out management works effecting Minyirr Park. These are listed in the Zones of Opportunity.

## **CONSULTATION**

Rubibi  
Shire of Broome

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972  
Land Administration Act  
Local Government Act 1995  
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**

The Shire provides Rubibi with an annual grant. The grant is valued at \$55,000 for 2005/2006.

## **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 Action Plan 2004 – 2009*.

## **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receive the report *Minyarr Park Progress, Works and Activities – July to December 2005 and Zones of Opportunity – July to December 2005*
2. Endorse the proposed *Plan of Works for 2006*.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved: Cr G T Campbell**

**Seconded: Frans Hoogland**

1. **Receive the report *Minyarr Park Progress, Works and Activities – July to December 2005 and Zones of Opportunity – July to December 2005*.**
2. **Endorse the proposed *Plan of Works for 2006* subject to funding being received from various applications having being submitted as follows:**
  - ***Skill Share Project to commence February 2006.***
  - ***Completion of ablution block facility at Base Camp to cater for Minyirr Park workers and Park visitors.***
  - ***Collection and propagation of indigenous seeds.***
  - ***Establishment of basic Indigenous plant ‘nursery’ (funding application pending) for revegetation and re-generation projects within the Park.***
  - ***Revegetate and rehabilitate degraded areas.***
  - ***Publication of ‘Tree Talk’ to educate the public about local plants.***
  - ***Youth Program Reading the Country – 2006 program scheduled to commence March 2006.***
  - ***Green Corp program to commence May 2006 (funding application pending).***
  - ***Investigation of appointment of Minyirr Park Staff as Honorary Rangers.***
  - ***Ongoing maintenance of Park facilities such as, shelters, walking tracks, dune crossings, trail markers, car-parking areas etc.***
  - ***Host 6-Seasons interpretation walks and invite members of the public.***
  - ***Ongoing management of exotic species in park, eg removal of Neem Trees and Buffle Grass.***
  - ***Complete the 6 season’s interpretation signs.***
  - ***Continue blocking off unauthorised tracks.***

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

[Attachment: 35 pages](#)

**7. MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.10am.