

RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL CONFIRMED MINUTES

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PRESENT

Present when Mayor Wharton declared the meeting open at 11:00am were:

COUNCILLORS:

Cr Wharton, Cr Kuhl, Cr Fox, Cr Johnston, Cr Kennedy, Cr Buick

STAFF:

Chief Executive Officer – Peter Bennett, Director of Community Services and Development – Angela Henry, Director of Corporate Services – Peta Mitchell, Director of Works – Syed Qadir and Minutes Secretary Tiana Grant.

PRAYER

Cr Fox read the prayer

APOLOGIES

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION 20230620.1

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Fox and carried that the Minutes of the General Meeting of the Richmond Shire Council held in the Board Room, Richmond on Tuesday 20 May 2023 be adopted as presented.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mayor Cr Wharton called for Declarations of Interest in matters listed on the Agenda:

Item 1.1 Development Application for Operational Works (Advertising Device)

I, Councillor Wharton inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 1.1 Development Application for Operational Works (Advertising Device), as a result that I own the land in discussion.

Due to the nature of the item, I will leave the meeting when this item is discussed.

Item 2.15 Sponsorship Request – Jaydon Lanskey

I, Councillor Johnston inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 2.15 Sponsorship Request – Jaydon Lanskey, as a result that I am the mother of the child being discussed.

Due to the nature of the item, I will leave the meeting when this item is discussed.

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

Attendance

Cr Wharton declared an interest and left the room at 11:03am Cr Kuhl took the chair

1. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - WORKS

1.1 Development Application for Operational Works (Advertising Device)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is in receipt of a Development Application for Operational Works (Advertising Device) at Lot 1 Flinders Highway, Richmond. The applicant is requesting to facilitate the installation of a new double sided billboard advertising device. The proposed works involve affixing high quality sign faces to a new dual pole frame a rural highway environment.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: approve the Development Application for Operational Works (Advertising Device) at Lot 1 Flinders Highway.

RESOLUTION 20230620.2

It was moved Cr Kennedy seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council approve the Development Application for Operational Works (Advertising Device) at Lot 1 Flinders Highway.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Planning Report

Attendance

Cr Wharton re-entered the room at 11:07am Cr Wharton took back the chair

1. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - WORKS

1.2 Application for Permit to Occupy over Reserve

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is in receipt of an application for a permit to occupy over Reserve at Lot A, B, C AP20133. The applicant is requesting a permit to occupy for grazing purposes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: approve the application for a permit to occupy over reserve for grazing purposes at Lot A, B, C AP20133.

RESOLUTION 20230620.3

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Buick and carried that Council approve the application for a permit to occupy over reserve for grazing purposes on the portions of Lots B & C that have been identified and deny the application for a permit to occupy over reserve for Grazing purposes for Lot A due to Councils future development plans.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

- Application
- A, B & C Blocks Mapping

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.1 Inwards Correspondence – Monthly Markets

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A letter has been received to request that Council allow monthly markets on the library lawn and carpark.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: accept the request to hold monthly markets on the library lawn and carpark.

RESOLUTION 20230620.4

It was moved Cr Fox seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council approve the request to hold monthly markets on the library lawn and carpark under the condition that the premises is left in good condition after every use.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Letter

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.2 Agistment Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Agistment Policy is due to be reviewed. Council is to discuss the changes needed on the Maxwelton Common and to update head numbers on each of the other commons.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Agistment Policy with changes.

After discussion, Council unanimously agreed to lower the Maxwelton stocking rate.

It was noted that NLIS readings have to be undertaken when stock are added or removed from the commons and at each muster and the information uploaded to the PIC Register and forwarded to the Director of Works moving forward.

Cr Kennedy requested that Council purchase a portable NLIS reader if Council does not already own one. Council unanimously agreed.

