



Shire of Victoria Plains

# **Minutes**

## **Special Meeting of Council**

On  
At  
Commenced

Thursday 3 November 2016  
Council Chambers, Calingiri  
2.05pm

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The President declared the meeting open at 2.05pm.

**2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED**

<b>President:</b>	Cr D Lovelock	West Ward
<b>Deputy President:</b>	Cr S Penn	South Ward
<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr A Broadhurst	East Ward
	Cr N Clarke	South Ward
	Cr P Carr	West Ward
	Cr J Kelly	West Ward
	Cr J Brennan	Central Ward (arrived 2.10pm)
<b>Apologies:</b>	Cr J Corless-Crowther	Central Ward
	Cr D Smith	East Ward
<b>Leave of Absence:</b>	Nil	

**3 BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION**

**3.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECRUITMENT**

**RESOLUTION 248/2016**

**Moved: Cr N Clarke**

**Seconded: Cr S Penn**

**That the meeting be closed to the public.**

**Motion Put and Carried: 7/0**

**RESOLUTION 249/2016**

**Moved: Cr J Kelly**

**Seconded: Cr P Carr**

**That Council:**

- 1. Appoints Glenda TEEDE to the position of Chief executive Officer with the Shire of Victoria Plains for a period of three (3) years commencing on 19 December 2016 and concluding 19 December 2019;**
- 2. Is of the belief that Glenda TEEDE is suitably qualified for the position of Chief Executive Officer; and**
- 3. Is satisfied with the provisions of the proposed employment contract to be entered into with Ms Teede with a total reward package of \$169,999 per annum.**

**Motion Put and Carried: 7/0**

**RESOLUTION 250/2016**

**Moved: Cr P Carr**

**Seconded: Cr J Brennan**

**That the meeting be opened to the public.**

**Motion Put and Carried: 7/0**

Cr S Penn, Cr J Kelly and Cr N Clarke left the meeting at 2.25pm.

Item 3.2 was therefore not discussed as there was not a quorum.

**3.2 MOGUMBER RESERVE – BIRDLIFE WA AND RODEO ACTIVITIES**

FILE REFERENCE	RESERVE 8588
REPORT DATE	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
APPLICANT/PROPOSANTS	None
OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST	None
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES	None
AUTHOR	Ian Graham, Acting CEO
ATTACHMENTS	None

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To request that Council consider a recommendation to ensure ongoing recreational use of the Mogumber Reserve in line with Council policy along with protection of the Carnaby Cockatoo nesting sites and fauna within the reserve.

**BACKGROUND**

The use and management of the Mogumber Reserve has been subject to ongoing concerns from members of the community and various groups over recent years.

**COMMENT**

The Shire received a letter from Birdlife WA on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016 expressing concerns regarding clearing and disturbance to Carnaby Cockatoo nesting sites on the Mogumber Reserve.

Birdlife WA made four specific (4) requests to Council:-

- 1/. A cessation of activities likely to disturb birds for the remainder of the breeding season,
- 2/. Breeding trees and artificial hollows be cordoned off during the current breeding season with a buffer zone of least 10m.
- 3/. No more clearing be allowed at this site due to its significance to Carnaby's,
- 4/. Future plans be put in place to expand the fencing of remnant vegetation in the reserve. Birdlife would be happy to assist with this work and may be able to secure funding for this purpose.

Council administration has obtained legal advice regarding the requests from Birdlife WA and the obligations under the EPBC Act. In summary the legal advice is that Council should adopt a conservative approach with regard to ongoing activities at the Mogumber Reserve.

Council resolved as follows at the August 2013 Council meeting:-

**Resolution 174/2013**

**Moved Cr Brennan seconded Cr Young that Council,**

- 1. Confirm the approval for the Mogumber Outback Club to locate a rodeo arena on the Mogumber oval in the proposed location east of the current position.**
- 2. Subject to the Mogumber Outback Club obtaining necessary approvals that the shire supports the holding of a rodeo at the Mogumber oval on New Years Eve.**
- 3. Arrange for the grading of the track around the oval and clear a section of the previously cleared scrub for parking of horse floats etc. near the arena.**
- 4. Continue to facilitate co-operation between the Mogumber Progress Association and the Mogumber Outback Club on the use and management of the hall and oval.**
- 5. In accord with updated policy 6.5.2 the shire pays 100% of power used at the Mogumber hall.**

**Motion Put & Carried 5/1**

**POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

None.

**DOES THIS ITEM REFER TO THE COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN?**

Yes –

1.2 PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

2.2 PROMOTE COMMUNITY PROSPERITY.

**LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

There are no known legislative requirements related to this item.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no known strategic implications related to this item.

**Corporate Business Plan references and impacts:-**

Strategy 1.2 – Promote sustainable management of the environment.

Strategy 2.2 – Promote Community Prosperity.

➤ **Environment**

The proposal aims to provide a basis for resolution of environmental issues and to provide Council with a decision-making guide regarding the ongoing use of the Mogumber Reserve.

➤ **Economic**

There are no known significant economic implications associated with this proposal.

➤ **Social**

The proposal aims to provide a basis for resolution of issues and to provide an opportunity for ongoing recreational use of the reserve whilst protecting the Carnaby Cockatoo nesting site and fauna in the reserve.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The costs associated with services to be provided by the Shire (soil, mulch, watering, fencing and signage) are yet to be determined.

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

*Absolute Majority Required:* No

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That Council, with regard to the letter received from Birdlife WA and the requests contained in that letter and Councils policy of supporting continued recreational use at the Mogumber Reserve, approve the continuation of rodeo events organised by the Mogumber Outback Club subject to the following conditions:-

1. The rodeo arena is relocated to ensure a minimum 10 metre distance from any Carnaby nesting site to minimise disturbance,
2. Vehicle and trailer parking is to be arranged so as to maintain distance from any tree as recommended per the arborists report , or any Carnaby nesting site on the Mogumber Reserve,
3. During rodeo events the Mogumber Outback Club is to ensure that event attendees do not enter fenced off areas,
4. The Shire will provide soil and mulch as required for the rodeo arena,
5. The Shire will provide watering to minimise dust impact following rodeos and/or seed with appropriate grasses,
6. Council will fence off areas as required to protect Carnaby Cockatoo nest sites with a buffer zone of at least 10 metres,
7. The Shire will fence off tree habitat for safety as per the arborists report,
8. The Shire will proceed with the tree pruning recommendations of the arborists report only upon receipt of approval to proceed from the relevant Minister.

**4 DELARATION OF CLOSURE**

As there was no quorum the meeting was adjourned at 2.26pm (until) a quorum was present or the next Council meeting.

Signed this 3rd day of November 2016.

Presiding Member .....



