



# **Central Highlands** Regional Council

## **Communities Standing Committee Meeting**

# **MINUTES**

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

**Tuesday 10 October 2017**

**Commenced at 10.16am**

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

**TUESDAY 10 October 2017**

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**MINUTES – COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT 10.16AM TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017 IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EMERALD OFFICE**

**PRESENT**

**Councillors**

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

**Officers**

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason, General Manager Communities D. Fletcher, Minute Secretary B. Pusey

**Observers**

Councillors (Crs) C. Rolfe, A. McIndoe

**APOLOGIES**

Nil

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 12 September 2017**

***Resolution:***

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That the minutes of the previous Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 12 September 2017 be confirmed.”

**CSC 2017 / 10 / 10 / 001**

Carried (6-0)

**Business Arising Out Of Minutes**

Nil

**Outstanding Meeting Actions**

Nil

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

Nil

**Petitions**

Nil

***Attendance:***

Councillor P. Bell AM attended the meeting at 10.20am

## COMMUNITIES

### Family Riding Park Initiative

**Executive summary:**

This report considers support for the use of a parcel of Council land for temporary use as a family riding park for motorbike enthusiasts. This parcel is considered appropriate in terms of location however there are several factors that could impact the suitability of the site. Some of these key issues are access off the state highway, crossing the rail corridor, identification of protected vegetation and planning considerations. The progression of this proposal will be dependent on the support of sufficient community members having the common goal of progressing this initiative.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Hayes “That Central Highlands Regional Council support the use of Council land described as 13DSN800086 and located approximately 13 km west of Emerald on a temporary basis as a family riding park for motorbike enthusiasts subject to an incorporated community group being established to gain all relevant approvals for this activity.”

*The chair called for indications on how committee members would vote on this question. Indications were that 3 would vote for and 3 would vote against. The vote was not declared.*

*The chair directed that in accordance with section 29 and 39A of the Central Highlands Regional Council Standing Orders Policy, this report is to be referred to the General Council Meeting of 10 October 2017.*

**Attendance:**

Chief Executive Officer S. Mason left the meeting at 10.41am  
 Manager Community Development S. Poulter attended the meeting at 10.43am  
 Community Development Officer A. Burton attended the meeting at 10.43am

### Community Grants

**Executive summary:**

Central Highlands Regional Council Community Grants Program provides financial assistance to local community groups and organisations that make positive contributions to the quality of life in the Central Highlands. Each year there are two rounds, February and August. Applications for the second round of 2017 closed on 31 August 2017. There were 33 applications received that were evaluated by the Community Grants Assessment Panel on 18 September 2017.

This report puts forward the Community Grant Assessment Panel’s recommendation for council to endorse 20 of the 33 applications received, to the total value of \$82,916.67.

**Resolution:**

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Central Highlands Regional Council endorse the Community Grants Program Assessment Panel recommendation that the 20 applications listed below are deemed successful for Round 2, 2017.

**Community Grants Program, Round 2, 2017**

Organisation	Project	Grant Category	GST Registered	Grant	GST	Total
Bauhinia State School Parents and Citizens’ Association	Bauhinia sports oval upgrade	Community	No	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Capella Pioneer Village	Replacement of termite eaten out wall of the hospitality pavilion	Community	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00

