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MINUTES

FOR A MEETING OF THE

COASTAL PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

To be held at 10.00am in the Shire Committee Room

06 JULY 2006

SHIRE OF BROOME

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ON THURSDAY 06 JULY 2006
COMMENCING AT 10.00AM**

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Due to insufficient Committee members being present to form a quorum, the Chairperson announced that the meeting would proceed on an informal basis at 10.08am. The Director of Engineering Services advised he would convene a meeting next week with Committee members concerned to progress Agenda issues.

HONORARY RANGERS:

There is a need to address various legislative matters as mentioned in the Agenda report and at this stage, the area concerned is limited to the two Coastal Park Reserves. Suggested that Honorary Rangers be trialled within these Reserves and the application of the process be reviewed before consideration of extending authority outside the two Coastal Park Reserves.

The Committee agreed that a meeting be convened between the Senior Ranger and Rubibi to define the Honorary Ranger roles, enforcement procedures, training, etc. Senior Ranger to bring an item to Council following the outcome of these discussions.

The meeting was then officially declared open as a quorum was formed.

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance	Graeme Campbell Cr E R M Foy Michael Corpus Cecelia Djiagween Anna Mardling	Chairperson Proxy for Cr V L Wevers Rubibi Rubibi (From 10.15am) KLC, Proxy for Rebecca Edwards
Apologies	Cr V L Wevers Cr C M Maher Cr M L B Albert Suzanne Lollback	(proxy also unavailable) Director Community Services
Officers	Allan Ralph Kent Williams Mark Turner Brett Lappan Jillian McMahon	Director Engineering Services Manager Operations, Shire of Broome Acting Director Community Services Senior Ranger Council Secretary
Public Gallery	Kandy Curran	Minyirr Park Project Coordinator

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Anna Mardling

That the Minutes of the Coastal Park Committee Meeting held on 2 March 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 HONORARY RANGERS

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Minyirr
APPLICANT:	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:	CTE 28
AUTHOR:	Director Community Services, Kandy Curran & Anna Mardling
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Minyirr Park
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Kandy Curran /Anna Mardling
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	21 June 2006

SUMMARY: Rubibi seek Shire advice and Council approval for suitably nominated people to become Honorary Shire Rangers, and through the Shire seek State Government Gazettal.

BACKGROUND

Traditional Owners and more recently Minyirr Park staff have carried out an 'eyes on the ground' management role positively guiding and advising visitors to the coastal areas. They are however concerned about the illegal activities such as fire, rubbish dumping, dog control, motorbike and vehicle impacts and quarantine issues like introduced weeds.

These people are in a unique position to undertake the role of Honorary Rangers for the Shire of Broome, to help care for country and to assist the Shire with their Ranger responsibilities.

We now wish to submit these names as responsible people to undertake the duties of Honorary Shire Rangers. Michael Corpus (Micklo), Richard Hunter, Joseph Roe, Neil McKenzie, Cecilia Djigaween (Cissy) and Frans Hoogland.

COMMENT

We understand that the state legislation administered and enforced by the Shire Rangers include the following:

- Local Government Act 1995
- Local Government Miscellaneous provisions Act 1960
- Dog act 1976 & Regulations
- Litter Act 1979 & regulations
- Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and Regulations 1997
- Bush Fires Act 1954 & Regulations

Rubibi seeks information (and support) from the Shire to identify the relevant roles and responsibilities that the proposed Honorary Rangers could or may wish to undertake under delegated authority. Rubibi requests clear concise information from the Shire on the implications of these various responsibilities under the Acts, and the process for appointing Honorary Rangers.

We would also like to ascertain the possibility for training that may be needed. Then together with the Shire the proposed Honorary Rangers would identify those relevant responsibilities and duties they will undertake.

Responsibilities carried out by Honorary Rangers would assist the Shire Rangers in their duties. It will also provide a formal recognition of this positive management strategy being undertaken by Traditional Owners and custodians and Minyirr Park work teams.

OFFICER COMMENT

Persons may be appointed under certain Statutes as indicated below.

Any authorisation made may be limited to certain areas of operation and/or to the authority to exercise some or all of the powers conferred by the Acts. In other words the nominated individuals may be appointed to exercise the authority of the position to an extent that the Shire sees fit.

In all cases an official notification of appointment signed by the CEO is to be issued to appointed officers however, Part XX of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act stipulates that this authorisation must be Gazetted.

Appointed persons may be called by the generic names of "Ranger" or "Honorary Ranger" however their appointment and identification would refer to the appointed name under the Statute as indicated below.

