



**Communities Standing Committee Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting held in the Central Highlands Regional Council Chambers, Emerald Office**

**Wednesday 14 December 2016**

**Commenced at 2.00pm**

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL  
COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2016**

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**MINUTES – COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 2.00PM WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

Councillor (Cr) C. Brimblecombe (Chair), Cr K. Hayes (Mayor), Cr G. Godwin-Smith (Deputy Mayor), Cr P. Bell AM, Cr M. Daniels and Cr G. Nixon.

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Communities B. Duke and Minute Secretary K. Stephenson.

**Observers**

Nil

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 22 November 2016**

***Resolution:***

Cr G. Nixon moved and seconded by Cr G. Godwin-Smith "That the minutes of the previous Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 22 November 2016 be confirmed".

**CSC 2016 / 12 / 14 / 01**

Carried (6-0)

**Business Arising Out Of Minutes**

1. General Manager Communities – Update on Emerald Aquatic Centre Pool Project  
Fault detected in green water slide that had been recently installed at the Emerald Aquatic Centre, currently being investigated by contractors. Advice is that the fault is not interfering with slide operations.
2. Guidelines for street beautification undertaken by residents  
General Manager Communities advised that work is continuing with the preparation of Council guidelines for street beautification undertaken by local residents with the current timeline for completion being early in 2017.

**Outstanding Meeting Actions**

➤ Telecommunications Blackspot Strategy

The Communities Standing Committee resolved that further investigatory work be undertaken with relevant Government agencies to determine if local governments can be involved in selecting and or considering other options for suitable tower infrastructure across the Central Highlands that acknowledges both the landscape amenity and improving telecommunications to rural residents.

**Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits**

Nil.

**Petitions (if Any)**

Nil.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS / NOTES**

**Minutes of Meeting – Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee (CHACAC)**

***Resolution:***

Cr P. Bell moved and seconded by Cr G. Godwin-Smith “That the minutes of the Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee be endorsed”.

**CSC 2016 / 12 / 14 / 02**

Carried (6-0)

**Minutes of Meeting – Community Consultations**

***Resolution:***

Cr G. Nixon moved and seconded by Cr G. Godwin-Smith “That subject to consolidation, the minutes of the following Community Consultation meetings be endorsed”.

- Myola – 15 November 2016
- Springsure – 22 November 2016

**CSC 2016 / 12 / 14 / 03**

Carried (6-0)

**COMMUNITIES SECTION**

**Springsure RSL Cenotaph Upgrade Project**

***Executive Summary:***

The Springsure Returned Services League (RSL) met with Central Highlands Regional Council representatives in March 2016 and again on 22 November 2016 to partner in a two (2) stage project involving the replacement of the existing cenotaph in front of the Memorial Hall, associated electrical, landscaping and irrigation (Stage 1) as well as manufacturing and erecting art panels (silhouettes) on the exterior walls of the Hall, landscaping and new Honour Rolls (Stage 2). Recent correspondence from the Springsure RSL seeks a financial contribution from Council to potentially cover any shortfall in grant funding if and when received and any unforeseen expenses.

***Resolution:***

Cr G. Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr P. Bell “That Central Highlands Regional Council:

1. approves a financial contribution of \$50,000 to the Springsure Returned Services League (RSL) towards the construction, transportation and installation of a new cenotaph to be erected in front of the Springsure Memorial Hall; and
2. these funds be identified in Council’s Budget Review 2; and
3. future progress reports on the project be presented to the Communities Standing Committee”.

**CSC 2016 / 12 / 14 / 04**

Carried (6-0)

**Appointment of Manager - New Blackwater Aquatic Centre – Tender 2016T025E**

**Executive Summary:**

Following consideration by the internal assessment panel, this report is seeking Council's delegation to the Chief Executive Officer to conclude the appointment of the Manager of the new Blackwater Aquatic Centre prior to the 2016 Christmas period.

**Resolution:**

Cr P. Bell moved and seconded by Cr M. Daniels "That following consideration of three (3) tenders received in response to the expression of interest applications, the Central Highlands Regional Council award Shane and Wendy Duffy a term lease for the management and operations of the new Blackwater Aquatic Centre. Further, that in accordance with Tender Specification 2016T025E, negotiations proceed between Council and the successful tenderer to a satisfactory conclusion.

**CSC 2016 / 12 / 14 / 05**

Carried (6-0)

**RADF Recommendations**

**Executive Summary:**

The Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program has four (4) primary application Rounds annually. Applications for Round 2 of this RADF program recently closed on the 25 November 2016. These second round applications were assessed and approved by Central Highlands Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee at 2 December 2016 meeting.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin Smith moved and seconded by Cr Daniels "That Central Highlands Regional Council approve the following Regional Arts Development Fund 2016-17 Round 2 applications:

1. Bauhinia Shire Historical Society: A research concept to develop and preserve the history of a local business on the Central Highlands that has been operating since the early 1900's.  
Total Budget: \$2,130.
2. Comet School of Arts Inc.: To engage professional graphic art services as part of promoting the significant historical sites throughout the Comet Township.  
Total Budget: \$2,055.
3. Alessandro Parlato: Professional development program to gain an introduction to the music industry including live sound, song writing, computer music technology, jamming and rehearsal techniques, recording, mixing, music editing and performance.  
Total Budget: \$1,218.
4. Animating Spaces to Create Welcoming Places: This is a Strategic Initiative to provide interactive art events and activities across the whole region. It also includes a "Faces and Places" gallery exhibition with links to the Central Highlands Regional Council Community Strategies.  
Total Budget \$5,000".

The total of RADF expenditure for RADF Round 2, 2016-17 is \$10,403.

**CSC 2016 / 12 / 14 / 06**

Carried (6-0)

**Terms of Reference Review - Regional Arts Development Fund (RADF) Program**

The Communities Standing Committee resolved that a report be presented to the next Committee meeting outlining the current terms of reference required by State Government and the obligations of local government in considering and distributing Regional Arts Development Funds across the Central Highlands community.

**Rubyvale Progress Association Inc. - Rubyvale township and distinct postcode – second report**

**Executive Summary:**

At the Communities Standing Committee held on 24 October 2016 it was agreed that an Information Report be submitted to Committee after further investigating the original request from the Rubyvale Progress Association Inc. on matters not only relating to a request for a unique post code but also seeking possible changes to registered locality names and boundaries. This second report is now presented for consideration.

Council considered this report and resolved that advice regarding the steps to amend an official bounded locality and seeking a unique postcode for Rubyvale (distinct from 4702) be communicated to all affected communities.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

*(Verbal matters raised by Councillors either as a question, acknowledgement and or additional follow-up by officers)*

Scott Mason, Chief Executive Officer

- The Chief Executive Officer advised the Committee that the sub-group involving him, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor was established to consider community applications, submitted via community reference groups (CRG), consistent with 2016-17 budget allocation has yet to meet to consider any applications and will do so in the New Year.

Cr Nixon

- Councillor Nixon raised a query if the minutes for the Level Playing Field working group should be tabled to the Communities Standing Committee for endorsement. The General Manager Communities confirmed that the minutes are provided to the Communities Standing Committee and that no actions or recommendations should be acted on until the minutes are confirmed and endorsed by Council.

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 3.12pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR

DATE