

**PRESENT:** Cr Kathryn Rindfleish\* (Chairperson), Cr Kodi Brady, Mrs Sallie Weatherall\*, Ms Kim Ellis, Mrs Fay Chapman, Mr David Hunter and Mrs Robyn Hennessy.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Nicole Benson (Acting Director Technical Services) and Mr Nigel Baker\* (Pool Supervisor).

*\* Attendance via Zoom video conference.*

**APOLOGIES:** Ms Suellyn Tighe, Mrs Paula Duggan, Mr Brett England, Mr Dave Smith (Acting Manager Urban Services & Facilities).

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**1/2324 RECOMMENDED** that the minutes of the Coonabarabran Swimming Pool Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 January 2023 be confirmed.

**Hunter/Hennessy**

### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

The following items were discussed:

- 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday.
- Kim Ellis spoke about her dissatisfaction with the 6 monthly meetings and that it didn't feel like an inclusive decision.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### a) Coonabarabran Pool Masterplan

A/DTS gave an update on the progress of the Masterplan. A RFQ had been advertised and closes on 15 August. Consultants have been asked to submit a price for the development of a Masterplan with the three priorities being a 25m x 8 lane pool with an access ramp; toddler pool with splash park; and new amenities. They also need to develop draft design and construction plans for the works. The project will take at least 12 months and entail a lot of community engagement.

#### b) Scheduled Maintenance and Renewal Works

A/DTS outlined scheduled maintenance activities as well as the renewal works. It was noted that the installation of the continuous disinfectant dosing system is on track for the end of August. Motion sensors are being trialled to manage the ducks. Other options including chemicals, movement activated sprinklers and catch and kill had been explored, however, this was the preferred option at this stage.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

The following items were discussed without resolution:

- Pre-season works – A/DTS explained that Council is recruiting early, a media campaign on how to buy passes, make a booking, opening times etc would be rolled out. Staff are eager to be organised for the 2023/24 season opening.
- Fees, fee structure and how they were adopted was explained. There was a general discussion around accessibility and affordability. It was noted that cashless entries may restrict access as well. It was suggested that entries need to be incentivised.
- A/DTS advised the Committee of the annual pool season review report going to Council on 20 July 2023.
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan is going to Council on 20 July 2023 and may be a pathway to raise accessibility issues discussed in the meeting.

- A/DTS reminded the Committee that the role was a strategic one, not an operational one.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.34pm.

The next meeting will be held in the Gallery Meeting Room, Coonabarabran on Monday, 15 January 2024 commencing at 5.00pm.

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CHAIRPERSON