



MOREE PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL

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**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

PUBLIC BUSINESS PAPER

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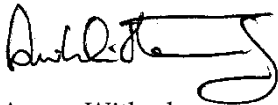
TO:

- Councillors
- General Manager
- Director – Corporate Services
- Director – Planning and Community Development
- Director – Engineering Services
- Manager – Water and Waste
- Manager – Executive Projects

Notice is hereby given that the **Community Development and Services Committee Meeting** will be held in the Council Chamber, the Max Centre, 30 Heber Street, Moree, on **Thursday, 23 February 2017** commencing at **2pm**.

Please note that all Council meetings are recorded.

Yours sincerely



Angus Witherby
DIRECTOR PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes
4. Declarations of Interest
5. Reports
 - a) Moree Water Park operations update.
 - b) Constitution and charter of Urban Advisory Committee
6. Standing agenda item: Questions on Notice
7. Standing agenda item: Strategic Planning Proposals and Current Project Updates
8. Standing agenda item: Overseas Trade and Investment
9. Responses to previous Questions on Notice
10. Closed Committee/Confidential reports
 - a) NBN Presentation
11. Close meeting

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| REPORT TITLE: | MOREE WATER PARK OPERATIONS UPDATE |
| REPORT FROM: | EXECUTIVE PROJECTS MANAGER |
| FILE NUMBER: | FILE 14/568-02, FILE16/154 |

Summary:

This report will provide a presentation by the Moree Water Ski Club on operations of the Moree Water Park.

Committee Recommendation:

1. That the Council Committee receives for information the Moree Water Park Operations Update report by the Moree Water Ski Club.

REPORT

Background:

Council has long recognised the need to take a lead role in promoting and sponsoring projects that will facilitate employment opportunities, strengthen economic activity and sustain Moree Plains.

The Moree Water Park was identified by Council as a strategic project that meets key sustainability objectives of growth, employment, recreation and diversity. Council support for the Moree Water Park involved constructing a well-designed, modern and easily accessible community sports and recreation facility to enable the Moree Plains community improved access to recreation and sport opportunities.

On 19 May 2016, Council endorsed the issue of a licence agreement to the Moree Water Ski Club over part of the Moree Water Park. The purpose of this report is to provide a current update to Council on the operations of the Moree Water Park by the Moree Water Ski Club.

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS:

The Moree Water Park will have a positive impact on the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcomes:

- S2. Our community is inclusive, connected and collaborative
- S4. Our health and wellbeing provide for a satisfying and productive life

The Moree Water Park is encouraging growth of businesses within the Moree Plains Shire; thereby creating a more sustainable Moree Plains.

Economic Implications:

The Moree Water Park will have a positive impact on the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcomes:

- Ec1. Our Shire is a place that attracts and retains new businesses and residents
- Ec2. Our Shire has the infrastructure we need to support our economy
- Ec3. Our Shire supports existing businesses

Operations of the Moree Water Park are designed to achieve the above outcomes giving a boost to the local economy, providing sport, recreation and tourism opportunities and raising local, regional and national awareness of Moree Plains.

Environment Implications:

The Moree Water Park will have a positive impact on the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcomes:

- E1. The diversity of the natural environment is protected and supported
- E2. We live sustainably and use our resources responsibly
- E3. Our built environment – our town and villages – are desirable places to be

Discharging of spent artesian water into the Mehi River was deemed to be an environmental concern. Therefore, operation of the Moree Water Park facilitates beneficial reuse of the water for water-based recreational and sports activities.

Leadership/Legal Implications:

The Moree Water Park will have a positive impact on the Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcomes:

- L1. Our leaders speak out for the good of our community
- L2. We demonstrate accountability, transparency and ethical conduct
- L3. We are engaged and well informed
- L4. We collaborate to achieve outcomes
- L5. We manage our finances, assets and services effectively
- L6. We demonstrate leadership in the face of natural disaster

The operations of the Moree Water Park demonstrate Council's initiative to ensure sustainability of Moree Plains.

Financial/Operational Plan Implications:

Financial implications can be examined during with the delivery of the presentation at the Council Committee.

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| REPORT TITLE: | CONSTITUTION AND CHARTER OF URBAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE |
| REPORT FROM: | DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT |
| FILE NUMBER: | FILE 12/2812 |

SUMMARY:

An initial meeting was held of nominated Councillors to the Urban Advisory Committee (UAC). The role of the meeting was to review the operation of UAC, in particular given the recently adopted committee structure of Council. This report recommends a revised charter, and also makes recommendations regarding community membership of the Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee recommend to Council:

- 1. Adoption of the proposed charter for the Urban Advisory Committee and,**
- 2. Endorsement of the proposed approach to community participation.**

REPORT

BACKGROUND:

The Urban Advisory Committee (UAC) has been in existence for a number of years, and evolved out of the combining of the Halls Committee, the Heritage Committee and the Main Street Committee. The original charter of the committee has not been able to be located, however over time the Committee developed a strong focus on urban improvements in Moree, urban vegetation within Moree and heritage matters. It is noted that Council is required to maintain a Heritage Committee in order to access heritage funding. Historically the Committee has had six community members, who are voting members of the committee, noting that these members have largely self-selected as people with a strong interest in the appearance and well-being of the town.

