



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

To be held at 10.25am in the Shire Committee Room

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Attendance	Cr G T Campbell Cr M L B Albert Michael Corpus Cecelia Djiagween Damien Parriman Gary Waldron	Chairperson Rubibi Rubibi KLC Community Member
Apologies	Richard Hunter Frank Sebastian Cr C M Maher Cr V L Wevers	Rubibi Rubibi
Officers	Kent Williams Jillian McMahon	Operations Manager, Shire Council Secretary
Public Gallery	Kandy Curran	Minyirr Park

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST
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Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Cr M L B Albert

That the Minutes of the Coastal Park Committee Meeting held on 7 June 2007 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

AGREED

5. MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 ENTRANCE TO MINYIRR PARK

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Minyirr Park, Broome
APPLICANT:	Rubibi Land Heritage and Development Group
FILE:	CTE28
AUTHOR:	Kandy Curran
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	27 August 2007

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park has agreed to the need for a new entrance to Minyirr Park. Minyirr Park requests that Main Roads WA and the Shire meet with Minyirr Park staff to agree on the location of a new entrance to the Park and the coordinates for the unsealed track to Base Camp.

With the new entrance a safety requirement due to the construction of the new Port Bypass, Minyirr Park requests that Main Roads WA and or the Broome Shire, fund all costs involved with establishing a new entrance and road into the Park, provides new signage and updates the map in the Shire Directory to include the new entrance to Minyirr Park. A feature article on Minyirr Park, such as in the Broome Shire Directory in 2005, would be an excellent communications tool to let the public know of the change to the entrance to Minyirr Park.

BACKGROUND

Minyirr Park Traditional Custodians and on site supervisors, Main Roads WA and Broome Shire staff, including the Shire Engineer, met in 2007 to discuss a new entrance for Minyirr Park. The new heavy vehicle bypass has made the existing entrance to Minyirr Park on Gubinge Road, dangerous for car access, so a decision has been made to enter the Park from Gantheaume Point Road. With Minyirr Park predominantly funded by grants, there are no available funds for a new entrance, new unsealed road into the Park, new signage and for a new article and map in the Broome Shire Directory.

COMMENT

The change of entrance to Minyirr Park is an unexpected development, as such, the responsibility for the funding of planning, engineering and construction of a new car park, unsealed entrance and signage to Base Camp from Gantheaume Point Road, should be borne by Main Roads WA and the Shire of Broome.

CONSULTATION

There is no mention of the need for a new entrance to Minyirr park in the Coastal Park Management Plan (April 1999) or the Minyirr Park Strategic Plan (2007 - 2011), indicating that the new entrance is an unforeseen development on the part of Main Roads WA and the Shire of Broome.

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

Due to the lack of design and costings a budget allocation has not been set.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. People

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2. Place

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3. Prosperity

Partner with other agencies to ensure affordable and equitable services and infrastructure.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Sets the direction for discussions and subsequent planning and construction of a new entrance to Minyirr Park.
2. Or Main Roads WA funds the planning and construction of a new entrance and unsealed road into Minyirr Park, new signage, and update of map and article in the 2008 Broome Shire Directory.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Rubibi liaise with Shire officers to prepare the design for the new entrance to Minyirr Park that will enable estimates of costs to be prepared to form the basis to seek funding for the development of the entrance.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Gary Waldron

That the Officer Recommendation be adopted with the additional point that Main Roads WA personnel be included in the discussions.

AGREED

5.2 LANDCORP FUNDING FOR FUTURE DUNE CROSSINGS

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CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	27 August 2007

SUMMARY: Allan Ralph, outgoing Shire Director Engineering Services, instigated a meeting with Minyirr Park staff and Landcorp to discuss the setting aside a maintenance fund for future on-grounds needs.

With an increase in numbers of visitors expected in the park - with Broome's population increasing rapidly, putting money aside for maintenance of dunes, dune crossings and pathways was agreed upon at the meeting. Minyirr Park staff request that the sum of money being negotiated with Landcorp as a 'Future Maintenance Fund for Minyirr Park' include funds for the construction, if deemed necessary in the future, for two elevated dune crossings (South Howe Drive crossing and Base Camp crossing), for future maintenance of dunes from blow outs, for improvements to walking trails that may be eroded due to increased walking traffic and or wet season water flows.

With Minyirr Park managing on ground works and budgets, the request is for the agreed sum of money from Landcorp be placed with Minyirr Park and managed by the Kimberley Land Council for future on ground management of dunes, crossings and pathways.

BACKGROUND

With the development of housing estates across the road from Minyirr Park expected to bring a much greater number of people through Minyirr Park in the future, Minyirr Park would like to follow up on Landcorp's commitment to fund identified dune crossings maintenance in the Park as it is essential that there is long term planning to protect dunes that will come under increased pressure from increasing visitation.

COMMENT

A letter confirming the amount of money to be provided to Minyirr Park for future dune crossing improvements is submitted to Minyirr Park.

