



RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL

Minutes

Reserve Trust Meeting

Tuesday, 12 April 2011

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MINUTES OF THE RESERVE TRUST MEETING OF RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CNR WALKER STREET AND GRAHAM PLACE, CASINO, ON TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 2011 AT 1.45 P.M.

PRESENT

Crs. C.J. Sullivan (Mayor), C.J. Cox, O. Crawford, S.A. George, B.J. Jeffery, D.A. Kinnish, S.E. Morrissey, R.A. Mustow and S.N. Wheatley.

The General Manager, Director Corporate Services, Director Works, Director Environmental Development Services and Executive Assistant (Annette Phelps) were also in attendance.

1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil.

3 REPORTS

3.1 CLOVASS COMMUNITY CENTRE (FORMER CLOVASS SCHOOL SITE) - RURAL FIRE SERVICE PROPOSAL

Reference: Council Properties - Leasing Out, Maintenance, Usage; Emergency Services - Service Provision; P33268

Prepared by: Director Corporate Services

Background

Council is the Trustee of the former Clovass School Site which was previously used for children's playgroup activities which have ceased. Council also approved the erection of a storage shed for the Tomki Rural Fire Brigade to house its tanker. A proposal had also been received previously from the Buyinbin Aboriginal Corporation for use of the facility; that proposal did not proceed.

Report

Issues

Council has now been approached by the NSW Rural Fire Service to take over the care, control and management of the former school site and expand the brigade's facilities to include all the buildings located on the site. The buildings are currently in need of maintenance and the Rural Fire Service has advised it will provide suitable funding over several years to upgrade the buildings.

Legal

Council as Trustee, will be required to draw up an agreement with the NSW Rural Fire Service to meet legal requirements. Council will maintain Trustee status under the Crown Lands Act.

Asset

This proposal will provide for future maintenance of the buildings as well as providing a valuable facility to the community through the Rural Fire Service.

Consultation

Should Council agree to the proposal, further consultation will be undertaken with the Rural Fire Service, Tomki Brigade and the local community.

Financial Implications

No financial implications are anticipated as the Rural Fire Service will provide funding for maintenance of the buildings and grounds.

Conclusion

Consideration of the proposal from the Rural Fire Service will satisfy Council's obligations and may provide better use of the facility in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that Council proceed with further consultation with the Rural Fire Service, and if negotiations are satisfactory, an appropriate agreement be completed.

RT120411/ 1 RESOLVED (Cr. Mustow/Cr. Wheatley)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

FOR VOTE - All Council members voted unanimously.

3.2 PLANS OF MANAGEMENT FOR RICHMOND RIVER FORESHORE RESERVES - CORAKI AND WOODBURN

Reference: Parks and Reserves - Design and Construction, Planning, Standards; P40372, P40373, P42907, P42846

Prepared by: Administration Engineer

Background

Richmond Valley Council has prepared a Plan of Management for various parcels of Crown land adjacent to the Richmond River at both Woodburn and Coraki. The Plans of Management are a component of a wider planning program for improvements included in the Landscape Master Plans for the townships.

A Plan of Management is a document that provides a framework for the management of a land resource.

At the Reserves Trust meeting in May 2010, the Trust resolved to place the draft Richmond River Foreshore Reserves (Coraki and Woodburn) Plans of Management on exhibition. The Plans of Management were produced on behalf of Richmond Valley Council as directed by the Land and Property Management Authority; Council was required to give public notice and exhibit the draft plans and their implications to be understood in accordance with the Crown Lands Act 1989. The draft plans were displayed by the Reserve Trust and by the Land and Property Management Authority during which time representations could be made to the Minister for consideration before adoption, as specified within Section 113 of the Crown Lands Act 1989.

Report

Issues

Council, as the Trust Managers, has been advised by the Land and Property Management Authority that the draft Richmond River Foreshore Reserves (Coraki and Woodburn) Plans of Management were adopted by the Minister for Lands in January 2011.

The Land and Property Management Authority, on behalf of the Minister, commended Council on the commitment and effort involved in preparing these plans. Council, as Reserve Trust Manager, will be required to implement the recommendations of each Plan and also consider the various elements that will require the formal involvement and/or assistance of the Land and Property Management Authority. Council's Section 94A Plan sets funding for the stage 1 works of both the Coraki and Woodburn Foreshore Reserves.

The Land and Property Management Authority has advised that it will address the administrative actions which include such actions as unmanaged lands.

Consultation

The draft plans were on exhibition from late August 2010 to late October 2010 and submissions were invited from the public and relevant agencies during this time. The public consultation was jointly run by Council and the Land and Property Management Authority, however, no submissions were received.

Conclusion

Council has been advised that the Richmond River Foreshore Reserves (Coraki and Woodburn) Plans of Management were adopted by the Minister for Lands in January 2011 with minimum changes to the title pages. Copies of the Plans of Management are available for Councillors if required.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that the information be received and noted.

RT120411/ 2 RESOLVED (Cr. Mustow/Cr. Wheatley)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

FOR VOTE - All Council members voted unanimously.

3.3 SUMMARY OF THE CORAKI PUBLIC RECREATION RESERVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2011

Reference: Parks and Reserves - Design and Construction, Service Provision, Trusts; Laws and Enforcement - Standards; P42846

Prepared by: Director Corporate Services

Background

The Coraki Public Recreation Reserve Board met on 14 February 2011.

The Board has the function of care, control and management of Coraki Caravan Park and to provide input to the Reserve Trust in respect of the Caravan Park and other Public Recreation Reserves in Coraki.

Report

Issues

The Coraki Public Recreation Reserve Board considered the following matters at its meeting held on 14 February 2011:

- Cleaning of Unisex Disabled Toilet - 2010/2011 allocation of \$3,000 has been received.

- River Bank Erosion - Advice that matter is progressing.
- MLAK Lock - Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission has objected to lock proposal.
- Site Fees for Airconditioner Charges - Fee to be increased to \$8.00 effective from 1 July 2011.
- Treasurer's Report - Accepted as presented.
- Alcohol Prohibited area - Advice that submission period had been extended until 5 January 2011.
- Van Registration - Police had undertaken a check of van registration.
- Site Delineation - A survey would be required to be undertaken to ensure accurate site identification.

A copy of the Minutes of the Coraki Public Recreation Reserve Board Meeting held on 14 February 2011 have been circulated separately to each Councillor.

Conclusion

This report provides information in relation to the Coraki Public Recreation Reserve Board Meeting held in February 2011. No specific recommendations from the Meeting require consideration by the Trust.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that the information be received and noted.

RT120411/ 3 RESOLVED (Cr. Kinnish/Cr. Morrissey)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

FOR VOTE - All Council members voted unanimously.

The Meeting closed at 1.48 p.m.

CONFIRMED - 19 April 2011

CHAIRMAN