With the revisions to Council's committee structure it became appropriate to re-consider the role of UAC in particular with the formation of the Community Development & Services Committee. In particular it was necessary for the Committee to work to complement this committee rather than duplicate its work.

With the election of a new Council all community memberships of Council advisory committees are now being re-opened which is expected to take place through a single advertising process.

Accordingly it is appropriate that the direction for community membership of UAC be confirmed.

Scope and focus of the Committee

The following scope is recommended for the committee:

1. *Area of operation* - Shire-wide rather than Moree-centric
2. *Urban design* - To develop, in conjunction with the Community and Council staff, urban design outcomes for urban areas throughout the Shire (including towns and villages) e.g. Main Street improvements.
3. *European heritage matters* - To consider and make recommendations on heritage listings in the LEP; to make submissions to State and Federal Government on relevant heritage issues and also make recommendations regarding the administration of heritage funds. To work with Council's heritage advisor and to pursue funding opportunities for areas within the scope of the committee's operations.
4. *Aboriginal cultural aspects* - To consider and make recommendations regarding Aboriginal cultural heritage and provide Aboriginal input into other elements of the Committee's work as per the scope of the committee. (Note: The Moree Local Aboriginal Land Council has expressed an interest in being involved and is recommended for invitation to become a member.
5. *Environmental Design* - To consider and make recommendations on environmental improvements (such as the Mehi River corridor).

Representation

This was considered to be a need to address both key groups within the community and individuals with specific expertise and skills relevant to the scope and focus of the committee. Recommendations for group memberships together with identified areas of interests and expertise for general community members are set out below:

1. Representation representing key groups within the community.
 - i. The Heritage Society
 - ii. The Moree LALC
 - iii. The Botanic Gardens group
 - iv. The Chamber of Commerce
 - v. Together with nominations from other groups with relevant interests that might be interested.
2. Representation by individuals with particular interests and expertise in the scope of the committee; specifically:
 - i. Horticultural
 - ii. Urban design/architectural expertise
 - iii. Heritage (including Council's Heritage Advisor) and cemeteries
 - iv. Environmental management

Number of members

It is recommended that the membership be a minimum of eleven (11) people and two support staff. These would consist of:

1. Councillors - 3 - voting members
2. Groups - 4 (minimum) - voting members
3. Individuals with expertise - 5 minimum - 8 maximum - voting members
4. One Council support staff officer (manager or higher) - (non-voting) or alternate (NB other Council staff may attend where there is a relevant item on the agenda)
5. One Council support staff officer - admin support (non-voting)
6. Council's heritage advisor - (non-voting)

Logistics

1. Meeting frequency - to be determined once full membership on-board. To be on a regular basis.
2. Meeting date - provisionally 1st Wednesday of the month, but subject to review following appointment of community members.
3. Meeting time - to be determined once full membership established.
4. Meeting length - 1 hour
5. Agenda preparation and admin support - Planning and Community Development Department
6. The Committee recommends that it report directly to the Ordinary Council meeting rather than to the Community Services and Development Committee in order to ensure that recommendations are placed before Council in a timely fashion.
6. The committee would like to see the first full meeting during March 2017.

COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS:

This proposal would have apposite impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcome(s):

S2. Our community is inclusive, connected and collaborative

S3. Our local history, culture and diversity is valued and celebrated

The Committee would provide a forum for representation of interested groups and also interested individuals providing an additional means of advice through to Council. The scope of the committee and its proposed areas of operation would assist in the valuing and celebration of local history, culture and diversity.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS:

This proposal would have appositve impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcome(s):

- Ec1. Our Shire is a place that attracts and retains new businesses and residents**
- Ec3. Our Shire supports existing businesses**

The Committee, through improving the visual quality of towns and villages would assist to attract and retain new businesses and residents and support existing businesses. Heritage funding, in particular, can assist business refurbishment and re-presentation.

ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS:

This proposal would have appositve impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcome(s):

- E1. The diversity of the natural environment is protected and supported**
- E2. We live sustainably and use our resources responsibly**
- E3. Our built environment - our town and villages - are desirable places to be**

By becoming involved in a range of environmental management opportunities the Committee would assist to protect and support diversity of the natural environment which contributes to sustainability. Environmental improvement programs such as the Mehi River Corridor improve the overall quality of the built environment.

LEADERSHIP/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

This proposal would have appositve impact on the following Community Strategic Plan and Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcome(s):

- L3. We are engaged and well informed**
- L4. We collaborate to achieve outcomes**

The Committee would assist to ensure that Council is engaged and well informed on the matters within the Committee's purview. The committee provides an opportunity for collaboration across and between groups to achieve beneficial outcomes.

FINANCIAL/OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

Council receives a modest grant each year to assist to fund Council's Heritage Advisor. Council is required to have a Heritage Advisor to access grant funds for heritage items. This would continue under the new committee arrangements with the new committee able to perform the function of a Heritage Committee.

Many of the projects that the Committee may consider may have funding implications which would need to come to Council in the normal course of events for a recommendation. In this respect while there are no direct financial implications (over above staff time) involved in the operation of the committee its work may lead to recommendations for expenditure.