

**CITY OF JOONDALUP**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE DRY PARKS, MEDIAN AND VERGE COMMITTEE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE BOAS AVE, JOONDALUP ON 16 OCTOBER, COMMENCING AT 5.30 PM.**

**1 ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES**

**Present:**

Cr P Kimber (Chairman)  
Cr C Baker  
Cr T Barnett  
Cr J Hollywood  
David Djulbic Director Infrastructure & Operations

**Apologies:**

Cr J Hurst  
Cr A Patterson  
Dennis Cluning Manager Operations Services  
Lee Prideaux IMRS Landscape Architect

**2 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL/NON FINANCIAL INTEREST**

Nil.

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the Dry Park Median and Verge Committee held on 21 August 2002 are confirmed as a true and correct record.

**Moved Cr Baker      Seconded Cr Kimber**

**4 BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

**4.1 - Update of Current Dry Park Development Program**

Salata Park - The irrigation works were finished and the cleanup was taking place, following which they will move onto the next location Poynter Park Duncraig. At this point in time the programme is on schedule.

**4.2 - Criteria Review**

A draft list was provided and Councillors were requested to view the information.

Discussion ensued about what impact the changes in criteria will have. Some priority 2 had moved to priority 1 in the criteria.

A summary page was provided for particular parks of the 14 page list, which highlighted the changes in priority, which had occurred.

Cr Kimber suggested we must ensure fair selection of the parks to receive the \$165,000 surplus, as other things must be taken into account besides the order of the priority list. If we go by the list 3 parks would be in Duncraig, he therefore suggested one out of each ward be progressed forward.

Cr Hollywood and Cr Barnett expressed their concerns with the continuation of the current Dry Park Development Program given the current state of play with water conservation matters and suggested that the committee should give serious consideration to placing a moratorium on the continuation of the Dry Park Development Program.

The committee was informed that the Water and Rivers Commission control the licensing of bores and utilisation of ground water. The City must lodge an application prior to any bore installation being undertaken. Approval by the Water and Rivers Commission authorises extraction of water in accordance with certain conditions set by that authority. These conditions include volume of water to be used and area of irrigation, as well as water quality requirements.

As the Water and Rivers Commission is responsible for the management and monitoring of the groundwater, water conservation considerations are taken into consideration when issuing bore licenses. It is the Officers understanding that the Commission have the authority to withdraw a license at any time should they deem it necessary from a water conservation perspective.

**It was recommended that Council:**

- 1      Adopts the revised dry park assessment criterion option A at attachment 2;**
- 2      Authorises inclusion of the following parks for installation of in ground reticulation in the 02/03 various Dry Park Developments - \$165,483 – Haddington Park Craigie, Balanus Park Heathridge, Macauley Park Duncraig, Annato Park Greenwood.**

**Moved Councillor Baker      Seconded Councillor Kimber**

**The Motion was Put    and    TIED (2/2)**

**There being an equal number of votes, the Chairman exercised his casting vote and declared the Motion Carried.**

### **4.3 – Pilot Verge – Enhancement Programme Update**

Cr Baker advised that he was not able to present this at this stage and asked that it be carried forward to the next meeting.

## **5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Lake Valley Park Committee**

It was advised that the letter from Garry Potter had received a verbal response and a written response will be forthcoming to Garry Potter. Cr Kimber requested a copy of the letter.

### **5.2 Lake Valley Park**

The committee was advised that Lee Prideaux is working on a conceptual design for Lake Valley Park, and this with costings will be presented at the next meeting of the committee.

It was advised that as the park development involves mainly natural bushland enhancement works and landscaping improvement works it will be included within the Parks and Local Road Landscape Enhancement Program as part of the forthcoming budget considerations.

### **5.3 Central Park**

Cr Kimber expressed his concerns with the ongoing maintenance with Central Park. It was advised that the Operational area is revising its maintenance activities associated with this park to address the Councillors concerns.

### **5.4 Water Restrictions**

Cr Baker sought officer's confirmation that the City was complying with any water restriction requirements set by the Water Authority.

It was advised that the City does comply with any conditions set by the Water and Rivers Commission in the utilisation of its bores for reticulation purposes.

### **5.4 Community Awareness Campaign**

It was requested by the committee that steps be taken to embark on a community awareness campaign in relation to how the City utilises the underground water to reticulate its park areas, by way of articles in the Council's quarterly news letter and media statements.

**Action Officer – Dennis Cluning**

**5.5 Water Utilisation Audit**

The committee requested that a proposal be presented at a future meeting in relation to current water usage and what opportunities exist to further reduce water usage levels within the existing and proposed reticulated areas within the City.

**Action Officer - Dennis Cluning**

**5.6 Natural Bushland Enhancement Opportunities**

The committee requested that officers give further consideration in relation to embellishing natural areas within our dry parks as they are being developed.

It was advised that this is all ready being undertaken and a good example of this is the Lake Valley Park proposal which will be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

**Action Officer - Lee Prideaux**

**6 CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed 6.10 pm.

**7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.