



# **RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes**

### **Reserve Trust Meeting**

**Tuesday, 9 November 2010**

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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, 9 NOVEMBER 2010 AT 1.00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT**

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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 (Roslyn Townsend) were also in attendance.

**1 APOLOGIES**

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Nil.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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Nil.

**3 REPORTS**

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**3.1 MID RICHMOND RESIDENTS VILLAGE - CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING**

**Reference:** Community Services - Service Provision; Grants and Subsidies - Programs; P21332, P21333

**Prepared by:** Director Corporate Services

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**Background**

The Reserve Trust has been advised previously in respect to the possibility of the Department of Health and Aging requesting repayment of capital grant funding in the amount of \$400,000 for construction of the Dementia Unit and fire safety upgrades. Under the terms of the Grants Deeds, Council is obliged to not transfer the ownership or effective control of the property without prior written approval of the Secretary being given, subject to certain conditions including a requirement to repay all or part of the grants. Approval was given to Council by the Secretary to transfer the property but conditions in relation to the grants were not determined at this time and Council subsequently wrote to the Department of Health and Ageing on 1 April 2010 requesting that the Department not seek repayment of the grant funds for a number of reasons.

## **Report**

### ***Issues***

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing has now advised Council that it is requesting the repayment of the full amount of the grant funds of \$400,000 provided by the Commonwealth. Council may recall that in respect of the \$300,000 grant for the Dementia Unit, Council also raised an internal loan of \$453,247 consisting of \$241,947 from the insurance reserve and \$211,300 from the special rates variation of 2007/2008 to fund the construction of the Unit.

The Department has also advised it would consider a submission by Council in regard to the matter in respect of any further information Council may wish to provide in regard to the criteria for the grant and the financial aspects of the facility.

### ***Legal***

Council is obligated under the conditions of the Deeds of the Grants to comply with the requirements and the Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing can vary these requirements if it is considered necessary.

### ***Financial Implications***

Obviously should Council have to comply the grant repayment, this will place Council in an increasing deficit position.

The Department of Health and Ageing has also undertaken a financial analysis of the Mid Richmond Residents Village operations over the last three years based on the Mid Richmond Residents Village Financial Statements and made a number of comments in this regard in their correspondence. There are a number of misinterpretations that have been made and these will be brought to the Department's attention.

### **Conclusion**

The Department argues that Council is gaining financial benefit from the transfer of the facility to Baptist Community Services and clearly this is not the case as it has only sought to decrease the Mid Richmond Residents Village liability to Council. The grant funds for the Dementia Unit and fire safety upgrade were expended on the assets in accordance with the conditions of the Deed and the assets remain as part of the facility. Council staff are currently preparing a submission to the Department of Health and Ageing which is due by 29 November 2010.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended that Council support the preparation of a submission to the Department of Health and Ageing on the basis of the details as outlined in the report.

**RT091110/ 1 RESOLVED** (Cr. Morrissey/Cr. Wheatley)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

FOR VOTE - All Council members voted unanimously.

**3.2 SUMMARY OF THE CORAKI PUBLIC RECREATION RESERVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2010**

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

**Prepared by:** Governance Officer

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**Background**

The Coraki Public Recreation Reserve Board met on 11 October 2010.

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 11 October 2010:

- Revised Draft Plan of Management - Richmond River Foreshore Reserve Coraki - Awaiting the Land and Property Management Authority approval to place on public exhibition.
- Signage of Unisex Disabled Toilet – Signage has been obtained and erected.
- River Bank Erosion - Director Corporate Services to supply Preferred Species List to the Board and follow up with Council's Operations Foreman Parks and Gardens.
- Treasurer's Report – Not available at time of Meeting due to absence of Treasurer.
- MLAK lock – Director of Corporate Services to investigate installation of lock on toilet door.
- Maintenance of Trees – Agreed that the Chairman and Treasurer obtain and accept a quotation for required tree maintenance.
- Toilet Door – Repair to door has been completed.
- Power Boards – No issue with power boards in recent weather.

A copy of the Minutes of the Coraki Public Recreation Reserve Board Meeting held on 11 October 2010 have been circulated separately to each Councillor.

**Conclusion**

This report provides information in relation to the Coraki Public Recreation Reserve Board Meeting held in October 2010. No specific recommendations from the Meeting require consideration by the Trust.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommended that the information be received and noted.

**RT091110/ 2 RESOLVED** (Cr. Wheatley/Cr. Kinnish)

That the above recommendation be adopted.

FOR VOTE - All Council members voted unanimously.

The Meeting closed at 1.05 p.m.

**CONFIRMED - 16 November 2010**

**CHAIRMAN**