



Communities Standing Committee Meeting

MINUTES

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

Tuesday 30 August 2016

Commenced at 9.00am

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 2016

MINUTES CONTENTS

PRESENT	3
APOLOGIES	3
LEAVE OF ABSENCE	3
CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	3
Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 26 July 2016	3
Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits	3
Petition (to be tabled)	3
COMMUNITIES' SECTION	4
Free Wi-Fi Options Report	4
New Year's Event	5
New Blackwater Pool - Progress Update	5
Emerald Aquatic Centre Waterslides Update	6
Discussion Paper - Liveability Strategy	6
Community Grants Assessment Process	6
GENERAL BUSINESS	7
CLOSURE OF MEETING	8

**MINUTES – COMMUNITIES STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT 9.00AM TUESDAY 30 AUGUST 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 M. Daniels and Cr G. Nixon

Officers

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

Observers

Cr C. Rolfe
Cr D. Lacey

APOLOGIES

Cr P. Bell AM (previously granted at General Council Meeting held on 15 August 2016)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Communities Standing Committee Meeting: 26 July 2016

Resolution:

Cr Nixon moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith "That the minutes of the previous Communities Standing Committee Meeting held on 26 July 2016 be confirmed."

CSC 2016 / 08 / 30 / 001

Carried (5-0)

Business Arising Out Of Minutes

Nil

Outstanding Meeting Actions

1. Minutes 26 July 2016 - Systematic Inspection Program – report and Council resolution completed only not inspection program – action to be adjusted
2. Minutes 26 July 2016 - e-Kindy update – Cr Daniels raised that the Comet Community Kindy may ask for the opportunity for Council to fund their Ekindy program.
3. Minutes 26 July 2016 – Recent Arcadia and Gemfields Consultations – report to be prepared for next Committee meeting on black spots and telecommunications priorities.

Conflict of Interest, Personal Gifts and Benefits

Nil

Petition (to be tabled)

Nil

COMMUNITIES' SECTION

Attendance

Manager Community and Customer Service L Lankowski attended the meeting at 9.00am