Dog Act	Authorised Person
Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act	Authorised Person
Bush Fires Act	Fire Control Officer
Litter Act	Authorised Officer
Local Government Act	Authorised Person
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act	Ranger
Caravan Parks & Camping Grounds Act	Authorised Person

It is noteworthy that an honorary warden, under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 may also be an Authorised Person under the Control of Vehicles (Off Road Areas) Act by means of their appointment. I understand that Rubibi is currently investigating the appointment of honorary warden.

CONSULTATION

Honorary Rangers have been the subject of Shire/Rubibi ongoing discussion since 1996. In 2005 the Shire requested Rubibi to submit names for consideration.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995
Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

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

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

1. *Shire staff arrange a meeting by 30 August 2006, with the applicants to present information on the various roles and responsibilities of Honorary Rangers for their consideration.*
2. *That once the delegated powers they will undertake are agreed upon, Shire staff submit by 30 November 2006 the names of Michael Corpus, Richard Hunter, Joseph Roe, Neil McKenzie, Cecilia Djagween and Frans Hoogland, for State Govt gazettal as Honorary Shire Rangers*

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Report Recommendation be adopted with the Senior Ranger to meet with Rubibi staff.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Cr E R M Foy

That Shire staff arrange a meeting by 30 August 2006 with the applicants to determine the physical areas of operation, the extent of authority of Honorary Rangers, and a list of names of potential Honorary Rangers for presentation to the Coastal Park Management Committee and onto Council for consideration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 ADDRESSING ILLEGAL ACCESS AND RUBBISH DUMPING

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Reserve 43080, Reserve19289 and adjacent ECC
APPLICANT:	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:	CTE 28
AUTHOR:	Director Community Services, Kandy Curran & Anna Mardling
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Minyirr Park
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Kandy Curran/Anna Mardling
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	22 June 2006

SUMMARY: Rubibi seeks Shire support to help block off illegal vehicle access and remove rubbish in and adjacent to the coastal park and the environmental cultural corridor.

BACKGROUND

There are more than 6 illegal vehicle entry points within the environmental cultural corridor, linked to the coastal park's Reserve 43080 and 19289. This has encouraged the dumping of household refuse, weeds and garden waste, along with oil and car and machinery eg fridges. The area is being used as an illegal tip site.

Minyirr Park work teams currently clean up what they can in the area, but seek Shire support to assist, particularly with rubbish removal and blocking off access. Big pylons from the Port have previously been used to block vehicle access and this has worked well in many instances.

COMMENT

Rubibi would like an on-site meeting with relevant Shire staff who could ascertain the Shire plant and staff requirements needed to assist Minyirr work teams, and agree on how and when the work could be undertaken.

This would form part of the Minyirr Park work plans for 2006-2007.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Environmental Cultural Corridor (ECC), is the area in between the Januburu subdivisions. That land is not under the control of the Shire, it is still UCL and now has native title over it. Landcorp have put a proposal to the Shire on its future management options and the Shire have responded. The ECC is not part of Reserve 43080 or Reserve19289 and therefore is not the subject of the Committee.

CONSULTATION

Ongoing with the Shire and Minyirr Park staff and Rangers, over many years.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Litter Act 1979 & regulations
Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995 and Regulations 1997
Bush Fires Act 1954 & Regulations
Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972
Local Government Act 1995

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Consistent with the Shire's *Strategic Action Plan 2004-2009* and the *Coastal Park Management Plan* (April 1999) and the Shire's *Strategic Plan* (2001).

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Rubibi requests support from Shire staff to assist Minyirr Park staff in the cleanup of the area of Reserves 43080 and 19289 and the linked Environmental Cultural Corridor, to block off unauthorised access points and remove rubbish.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Senior Ranger and Manager Operations meet with Minyirr Park staff to determine the level of assistance required regarding litter and the need to block off access to Reserves 43080 and 19289.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr E R M Foy

Seconded: Michael Corpus

That the Senior Ranger, Manager Operations and Director Engineering Services meet with Minyirr Park staff to determine the level of assistance required regarding litter and the need to block off access to Reserves 43080 and 19289.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 COASTAL PARK VISITOR ACCESS and PROMOTING TRANSPORT LINKS

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Coastal Park and environs
APPLICANT:	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:	CTE 28
AUTHOR:	Director Community Services, Kandy Curran & Anna Mardling
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Minyirr Park
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Kandy Curran/Anna Mardling
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	22 June 2006

SUMMARY: Managing and improving visitor access to the beach, coastal reserves and integrating transport and pedestrian access links to key areas between Cable Beach and Gantheaume Point (Minyirr) are vital. Rubibi would like to open discussions with the Shire and other stakeholders to advance this objective and to enable strategic planning of access and transport links.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of Broome's *Coastal Park Management Plan* recommended integrated planning to link the transport and pedestrian access to the beach, coastal reserves and important tourist and cultural areas around Minyirr Park. It also recommended promoting pedestrian access and provision for people with disabilities and those for whom access is difficult eg young children and the elderly or frail.

Minyirr Park had site plans drafted by Landvision in 2001 in consultation with Traditional Owners and Shire staff, and funded by CoastCare to Rubibi. This draft was to enable discussion amongst stakeholders and to relate priorities to plans and works. The site plans included the identification of possible routes and links for carparks, vehicle access, bike and pedestrian paths, boat trailer parking, horse access and improved visitor facilities like ablutions and interpretation.

Many of these have been successfully established.

The walk trails are developed, shade shelters provided, water supply established at the base camp, car parking developed, the access entry points identified and effectively signed for visitors, and interpretative signage is underway and paths completed at the base camp in Minyirr Park. Funding has been secured for ablutions and this will be developed in 06-07.

COMMENT

Rubibi has a number of linked proposals being:

- Develop in stages a multipurpose path, a pedestrian cycleway, linking in with Minyirr Park from the Cable Beach end to Gantheaume Point (Minyirr), and to the adjacent car parks, road access and beach entry points.

- Consider a visitor loop or 'cultural heritage' trail concept along with the pedestrian/bicycle path from Minyirr Park to the top tourism icons of Cable Beach and Gantheaume Point and Dubbadubbagoon (base camp at Minyirr).
- Establish a bus stop on Gubinge Road at the entry point to the Minyirr Park base camp, and encourage the bus service to consider the increased provision of services along Gubinge Road to and from Gantheaume Point.

The request here is to seek funding opportunities to undertake planning and to implement the development of pedestrian/cycle ways in stages. Funding is available, for example, through the LotteryWest Trails Grant Program where applications close in March.

Rubibi believes that planned pedestrian access integrated with public transport availability will offer residents and visitors the opportunity to come by public transport, by bicycle or on foot to coastal park and high use visitor areas around the coast. This will reduce the pressure on car parking, pressure on cultural heritage areas, and reduce vehicles on the beach.

By promoting public transport use and pedestrian access it will in turn improve the amenity of the coastal areas, and add value to the health and well being of people by encouraging physical activity.

An integrated long-term plan to link transport here has the potential to reduce Shire expenditure on carparks and enforcement eg vehicles on beach, illegal parking, and congestion during events like race days and concerts. It will improve the safety on roads, by encouraging bikes and pedestrians (and joggers) to use the path. The proposed pedestrian and bike path would enable those with small children in strollers, the older population and those people with disabilities to have safer and greater access to the highly valued coastal environs.

With a well planned, well maintained and effectively marketed approach to moving people around by public transport and on foot, in high use tourist areas and away from fragile and sensitive natural and cultural areas, it will be a sustainable and long term strategy that will be an advantage for all stakeholders.

CONSULTATION

Initial contact has been made with Scott McDougall owner of Broome Bus Lines, to ascertain the process for locating bus stops.

Currently the 7am town bus service extends to Gantheaume Point throughout the year, except on Sundays during the Wet. It goes past the Minyirr Park entry at about 8am. The business promotes the service as a "*Great for an early morning walk back along Cable Beach (approximately 5kms).*"

Rubibi is keen to see a bus stop established at the entry to the base camp, to encourage visitors to use public transport, and to provide a means of transport for the Minyirr Park workers commencing duties in the morning.

Scott has advised that extending the bus service must be a profitable routing, and expressed support by offering to drop passengers at the Park entry on the early morning service. Minyirr Park staff will write to Mr McDougall seeking support for a bus stop at the base camp entry point.

OFFICER COMMENT

The above items require funding and some have been included as part of the current Native Title negotiations. A range of items are scheduled in the Shire's forward programs including path links and car parks.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995
Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None at present

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

Simple Majority

REPORT RECOMMENDATION

Rubibi seeks Council agreement for a collaborative effort to:

- 1) draft a plan for an integrated transport and pedestrian link, from Minyirr Park to Gantheaume Point (Minyirr) by December 2006.
- 2) seek and secure funding to undertake formal planning of an integrated transport and pedestrian link, and to commence development in 2007 of the first stage of a pedestrian/cycle path from Minyirr Path to Gantheaume Point (Minyirr).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Director Engineering Services and Manager Operations meet with Rubibi staff to establish future actions in line with the existing Coastal Park Management Plan and available funding and grant opportunities.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Cecelia Djiagween

That Director Engineering Services and Manager Operations meet with Rubibi staff to establish future actions in line with the existing Coastal Park Management Plan and available funding and grant opportunities.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 10.50am.