CONSULTATION

Traditional Owners and onsite staff met with Allan Ralph, Broome Shire staff and Wayne Silich in July 2007 to discuss how best to maintain walking tracks and dune crossings. An agreement was reached that the walking tracks would remain unsealed and in their pindan state, and money would be set aside by Landcorp for future works on the dune crossings, with increasing pressure from visitation expected from the Landcorp development and general increase in Broome's population.

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

Any shortfall in the funding provided by Landcorp will have to be met from other sources, possibly Council.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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3. Prosperity

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Participate in negotiations along with Minyirr Park staff and Landcorp to establish an amount of money to be put aside for maintenance of the dunes that flank Minyirr Park, for future construction of dune crossings and for improvements to pathways.
2. Agrees that Minyirr Park through the Kimberley Land Council hold the Landcorp money that has been agreed upon for future improvements maintenance to dune crossings in the vicinity of the Landcorp housing development.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Continues negotiations along with Minyirr Park staff and Landcorp to establish an appropriate amount of money to be put aside for future construction and maintenance of dune crossings and for improvements to pathways.
2. Prefers the money that has been agreed upon be held in a reserve account for construction and maintenance of Coastal Park dune crossings and pathways.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Gary Waldron

That the Officer Recommendation be adopted with the additional points:

3. **That any Shire administration fees be deducted from the Shire's budget.**
4. **That Council informs Landcorp that there is a community expectation that real value grants and support is provided for dune crossings for future use.**

AGREED

NOTE:

That a coastal environmental management/engineering expert be consulted for advice on future requirements for park accessways as part of the ongoing global Native Title negotiations.

5.3 RAMSAR BOUNDARY

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RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	27 August 2007

SUMMARY: Minyirr Park Traditional Owners would like to enquire about extension of the Ramsar boundary from Roebuck Bay right around to Willie Creek.

With migratory shorebirds traditional roosting grounds on sand dunes behind the beach from Gantheaume Point all the way to Willie Creek, it is essential that the Ramsar boundary be reviewed. With Traditional Owners noting a decline in birds roosting on the beaches, particularly where cars are allowed entry, it is essential that the birds are provided with the highest protection, particularly as many fly into Broome from Northern Siberia along the Australasian Flyway.

BACKGROUND

Anecdotal information from Traditional Owners indicates that migratory shorebirds have been roosting along the beaches from Gantheaume Point to Willie Creek for eons. As such, Traditional Owners request that the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) review the existing Ramsar boundary with a view to include this stretch of beach.

COMMENT

The extension of the Ramsar boundary will provide more resources for the protection of this stretch of unprotected coastline, which is necessary to protect the migratory shorebirds that fly in each year from Northern Siberia.

CONSULTATION

Traditional Owners have consulted with Holly Smith from DEC about the matter and a review is likely to occur when DEC receives funding to review the Ramsar boundary.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

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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 financial implications of this project have not been provided.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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3. Prosperity

Build the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council recommends a review by DEC for an extension of the Ramsar boundary from Roebuck Bay right around to Willie Creek, to protect migratory shorebirds that traditionally roost on these beaches each year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Rubibi Recommendation be adopted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Damien Parriman

Seconded: Michael Corpus

That this item be deferred pending further advice.

AGREED:

5.4 CAMEL OPERATORS

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CONTRIBUTOR/S:	N/A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	N/A
DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	27 August 2007

SUMMARY: The Traditional Custodians of Minyirr Park request that licenses are not given out to camel operators (Steve Madden) to walk their camels south of the rocks along Cable Beach and or through Hidden Valley in Bilingurr.

Minyirr Beach and Bilingurr is subject to the Song Cycle system and as such is of the highest cultural value. In support of Traditional Custodian's concerns, Minyirr Park requests that the Shire does not issue licenses that allow camel operators to walk their camels south of the rocks on Cable Beach or through Hidden Valley in Bilingurr.

Minyirr Park appreciates the collaborative support of the Shire and empathy with Traditional Owner's efforts to look after country that is of the highest cultural value.

BACKGROUND

With Minyirr Beach subject to the Song Cycle system, Minyirr Beach and Hidden Valley are of the highest cultural value. In support of Traditional Custodian's concerns, Minyirr Park requests that the Shire does not issue licenses that allow camel operators to walk their camels south of the rocks on Cable Beach or through Hidden Valley in Bilingurr.

COMMENT

Nil

CONSULTATION

A letter was sent to the Broome Shire Council on 13 August 2007.

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

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Consensus

RUBIBI RECOMMENDATION

That Council agrees not to give out licenses to camel operators to walk their camels south of the rocks on Cable Beach and through Hidden Valley in Bilingurr out of cultural respect for the Song Cycle system.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council advises Rubibi that Council will only consider issuing camel tour trading licences to use routes approved by Council.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Michael Corpus

Seconded: Cr M L B Albert

That the Officer Recommendation be adopted with the addition of the following point:

That Council advise DPI of Council's current approved camel tour route for operators.

AGREED

6. MEETING CLOSURE

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