RESOLUTION 20230620.5

It was moved Cr Kennedy seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council adopt the Agistment Policy with changes.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.3 Asset Disposal Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Asset Disposal Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Asset Disposal Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.6

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Buick and carried that Council adopt the Asset Disposal Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.4 Uniform Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Uniform Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Uniform Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.7

It was moved Cr Johnston seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council adopt the Uniform Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.5 Corporate Credit Card Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Corporate Credit Card Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Corporate Credit Card Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.8

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council adopt the Corporate Credit Card Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION – OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.6 Internal Audit Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Internal Audit Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Internal Audit Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.9

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council adopt the Internal Audit Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.7 Fraud and Corruption Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Fraud and Corruption Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Fraud and Corruption Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.10

It was moved Cr Fox seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council adopt the Fraud and Corruption Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.8 In-Kind Requests Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The In-Kind Requests Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the In-Kind Requests Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.11

It was moved Cr Fox seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council adopt the In-Kind Requests Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION – OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.9 CHSP Client Contribution Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CHSP Client Contribution Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the CHSP Client Contribution Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.12

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council adopt the CHSP Client Contribution Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.10 Horse Paddock Hire Policy

I, Councillor Wharton inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 2.10 Horse Paddock Hire Policy, as a result that I personally hire a horse paddock.

Due to the nature of the item, all Councillors agreed that Cr Wharton was not required to leave the room and would not vote on the item.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Horse Paddock Hire Policy is due to be reviewed

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Horse Paddock Hire Policy as presented.

Council requested that Council obtain quotes and compare pricing on straight plain wire and poly pipe to wrap around the barb wire fencing at the Horse Paddocks as it is a risk to the animals.

Attendance

Cr Kennedy left the room at 11:56am

RESOLUTION 20230620.13

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Buick and carried that Council adopt the Horse Paddock Hire Policy with changes.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.11 Investigations Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Internal Auditors noted that Council did not have an Investigations Policy and advised that it is a requirement. The Investigations Policy has been created and ready to adopt.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Investigations Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.14

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council adopt the Investigations Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.12 Grid Replacement Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council adopted a new Grid and Gate Policy at the May Council Meeting which makes the current Grid Replacement Policy obsolete. It is requested that Council revoke the Grid Replacement Policy.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: revoke the Grid Replacement Policy.

RESOLUTION 20230620.15

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council revoke the Grid Replacement Policy.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.1 Payment of Fees Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Payment of Fees Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Payment of Fees Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.16

It was moved Cr Fox seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council adopt the Payment of Fees Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.2 Administration of First Aid Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Administration of First Aid Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Administration of First Aid Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.17

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council adopt the Administration of First Aid Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.3 Excursion Incursion Extra Curricular Activities Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Excursion Incursion Extra Curricular Activities Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Excursion Incursion Extra Curricular Activities Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.18

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council adopt the Excursion Incursion Extra Curricular Activities Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.4 Nutrition and Food Safety Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Nutrition and Food Safety Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Nutrition and Food Safety Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.19

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council adopt the Nutrition and Food Safety Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.5 Performance Management Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Performance Management Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Performance Management Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.20

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council adopt the Performance Management Policy as presented.

Attendance

Cr Kennedy re-entered the room at 12:00pm

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.6 Behaviour Guidance Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Behaviour Guidance Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Behaviour Guidance Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.21

It was moved Cr Kennedy seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council adopt the Behaviour Guidance Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.7 Interactions with Children Families and Staff Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Interactions with Children Families and Staff Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Interactions with Children Families and Staff Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.22

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council adopt the Interactions with Children Families and Staff Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

4. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - COMMUNITY SERVICES

4.8 Professional Development Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council to review and adopt the Professional Development Policy with changes.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Professional Development Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.23

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council adopt the Professional Development Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

Change of order of business to consider late items

1. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - WORKS

1.3 Request to Purchase a New Tyre Changing Machine

I, Councillor Wharton inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 1.3 Request to Purchase a New Tyre Changing Machine, as a result that I own the building of the Richmond Tyre Centre that is to be discussed.

Due to the nature of the item, I will leave the meeting.

Attendance

Cr Wharton declared an interest and left the room at 12:04pm Cr Kuhl took the chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Works Department have requested that Council consider purchasing a new tyre changing machine for the Workshop.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: approve the request to purchase a new tyre changing machine.

RESOLUTION 20230620.24

It was moved Cr Kennedy seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council approve the request to purchase a new tyre changing machine.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Nil

1. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - WORKS

1.4 Burleigh Creek Bridge

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An update has been received regarding the Burleigh Creek Bridge and a decision is needed to be made by Council for the continuation of the works.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: accept the proposal to keep the approaching road sections unsealed.

RESOLUTION 20230620.25

It was moved Cr Kennedy seconded Cr Buick and carried that Council accept the proposal to keep the approaching road sections unsealed.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Nil

Attendance

Cr Johnston left the room at 12:17pm

1. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - WORKS

1.5 Funding Opportunities with Queensland Reconstruction Authority

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Richmond's Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) has marked the Civic Centre an evacuation site for the Richmond Shire in case of a Natural Disaster. It is noted that all evacuation centres need to have accessible toilets and showers, however the Civic Centre does not meet the standards.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: note the report.

