



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."

MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF THE

COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

held at 10.34am in the Shire Committee Room

6 MARCH 2008

SHIRE OF BROOME
AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE
COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM
ON THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2008
COMMENCING AT 10.34AM

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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 10.34am.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance	Cr G T Campbell	Chairperson
	Cr C M Maher	Proxy for Cr M L B Albert
	Cr E R M Foy	
	Frank Sebastian	Rubibi
	Michael Corpus	Rubibi
	Cecelia Djiagween	Rubibi
Apologies	Damien Parriman	KLC Proxy for Robert Powrie
	Cr V L Wevers	
	Cr M L B Albert	
	Gary Waldron	Community Representative
Officers	Jillian McMahon	Council Secretary
Public Gallery	Kandy Curran	Minyirr Park
	Brad Angus	Rubibi

3. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Cr C M Maher

That the Minutes of the Coastal Park Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENT FOR 2008

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Minyirr Park, Broome
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: 20 February 2008

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park seeks Shire support for the purchase of a Kanga GA 524 loader to assist on ground staff with maintenance of walking trails and recreational areas within the park.

BACKGROUND

With three major walking trails to maintain in Minyirr Park- the Lurajarri heritage Dreaming Trail, Minyirr Park and Nugula, there is considerable track maintenance to be undertaken, particularly during the Kimberley wet season when plant life undergoes vigorous growth. The Minyirr Park work team maintain all of the walk trails, on foot, which takes a great deal of time and effort. With severe cutbacks in staff numbers with the loss of CDEP, Minyirr Park urgently require the use of a Kanga Loader to assist with track and park maintenance. The Kanga Loader can be purchased with a range of attachments, such as grinder and slasher auxiliary kit. These additional attachments would allow the machine to be used for track clearance, slashing, rubbish removal and increased opportunities for 'eyes on the ground' supervision, with the machine allowing quicker access throughout the extensive park.

COMMENT

Minyirr Park would like to discuss the idea of Broome Shire Council purchasing a Kanga Loader in a shared arrangement that would allow usage by the Minyirr Park team for necessary Park maintenance. This arrangement would allow safe garaging of the Kanga Loader and ongoing maintenance to be performed by trained Shire staff.

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 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).

People

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Place

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Prosperity

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council advise Minyirr Park whether a shared arrangement of a Kanga Loader can be arranged.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the purchase of a Kanga Loader be referred to Council's Budgetary considerations.

Moved: Cr C M Maher

Seconded:

Frank Sebastian

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the purchase of a Kanga Loader be referred to Council's Budgetary considerations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE: The Committee suggested that in the meantime the Shire's Manager Operations liaise with Minyirr staff for possible assistance with slashing and other works as appropriate in Minyirr Park.

6.2 UPGRADE OF SIGNAGE IN MINYIRR PARK AND MINYIRR BEACH

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Minyirr Park and Minyirr Beach
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:	20 February 2008

SUMMARY: Signage in Minyirr Park requires upgrading, with the artwork on the signs faded and difficult to interpret. Minyirr Park would also like to enter into discussion with Shire about the wording and symbols for new signage on Minyirr Beach, with on the beach including vehicle incursions, turtle nesting and spiritual significance of the area.

BACKGROUND

The Broome Shire Council has in the past assisted Minyirr Park with funding of signage for the Park, with wider community utilising the park regularly for recreation. With the passage of time these signs have deteriorated such that they are becoming difficult to read and interpret. Minyirr Park would like to replace the signage in the Park, entering into discussion with the Shire about any changes to the wording and artwork.

CONSULTATION

Shire consultation through the CPMC and with Rubibi and Minyirr Park On-Site Supervisors.

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 considers funding the signage.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Over the last seven years the Shire and Rubibi have set a precedent in the joint management of Minyirr Park, forging an excellent working relationship. It is strategically important that we continue this joint management into the future, with the signage a good example.

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approves funding an upgrade of Minyirr Park signage.
2. Enters into negotiations with Minyirr Park on-Ground Supervisors and Rubibi on the wording and symbols in the Minyirr Park signage artwork.
3. Approves funding new Minyirr Beach signage.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the upgrade of Minyirr Park signage be referred to Council's budgetary considerations.