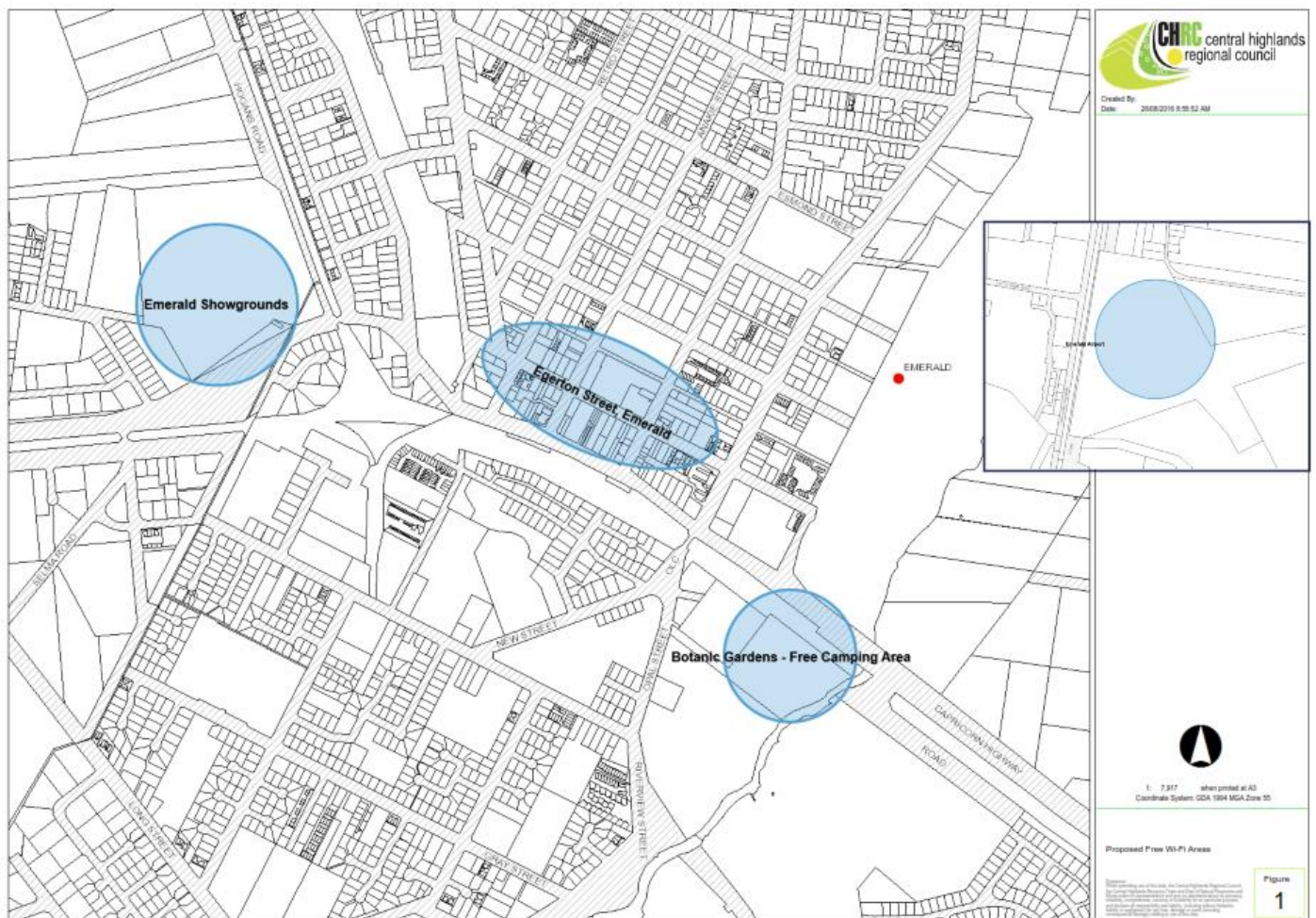
Free Wi-Fi Options Report

Executive summary:

The Central Highlands Regional Council currently provides access to public Wi-Fi. Wi-Fi or Wi-Fi is a technology that allows electronic devices to connect to a wireless LAN (Wireless Local Area Network), mainly using the 2.4 gigahertz (12 centimetre) UHF (Ultra High Frequency) and 5 gigahertz (6 centimetre) SHF (Super High Frequency) ISM (Industrial, Scientific and Medical) radio bands. A WLAN is usually password protected, but may be open, which allows any device within its range to access the resources of the WLAN network. This report recommends preliminary options to enhance this service to cover expanded areas within Central Highlands' communities.

Resolution:

Cr Daniels moved and seconded by Cr Godwin-Smith "That the Communities Standing Committee agree in principle to expand its Wi-Fi footprint in accordance with the map appearing below subject to negotiating acceptable arrangements with available service providers. In addition other expanded Wi-Fi areas across other towns and specific locations will be subject to a further report and continued negotiations with service providers."



New Year's Event

Executive summary:

An opportunity exists for Central Highlands Regional Council to support its communities through the provision of funding to assist with the conduct of a significant New Year's Eve celebratory event at Emerald on 31 December 2016.

Resolution:

Cr Godwin-Smith moved and seconded by Cr Daniels "That the Communities Standing Committee recommends that \$10,000 be allocated within its 2016/17 budget to support the conduct of a family orientated significant New Year's Eve celebratory event at Emerald on December 31, 2016. Further that this budgetary amendment be reflected in Council's next budget review and that early efforts be made to secure the service of a licensed fireworks provider."

CSC 2016 / 08 / 30 / 003

Carried (5-0)

Attendance

Chief Executive Officer S Mason left the meeting at 9.40am and returned at 9.43am

New Blackwater Pool - Progress Update

Executive summary:

This report provides a progress update regarding the construction of the new Blackwater Aquatic Centre located at Hunter Street, Blackwater and outlines future milestones yet to be achieved in delivering this project.

The General Manager Communities provided to the Committee the following indicative project dates regarding the project:

1. Draft management agreement for new Blackwater Pool completed by end August 2016
2. Advertisement and specification uploaded to Tender Box and Council's website by early September 2016
3. Advertisement in CQ News, Courier Mail and other SPLASH magazine by early September 2016
4. Tenders close for pool operator/lessee for new Blackwater Pool in early October 2016
5. Assessment Panel established (2 weeks to access tenders received), prepare report and recommendation to Committee and or Council by late October 2016
6. Report to Communities Standing Committee regarding decision on severance agreement with existing Blackwater Pool operator/lessee (contract will conclude the day before the new Blackwater Pool opens - transition from one site to the new Blackwater Pool)
7. Indicative commencement date for new pool operator is 2 January 2017
8. New pool operator/lessee will be accommodated at 35 Hunter St, Blackwater and will be available for occupancy from 2 January 2017
9. Completion date for new Blackwater Pool is mid-late February 2017
10. Consideration will be given to a soft opening for public for usage towards end of February 2016
11. Propose Saturday 4 March 2017 for the official opening of new Blackwater Pool Complex

It was agreed that a report be presented to the Communities Standing Committee meeting prior to the end of the year on suggested options for the future usage of the existing Blackwater pool site (post decommissioning) based on feedback from Councillors, the Blackwater community reference group and interested members of the community.

Emerald Aquatic Centre Waterslides Update

Executive summary:

This report provides an update on the progress of the construction of the new Emerald Aquatic Centre Waterslides located at Opal Street, Emerald and outlines future milestones yet to be achieved in delivering this project.