Noted.

Attendance

Cr Wharton re-entered the meeting at 12:19pm Cr Wharton took back the chair

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Nil

1. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - WORKS

1.6 Parks and Gardens Proposal for Croydon Road Town Entrance

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Parks and Gardens have pruned/removed some Bougainvilleas on Goldring Street as they were becoming a safety hazard for blind spots. It has been asked if the Bougainvilleas that have been removed could be planted at the Croydon Road signage to enhance the entrance.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: provide further instructions.

Council unanimously agreed that moving the Bougainvilleas to the Croydon Road signage was a good idea.

Attendance

Cr Johnston re-entered the room at 12:21pm

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Nil

1. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - WORKS

1.7 New BMX Track for Richmond Township

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council are planning to build a BMX Track and have attached three new design plans for Council to consider.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: select one of the three plans attached to the report.

Council unanimously agreed that option B (2) would be the best option to move forward with.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Nil

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.13 Drug and Alcohol Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council discussed the Drug and Alcohol Policy at the April Council Meeting and requested more information from the Solicitors as well as attaching the Drug & Alcohol Procedure.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy with changes.

RESOLUTION 20230620.26

It was moved Cr Kennedy seconded Cr Buick and carried that Council adjourn the meeting for lunch at 12:40pm.

RESOLUTION 20230620.27

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council resume the meeting at 1:12pm.

RESOLUTION 20230620.28

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council adopt the Drug and Alcohol Policy with Changes.

It was also agreed to follow the instructions from the Solicitors and update the Drug and Alcohol Procedure as advised.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.14 Purchasing Policy

- I, Councillor Wharton inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 2.14 Purchasing Policy, as a result that Richmond Shire Council purchase from my business.
- I, Councillor Kuhl inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 2.14 Purchasing Policy, as a result that Richmond Shire Council purchase from my related parties' business.
- I, Councillor Buick inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 2.14 Purchasing Policy, as a result that Richmond Shire Council purchase from the business that I am the Manager of.
- I, Councillor Fox inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to item 2.14 Purchasing Policy, as a result that Richmond Shire Council purchase from my business.

Due to the nature of the item, it was agreed by Council that Councillors were not required to leave the room.

Attendance

Cr Buick left the room at 1:13pm

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Purchasing Policy is due to be reviewed.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: adopt the Purchasing Policy as presented.

RESOLUTION 20230620.29

It was moved Cr Johnston seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council adopt the Purchasing Policy as presented.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

Policy

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.15 Sponsorship Request – Jaydon Lanskey

Attendance

Cr Buick re-entered the room at 1:14pm
Cr Johnston declared an interest and left the meeting at 1:14pm

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A request has been received requesting any support from Council for Jaydon Lanskey to attend Hervey Bay in July to compete in the Northwest team for 13 year old boys for Cross Country.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: determine an amount to support the sponsorship request.

RESOLUTION 20230620.30

It was moved Cr Buick seconded Cr Fox and carried that Council donate \$500.00 to the sponsorship request from Jaydon Lanskey.

Council also discussed the Donations Policy and requested some information be added to the Policy in regards to donations figures.

Attendance

Cr Johnston re-entered the room at 1:24pm

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - CORPORATE SERVICES

Item 3.1 Monthly Financial Statements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's monthly financial report in relation to the 2022/23 adopted budgted is presented for consideration, together with Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Cash Flow as at 31 May 2023.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: receive the monthly financial report presenting the progress made as at 31 May 2023 in relation to the 2022/23 budget and including the:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Comprehensive Income
- Statement of Cash Flows

RESOLUTION 20230620.31

It was moved Cr Kennedy seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council Receive the monthly financial report presenting the progress made as at 31 May 2023 in relation to the 2022/23 budget and including the:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Comprehensive Income
- Statement of Cash Flows

Council discussed changing the July General Council Meeting and the Special Budget Meeting and the following was agreed on.