Moved: Cr C M Maher

Seconded: Michael Corpus

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

1. **That the upgrade of Minyirr Park signage be referred to Council's budgetary considerations.**
2. **That Council enters into negotiations between the Shire, Minyirr Park on-Ground Supervisors and Rubibi on the wording and symbols in the Minyirr Park signage artwork.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 REVISED ZONES OF OPPORTUNITY

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Minyirr Park, Broome
APPLICANT: Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:
AUTHOR: Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR:
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 22 March 2007

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park is planning to revise the names in the Zones of Opportunity. The plan is to replace outdated names, with appropriate Yawuru names. Changing these names is culturally important and practical, as many of the old names are no longer relevant or appropriate.

BACKGROUND

Many of the names in the Zones of Opportunity do not reflect the cultural heritage of the Park, moreover, many of the names have become obsolete. Minyirr Park would like to rename the Zones of Opportunity to reflect the Yawuru cultural heritage. With many improvements occurring in the Park, including rubbish removal, regeneration, walk trails, dance grounds and Youth Camp, it is important that the naming of the Zones of Opportunity reflect the dynamic nature of Park improvements and cultural heritage. The renaming of the Zones of Opportunity will also make it a lot easier for reporting on ground works for the Annual Shire Report.

COMMENT

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Shire's *Interim Agreement* with Rubibi (1996), the *Coastal Park Management Plan* (1999).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

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OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Nil

Moved: Frank Sebastian

Seconded: Michael Corpus

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

(RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION)

That the Shire upgrades their maps and Zones of Opportunity for Minyirr Park with the new names, once they have been finalised and agreed upon by Rubibi.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NOTE: Zones of Opportunity relates to the two identified Reserves only (2 amalgamated, previously R43080, R33275 and R3062).

6.4 TURTLE NESTING ON CABLE BEACH

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Minyirr Beach
APPLICANT: Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:
AUTHOR: Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR/S: Minyirr Park
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 20 February 2008

SUMMARY: Ongoing turtle monitoring on Cable Beach involving Conservation Volunteers Australia and the wider community has revealed that endangered turtles continue to return to their place of birth to lay their eggs. Unfortunately there have been some very unfortunate incidents, with people looking for hatchings at night in their cars, and in the process running over the young turtles. There has also been a very aggressive incident involving intoxicated young men, shining their car headlights on a turtle trying to nest on the beach, despite onlooker's advice not to do so. Rubibi is as you are aware, urges Broome Shire Council to take a progressive stand on this matter, making a complete ban of vehicles driving on the beach from Gantheaume Point to Coconut Wells.

BACKGROUND

Vehicles can damage marine turtle nests and nesting habitat by compacting sand, crushing nests and creating wheel ruts that impede or trap hatchlings. Disorientation of turtle hatchlings is caused by vehicles driving on the beach at night time during nesting (and hatching) season (Nov-March). Such activity has been well documented as severely impacting on survival success. As stated by Leslie Baird from Chelonia Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre who has rehabilitated and released several turtles found sick or injured on Cable Beach, "the hatchlings are lured to their death by lights and fires on beaches and die of exhaustion whilst trying to struggle across tyre tracks in the sand as tiny hatchlings on their way to the sea." It is well known that the 'vehicle driving' section of Cable beach is a nesting ground for several turtles, notably the green turtle, flat back turtle and possibly the loggerhead. Under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 the loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*) is listed as endangered and the Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) and hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) are all listed as vulnerable. Therefore any stretch of beach where such species are known to nest is critical to their survival.

Moreover, driving on the beach north of the rocks at the vehicle access at Cable Beach Reserve is also disrespectful to Aboriginal people and their culture, undermining significant Aboriginal sites protected under the WA Heritage Act of 1972 and the cultural integrity of the coast.

COMMENT

This matter needs to be considered as part of the development of the Cable Beach Vehicle Management Plan which will include consultation with all Stakeholders including Rubibi.

President: Date:

CONSULTATION

Nil

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That the Broome Shire ban vehicle access on the beaches from Gantheaume Point to Coconut Wells.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council take in to consideration the issues raised by the Coastal Park Committee in relation to turtle nesting on Cable Beach when considering the "Cable Beach Vehicle Management Policy".

Moved: Cr C M Maher

Seconded: Michael Corpus

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Broome Shire considers banning vehicle access on the beach from Gantheaume Point to Coconut Wells from sunset to sunrise during the turtle season (November to March annually) and that the Coastal Park Management Committee requests Council takes this into consideration when deliberating the Cable Beach Motor Vehicle Policy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 11.15am.