

PRESENT: Cr Kathryn Rindfleish (Chairperson), Cr Kodi Brady, Mrs Fay Chapman, Mr David Hunter, Mrs Robyn Hennessy, Ms Suellyn Tighe and Mrs Paula Duggan (*Late 5.14pm*).

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Nicole Benson (Manager Urban Services & Facilities) and Mr Gary Murphy (Director Technical Services).

APOLOGIES: Mrs Sallie Weatherall, Ms Kim Ellis, Mr Brett England and Mr Nigel Baker (Acting Pool Supervisor).

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5/2223 RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Advisory Committee meeting held on 23 November 2022 be confirmed.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil.

AGENDA ITEMS

a) Successful Funding for the Masterplan

The MUSF told the Committee that \$199,440 had been awarded from the Resources for Regions Round 9 Program for the development of the Pool Masterplan. The Committee talked about the process to be followed, which includes advertising a tender for consultants to complete the work. It was noted that an extensive amount of community engagement would form part of the project as well as the development of design and construction plans for at least the first stage of the Masterplan

b) Australia Day Celebrations

The MUSF explained that a small grant of \$1,000 had been received to have a celebration at the pool on Australia Day. A meeting has been scheduled for Friday morning with the swimming club and the aqua ladies. It is also free entry all day on Australia Day. There was a discussion around the benefit of Committee members petitioning attendees at the celebration to show support for the Masterplan.

GENERAL BUSINESS

The following items were discussed without resolution:

- Cr Brady commented that due to the opening hours and entry costs some families found it hard to access the pool. Sign in sheets and accuracy of the attendance data was discussed and it was noted that unless there is an administration desk staffed during operational hours the data on the sign in forms is subject to people writing in every time they enter a pool. It was also noted that the Salto tags may cause similar issues in that a gate can be held open and people could come in at their own free will.
- Clarification on the funding source of the grant was sought and MUSF explained that the Masterplan funding was from Resources for Regions Round 9 and that the 'Shire Wide Pool Upgrade Program', seeking funds to complete plant and electrical upgrades at all pools as well as the installation of continuous dosing systems at Baradine, Binnaway and Coonabarabran Pools was Stronger Country Communities Round 5.

- Ms Suellyn Tighe said that she had heard that the Deputy Premier, The Hon Paul Toole, would be visiting the pool on Friday and asked why the Committee weren't invited. The MUSF advised that it was a question for the Minister's Office and explained that in some cases when parliamentarians visit, organisations are provided information and asked to sign confidentiality agreements and are often advised by the government that information is embargoed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.26pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Wednesday, 22 March 2023 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON