

Richmond
Valley
Council



MINUTES

**Extraordinary Council Meeting
28 March 2019**

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**MINUTES OF RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 10 GRAHAM PLACE, CASINO
ON THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2019 AT 4PM**

Please note: these minutes are subject to confirmation at the next Council Meeting. Decisions recorded in the draft minutes are subject to the Council's Code of Meeting Practice in relation to rescinding decisions.

PRESENT: Cr Robert Mustow (Mayor), Cr Stephen Morrissey (Deputy Mayor), Cr Sam Cornish, Cr Robert Hayes, Cr Sandra Humphrys, Cr Jill Lyons, Cr Daniel Simpson

IN ATTENDANCE: Vaughan Macdonald (General Manager), Angela Jones (Director Infrastructure & Environment), Ryan Gaiter (Chief Financial Officer/Manager Mid-Richmond) and Julie Clark (Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Mayor)

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor provided an Acknowledgement of Country by reading the following statement on behalf of Council:

"Richmond Valley Council recognises the people of the Bundjalung Nations as Custodians and Traditional Owners of this land and we value and appreciate the continuing cultural connection to lands, their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region in the past, present and future."

2 PRAYER

The meeting opened with a prayer by the General Manager.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Nil

5 GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 LIVING MUSEUM RELOCATION & VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE ESTABLISHMENT UPDATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At Council's Ordinary Meeting of 19 March 2019, an alternate option for the relocation of buildings from the HealthOne site was put forward for consideration under Item 17.1 as follows:

That

1. *Council proceed with the relocation and re-establishment of the existing Living Museum Building on the north-east end of Reserve 82910 as set out in Figure 1 of this report, pending approval from Crown Lands for the extension of the gazetted land. Allowing enough room to extend the building to house the Museum and Visitor Information Centre, setting aside the south-western side of the existing path/old shelter shed site for public open space and future covered BBQ, gazebos and picnic facilities.*
2. *Council note that the interim storage option on land adjacent to the entry to Stan Payne Oval for one building will not be required.*
3. *Council demolish the remaining buildings.*

Since the demolition of the gazebo to accommodate the relocation of the two buildings, Councillors have received feedback from the community that the open space and vista which has been created by the demolition is sought-after. Questions have been raised about whether locating the two buildings in this area is the best outcome.

Council officers have completed a preliminary assessment of the alternative option with details included in the body of the report. There are cost implications associated with the extension of the Living Museum building and either demolishing or finding an alternate location for the former CTC building. Reflections Holiday Parks Trust and the Living Museum have been consulted on the alternate option and their position has been provided to Councillors.

A number of risks were identified should Council change its decision to move the two buildings to the Central Precinct of the Reflections Holiday Park. Further detailed investigations of the alternative option would be required which would delay the HealthOne project as the relocation of the two buildings is scheduled for the end of April 2019 so that the site is clear for the HealthOne project to proceed.

Council Officers have been continuing negotiations with Crown Lands and Reflections Holiday Park's Trust Executive Officers to establish the best way forward to co-locate and re-establish two community facilities being the Evans Head Living Museum, and former Community Technology Centre (CTC), both within Reserve 82910, Reflections Holiday Park's Central Precinct. The reserve is Crown Land under the control of two Crown Land Managers, Richmond Valley Council and Reflections Holiday Park.

To proceed with co-locating the buildings within Reserve 82910 under the one Crown Land Manager, Council negotiated an extension of the current gazetted parcel which previously housed the gazebo structure. By doing so, Council will maintain ownership of both assets, within the area under the management of Council, and this outcome negates the need to utilise Stan Payne Oval as a temporary storage site for the second building. By Council maintaining ownership of both assets, part of the second building is proposed to be used as the visitor information centre.

As a result of extending the gazetted land under Council management the proposed layout of the buildings for re-establishment has been altered to suit the vegetation and contours of the site as shown in *Figure 1*.

RESOLUTION 280319/1

Moved: Cr Sandra Humphrys

Seconded: Cr Stephen Morrissey

That

1. Council consider and note information provided from investigating the alternative option,
2. Council proceed with the relocation and re-establishment of both community buildings within Reserve 82910 as set out in Figure 1 of this report, pending approval from Crown Lands for the extension of the gazetted land,
3. Council note that the interim storage option on land adjacent to the entry to Stan Payne Oval for one building, will not be required.

In Favour: Crs Robert Mustow, Stephen Morrissey, Sam Cornish, Sandra Humphrys and Jill Lyons

Against: Crs Robert Hayes and Daniel Simpson

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The Meeting closed at 4.15pm.

The minutes of this meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Richmond Valley Council held on 16 April 2019.

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CHAIRPERSON