NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

A meeting of the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee will be held at Loxton Council Office, Council Chambers on Tuesday 7 June 2016 commencing at 7.00am

If you consider you have a conflict of interest on any of the agenda items noted, please complete for each item the 'Declaration of Elected Members Conflict of Interest - in accordance with Section 74 of the LG Act 1999' form (attached) and forward to the Executive Assistant no later than 12 noon on the day prior to the meeting.

John Sylvia
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

Thursday 2nd June 2016

AGENDA

1. Present
2. Apologies:
3. On leave:
4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meetings
   Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 5 April 2016 (copy attached)
   
   Recommendation: That the minutes of the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meetings held Tuesday 5th April 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.
5. Business Arising
6. Correspondence
7. Reports
   7.1 New Conflict of Interest Provisions
   It should be noted that the Local Government (Accountability and Governance) Amendment Act 2015 amends the Local Government Act with respect to conflicts...
and perceived conflicts of interest arising in respect of matters to be discussed at a meeting of a Council, a Council Committee or Subsidiary.

The conflict of interest provisions under the LG Act apply in the same way to a Council Committee Member in respect of matters to be discussed by a Council Committee as they apply to Council Members with respect to matters to be discussed by a Council. Similarly, the conflict of interest provisions apply to the Board Members of a Subsidiary in respect of matters to be discussed by the relevant Board.

Committee members are encouraged to read the guidelines (link below) with regard to the new Conflict of Interest provisions and requirements.


It is believed that training may be organised for committee members with regard to the conflict of interest provisions.

7.2 Paruna Road Entrance Wall

The Development Application for the entrance wall has been submitted and is currently being assessed.

The entrance wall has been included as a potential project in the 2016/17 draft Annual Business Plan.

7.3 Centenary Park Revegetation

No progress at this stage. Works requests have been submitted however staff have been working on other projects. Community Service labour has been ceased until next financial year due to budgetary constraints.

7.4 Mill Corner Upgrade

Mill Corner Working Party may provide a verbal update at the meeting.

The Mill Corner project has been included as a potential project in the 2016/17 draft Annual Business.

7.5 Loxton Town Beautification Plan

Changes as requested at the April meeting have been endorsed by Council and completed. An updated Beautification Plan has been attached with the agenda.

7.6 Jacaranda’s near Rotunda in East Terrace
The replacement of Jacarandas in East Terrace has been included as a potential project in the 2016/17 draft Annual Business Plan. At this stage it is likely that only 3-4 trees will be replaced and the remainder will be replaced in coming years.

*Recommendation:*
*That reports 7.1 to 7.6 be received.*

8. **Next meeting** Tuesday 2nd August 2016

9. **Closure**
District Council Of Loxton Waikerie

Minutes of the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee held on
Tuesday 5 April 2016 in the Loxton Council Office Chambers
commencing at 7.02am

1. **Present:** R Fielke (Chairperson), B Falcinella, M Vowles, T Shannon, K Spangenberg, Steve Emery, J Sylvia (Manager Parks & Gardens Development), T Tol (Director Infrastructure Services) and T Weston (Minute Secretary)

2. **Apologies:** J Williamson & D Kimber

3. **On leave** Nil

4. **Confirmation of minutes of the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 2 February & Wednesday 23 February 2016**

   S Emery moved B Falcinella Seconded that the minutes of the previous meetings held on Tuesday 2 February and Wednesday 23 February 2016 be taken as read and confirmed.

   CARRIED

5. **Business Arising**

   7.9 **Membership**

   R Fielke advised he has approached a community member to join the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee.

6. **Correspondence:** Nil

7. **Reports**

   7.1 **Paruna Road Entrance Wall**

   B Falcinella moved K Spangenberg seconded

   That the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee support the minute from the March 2016 Council meeting, that motion being,

   *That the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee recommend to council that the design of the Paruna Road Entrance Wall be similar to the current 'Welcome Wall' on the Kingston Road Entrance and that the Wall be no more than approximately 1.5m in height by 6.0m in length Noting that the original recommendation has been amended by:*

   - Replacing 'be a copy of' with 'be similar to'

   CARRIED
T Tol entered the meeting at 7.07am

M Vowles moved S Emery seconded

That the Paruna Road Entrance Wall lettering be steel fabrication in line with what is on the Loxton Wall at the top of East Terrace.  

CARRIED

7.2 Centenary Park Revegetation

J Sylvia provided a verbal update and advised work has been programmed.

7.3 Mill Corner Upgrade

M Vowles moved K Spangenberg seconded

That the Mill Corner Wetland Working Party liaise with the Loxton RSL Club and Peter Magarey regarding future development potential of the Mill Corner Upgrade and report back to the next Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee meeting.

CARRIED

T Shannon moved S Emery seconded

That the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee endorse the Concept Plan for the Mill Corner Project with the removal of the mounds adjacent the swale area and recommends that Council endorse the plan for consideration during the 2016/17 Annual Business Plan deliberations.

CARRIED

7.4 Loxton Town Beautification Plan

S Emery moved B Falcinella seconded

That the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee recommend to Council the following changes to the Loxton Town Beautification Plan;

- In lieu of previous recommendation to insert a risk assessment column that general commentary is inserted regarding methodology and risk assessment requirements for projects
• Changing terminology for the footbridge to boardwalk

• That the Loxton Town Beautification Plan align with Council’s Long Term Financial Plan

CARRIED

7.5 Street Tree Plantings
J Sylvia provided a verbal update on the outcome of the meeting held on 1 April 2016 on replacement of shade trees adjacent the Backpackers.