Capella State School Parents and Citizens' Association	Purchase 3 Marquees	Community	No	\$4,376.52	NA	\$4,376.52
Central Highlands Science Centre Inc	Tech savvy kids Central Queensland	Community	No	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Central Highlands Triathlon Club	Event equipment	Sport and Recreational	No	\$4,860.00	NA	\$4,860.00
Comet State School P&C	Purchase 2 chest freezers	Community	No	\$1,058.00	NA	\$1,058.00
Emerald Brothers Cricket Club Inc	Cricket pitch roller	Sport and Recreational	No	\$4,059.00	NA	\$4,059.00
Emerald Crime Stoppers Area Committee	New tent	Community	Yes	\$1,062.00	\$106.20	\$1,168.20
Emerald Jockey Club Inc	Concrete pathways	Community	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
Emerald North State School Parents and Citizens' Association	Concrete pads/handball courts	Community	No	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Emerald Photographic Club Inc	Gems of the Outback – Photographic Society of Queensland Conference 2018	Community	No	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Gindie State School Parents and Citizens' Association	Rejuvenated playground	Community	No	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Maraboon Power Boat and Ski Club Inc	Education and training	Sport and Recreational	No	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
Queensland Country Women's Association Emerald	Purchase of new chairs	Community	No	\$2,469.39	NA	\$2,469.39
Retreat Creek Campdraft Association Inc	Resurfacing campdraft arena at Roy Day Park, Sapphire	Community	No	\$3,740.00	NA	\$3,740.00
Rotary Club of Emerald Sunrise	Security mesh screens	Community	No	\$4,664.99	NA	\$4,664.99
Springsure Gymnastics and Cheerleading Club Inc	Purchase equipment for skill development and safety	Sport and Recreational	No	\$2,921.90	NA	\$2,921.90
Springsure Pastoral and Agricultural Society Inc	Upgrade of poultry pavilion	Community	No	\$5,000.00	NA	\$5,000.00
St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland (Capella)	Paving the way at Vinnies Capella	Community	Yes	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$5,500.00
Yumba Bimbi Support Services	Purchase blinds	Community	Yes	\$3704.87	\$370.49	\$4,075.36

Total Community Grants Program 2, 2017 is \$82,916.67.”

**CSC 2017 / 10 / 10 / 002**

Carried (6-0)

*Councillor Godwin-Smith thanked Annette Burton for her hard work and dedication on the compilation of the Community Grants Program*

Attendance

Manager Community Development S. Poulter left the meeting at 10.46am

Community Development Officer A. Burton left the meeting at 10.46am

Manager Environment and Planning K. Byrne attended the meeting at 10.46am

Compliance Officer D. Manendis attended the meeting at 10.46am

**Update on the completion of the quarries inspection program**

**Executive summary:**

Inspection of all quarries within the Central Highlands Region was performed as a directive of Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF). Originally, the inspection program was aimed at quarries owned and operated by Council, however this was extended to include all private quarries throughout the region.

Considered by Council.

Attendance

Compliance Officer D. Manendis left the meeting at 10.50am

Trainee Ranger A. Oliver attended the meeting at 10.50am

**CHRC Ranger Services Team Factsheets**

**Executive summary:**

Council's Ranger Services Team in collaboration with the Corporate Communications team have been working together to develop a suite of factsheets to better inform and educate the community on the services of our Ranger Services Team.

This is an information report to promote the work that has been achieved to date and will continue to be achieved through collaboration at Council.

Considered by Council.

Attendance

Trainee Ranger A. Oliver left the meeting at 10.54am

Manager Environment and Planning K. Byrne left the meeting at 10.54am

**DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

**Departmental Updates**

**Executive summary:**

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Communities Department.

Considered by Council.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Cr Nixon:

- Gave a vote of thanks for getting the tennis court at Springsure completed on behalf of the Springsure Tennis Club

Cr Daniels:

- Thanked the Works for Queensland program for the completion of the new pathway at the Emerald Botanical Gardens
- Requested an update on the Miners Common Committee dissolution that was discussed recently at community consultations.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Into Closed Session**

#### ***Resolution:***

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Daniels “That Council close its meeting to the public in accordance with Section 275 (1) (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and that only Council staff involved in the closed discussions remain in the room.”

**2017 / 10 / 10 / 003**

Carried (6-0)

The meeting was closed at 11.02am

#### ***Attendance***

Councillor C. Rolfe left the meeting at 11.03am

Councillor A. McIndoe left the meeting at 11.03am

### **Out of Closed Session**

#### ***Resolution:***

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Nixon “That the meeting now be re-opened to the public.”

**2017 / 10 / 10 / 004**

Carried (6-0)

The meeting was opened at 11.08am

### **Departmental Updates**

#### ***Executive Summary:***

The following information provides an update on key activities for the Communities Department.

Considered by Council.

## **CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 11.08am.

CONFIRMED

CHAIR

DATE