RESOLUTION 20230620.32

It was moved Cr Fox seconded Cr Johnston and carried that Council reschedule the July General Council Meeting from Tuesday 18 July 2023 to Monday 24 July 2023 and reschedule the Special Budget Meeting from Tuesday 11 July 2023 to Monday 24 July 2023.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Comprehensive Income
- Statement of Cash Flows

3. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - CORPORATE SERVICES

Item 3.2 Utility Charges – Water 2023/2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report provides the details of the Water Utility Charges for the 2023/24 financial year.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolves to make and levy water utility charges for the supply of water services by Council, as shown in the attachments. These charges will be applied for the 2023/24 financial year.

RESOLUTION 20230620.33

It was moved Cr Kuhl seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council resolves to make and levy water utility charges for the supply of water services by Council, as shown in the attachments. These charges will be applied for the 2023/24 financial year. Council agreed to no longer purchase tap-timers to sell to the public.

DCS Peta Mitchell requested Council set a date and time to hold a public meeting to discuss the new water charges.

It was agreed that Monday 24 July at 6:00pm a public meeting would be held in the Woolgar Room.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

- RSC FACT SHEET
- Table for Water Access Charge
- Running Costs for Water 2022/2023

CLOSED SESSION

2. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION - OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2.16 Rates Payments for A856 and A304

RESOLUTION 20230620.34

It was moved Cr Fox, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council enter a closed session according to the Local Government Regulation 2012 275, (1) (d) rating concessions.

RESOLUTION 20230620.35

It was moved Cr Kennedy, seconded Cr Kuhl and carried that Council exit a closed session according to the Local Government Regulation 2012 275, (1) (d) rating concessions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Richmond Golf Club (A856) and Richmond Bowls Club (A304) were two clubs that Council agreed to waive the fees for a three year period from 2015 and then review annually.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council: discuss whether the annual rate levy for both Clubs is continued, or a change is made.

RESOLUTION 20230620.36

It was moved Cr Fox seconded Cr Kennedy and carried that Council charge the Richmond Golf Club rates from the 2023/2024 Financial Year and Council will further investigate the Richmond Bowls Club rates payments.

REFERENCE DOCUMENT

- Letters to Richmond Golf Club and Richmond Bowls Club
- Rates and Charges for sports club 2022/2023

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Wharton advised that he is stepping down from the Tourism Portfolio and is handing it over to Cr Buick. Cr Wharton is still on the Board for the Overlander's Way.

Cr Kennedy asked CEO Peter Bennett for an update on the cameras. CEO Peter Bennett advised that the successful company will be in Richmond at the end of June with a final price and noted that it would be finalised by July.

Cr Kennedy also asked for an update on the Maxwelton Yards. CEO Peter Bennett advised that he was waiting for a quote from Ergon Energy before Transport and Main Roads can finalise their paperwork.

Cr Kuhl advised that Councils now retain 100% of stock route fees, however fees are set by the State Government. 1080 now has to be purchased commercially and that will impact the rates levy.

Cr Kuhl noted that the Feral Pig Coordinator program is still to be announced.

Cr Fox requested a wet area declaration for Richmond Turf Club Picnic Day Races on 7 October 2023.

Cr Fox advised that she met with SU Queensland regarding the Richmond Chaplaincy Program and requested if Council would consider paying for the Chaplains accommodation for four weeks per year while they are in Richmond. This would begin in 2024 as Council have already donated for the year of 2023.

I, Councillor Fox inform the meeting that I have declared an interest in relation to the discussion around the Richmond Chaplaincy Program, as a result that I am on the Chaplaincy Committee.

Due to the nature of the item, it was agreed by Council that Councillor Fox was not required to leave the room.

Council agreed to pay for the Chaplains accommodation at the Lakeview Caravan Park or if enough notice is given, Council will supply a unit.

The Heart Van hasn't been coming to Richmond due to lack of referrals. Cr Fox advised she would take the issue to the next CAN meeting.

CEO Peter Bennett advised that Selectability have requested Council price the Old Fire Station for them to consider purchasing within ten years. Council agreed on a listing price.

CLOSE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION 20230620.37

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Johnston, and carried that the information reports be received and noted.

Meeting closure

RESOLUTION 20230620.38

It was moved Cr Kuhl, seconded Cr Fox and carried that the meeting close at 2:25pm.

Next Ordinary Meeting

24 July 2023

I hereby confirm that this is a true and correct record of the minutes of the Richmond Shire Council Ordinary Meeting Tuesday 20 June 2023.

Mayor