Considered by Council.

Attendance

Manager Community and Customer Service L Lankowski left the meeting at 10.02am

Town Planner J Webster attended the meeting at 10.02am

Cr Rolfe left the meeting at 10.23am and returned at 10.26am

Discussion Paper - Liveability Strategy

Executive summary:

As part of the Operational Plan 2016/17 Council is required to deliver a *liveability strategy*. In order to do this it is appropriate for everyone to gain an understanding of what liveability actually is and what it means for the Central Highlands. This report has been prepared for discussion purposes.

Considered by Council.

It was agreed that the Planning and Development Unit in conjunction with the Community Planning and Engagement Section work together and collate all relevant information including the current Community Plan, records from Community Reference Group meetings, other documents and surveys to prepare draft liveability indicators and report back to the Communities Standing Committee via the conducting of a workshop to progress Council's Liveability Strategy.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10.30am for morning tea and resumed at 10.52am

Attendance

Cr Lacey attended the meeting as an observer at 10.52am

Town Planner J Webster left the meeting at 10.54am

Manager Community Planning and Engagement Janice Moriarty attended the meeting at 10.54am

Arts and Cultural Officer Karen Newman attended the meeting at 10.55am

Community Grants Assessment Process

Executive summary:

Following the establishment of the Communities Standing Committee and the folding of the Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) Community Grants Committee, this report is seeking clarification on the new grants assessment process. In the past, CHRC Community Grants have been assessed by CHRC Community Grants Committee, however this role has been absorbed into the new Communities Standing Committee. This committee used to comprise of one – four community members (this was originally to allow for the option of having representatives from the four former council areas), one – two Councillors and a CHRC staff member. Additional to this group is a second staff member to assist with administration. The reason the community members are part of this group is to ensure transparency and demonstrate a fair assessment process and no biases. Also, by having community members on the committee they can add to the collective understanding of the needs of community groups and clubs within the region as well as enhancing the quality of the process. Having community members involved is normal practice for local government grants assessment process.

After the applications are assessed by the community grants committee a recommendation of successful applicants was previously submitted to General Council meeting for endorsement and approval. Then clubs and groups were contacted to inform them whether their grant applications were successful and unsuccessful. There can be up to 40 grant applications per round and it can take up to eight hours per person to assess all of these grants each round. It is requested the Communities Standing Committee indicate whether they will be assessing all the community grants each round or if a similar community grants committee will be re-established? As the CHRC Community Grants 2016 closes on 29 August 2016 it is hoped that a decision can be made so the current community members can be thanked for their past support and a new procedure be put in place.

Resolution:

Cr Hayes moved and seconded by Cr Brimblecombe “That the Communities Standing Committee re-establish the Community Grants Committee and that Councillors Godwin-Smith, Nixon and Lacey be appointed as Council’s representatives and that applications for four (4) Community members be called for a two year period be called after the conclusion of this funding round.”

CSC 2016 / 08 / 30 / 004

Carried (5-0)

Attendance

Manager Community Planning and Engagement left the meeting at 11.12am
Arts and Cultural Officer Karen Newman left the meeting at 11.12am

GENERAL BUSINESS

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

CHRC Strategic Documents Register

The Chief Executive Officer provided the Committee with the Central Highlands Regional Council Strategic Documents Register for consideration. This document will be added to the agenda of the next Communities Standing Committee where the committee may review and determine priorities for discussion at future meetings.

Establishment of Level Playing Field Working Group

Further to Discussion Paper presented to Committee on 26 July 2016 regarding the delivery of sport and recreational services and facilities across the Central Highlands. The paper’s objective was to seek the support of Council to develop and deliver a new policy direction based on self-sufficiency and partnering and therefore delivering greater fairness and equity. The Committee resolved that Mayor Councillor Hayes (ex-officio), Committee Chair, Councillor Brimblecombe (ex-officio) and Councillors Nixon, Daniels, and Lacey be members of the Level Playing Field Working Group to work with the General Manager Communities, Manager Parks and Recreation and sports and recreational stakeholders in the delivery of this reform.

CSC 2016 / 08 / 30 / 005

Resolved

Councillor Nixon

Councillor Nixon provided verbal reports on:

- Funding received from the Queensland Mental Health Commission and training to be undertaken on mental health issues impacting regional Australia
- The Springsure race meeting to be held on 17 September 2016
- General tidiness around the Bogantungan Railway Museum and facilities

Councillor Lacey

Councillor Lacey sought information on fees and charges for Bridgeman Park, Capella and any guidelines with respect to fee relief for not for profit activities and bull sales.

CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 12.02pm.

CONFIRMED

CHAIR

DATE