7.6 Jacaranda’s near Rotunda in East Terrace
B Falcinella moved K Spangenberg seconded
That the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee recommend to council that the Jacaranda Trees in East Terrace to be removed be replaced with Jacarandas and that this project be part of a long term replacement plan.

CARRIED

T Shannon moved S Emery seconded
That reports 7.1 to 7.6 be received

CARRIED

Walking Trail Sign
Removal of walking trail sign located on Bookpurnong Terrace adjacent the roundabout was discussed with the committee resolving that the sign remain in its current location.

8. Next Meeting Tuesday 7 June 2016

9. Closure 8.27am
DRAFT LOXTON TOWN BEAUTIFICATION PLAN
2015-2020

An initiative of the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee
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The Township of Loxton

Loxton is situated on the southern bank of the Murray River within the Riverland region and is only 240 kilometres east of Adelaide.

Known as the ‘Garden Town of the Riverland’, Loxton’s beautifully maintained gardens have been adapted to the changing climatic conditions and testament to its proud community.

The Loxton district boasts first class accommodation, a nationally recognised golf course, thriving retail and business centre, wine tasting, numerous festivals and events and a variety of nature based activities.

Loxton is the largest township within the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

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<td>Males</td>
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The Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee

The Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee is a Section 41 Committee of the District Council Loxton Waikerie. The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Council in relation to recreation grounds and facilities under the care control and management of Council within the Loxton township and general surrounds, specifically to:

- Provide recommendations to Council for their long term strategic management and development
- Undertake the development and coordination of identified community projects
- Provide a conduit to Council for the community

The Loxton Beautification Plan is an initiative of the Committee which aims assist the Committee fulfil its purpose as well as to assist the Council prioritise project and service delivery through its Annual Business Planning processes.

Scope of the Plan

This plan seeks to identify projects and activities that will improve the amenity and character of the Loxton Township, the boundary of the township being defined as the commencement of the 80 kilometre an hour speed zones at the entrances of the town. In particular the projects and activities are to be focused on streetscapes, parks and gardens, reserves and open space areas.

Background to the Plan

This Plan aims to ensure Council and the Committee capitalise on the many achievements already accomplished with regard to the amenity and character of Loxton. Some recent achievements of Council include:

- Improvements in stormwater management and effluent reuse that has drought proofed much of the town’s reserves, parks, gardens and ovals. The town is now in a much stronger position to maintain the amenity of its recreation grounds, parks and gardens if faced with water allocation issues or drought in the future.
• Improvements to Heritage Park and the township entrance from the west.
• The development of the heritage walking trail.
• Street tree planting.
• The development of East Terrace Revitalisation Concept Plans
• Sustainable landscaping and improvements to the amenity of the roundabout precinct
• Improved footpaths and crossovers to improve mobility access around the town.

In conjunction with the initiatives identified in this Plan, Council staff will continue to maintain the parks and gardens, ovals and reserves throughout the town by meeting the service levels set by the Council and will always aim to present the town in the best condition possible within the current resource and budgetary constraints. One of the challenges faced at present is the maintenance of the subsurface irrigation which has been installed as part of the stormwater management and water reuse scheme. Council will continue to seek to continuously improve its irrigation practices throughout the town, in particular its management of the subsurface irrigation.

Objectives of the Plan

The objectives of the plan align with the objectives of the Committee, and include:

1. Focus on walking, nature and cycling trails, such as the ‘Heritage Walk’ as a central, on-going theme unifying the river and northern mallee, with East Terrace’s development being the final link.
2. Long term vegetation management and planting strategies, including street trees.
3. Focus on water saving and drought management measures.
4. Encourage and foster the continued history of community involvement in the presentation of Loxton, including but not limited to the involvement of schools and other community based organisations in the development and ongoing management of identified areas.
5. Preparation and review of strategies to enhance the visual appearance of all entrances to Loxton.
6. Complement current major projects such as; Loxton Riverfront Development, East Terrace Revitalisation, Pioneer Park Playground, Loxton Sporting Precinct Masterplan and Mill Corner Upgrade.

Implementation Plan

It is noted that the majority of projects listed in the Implementation Plan will require a risk assessment, in particular for projects that will be reliant on volunteers and service clubs, to ensure all relevant work, health and safety requirements are met.

The following table includes the key projects and activities that have been identified by the Loxton Recreation Ground Committee, Council and the community that are priorities for the beautification of the township of Loxton.

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<th>Project</th>
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<td>Street Tree Planting Plan</td>
<td>Implement the street tree planting program (refer to Appendix 1 of this Plan)</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>Street tree waterers</td>
<td>On-going (subject to funding)</td>
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<td>Mill Corner Upgrade</td>
<td>Implement plans, earthworks, stormwater management, landscaping. Note: Plans currently being developed and should be completed during 2014/15</td>
<td>3</td>
<td></td>
<td>2015/16</td>
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<td>Centenary Park Revegetation</td>
<td>Revegetation and improved landscaping. This is a project whereby local schools and service clubs may wish to assist</td>
<td>2,4</td>
<td>Service Clubs, schools</td>
<td>2015/16</td>
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<td>Town Entrance Statements</td>
<td>Paruna Road Entrance Wall – the design of the wall shall be unique and complement the character and amenity of the township entrance (refer to Appendix 3 for a concept plan of the entrance wall) – Construction Drawings, Development Approval and Costings</td>
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<td>Eastern (Berri end) Entrance Wall – the design of the wall shall be unique and complement the character and amenity of the township entrance</td>
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<td>Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation</td>
<td>Implement Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation project (refer to Appendix 2 of this Plan)</td>
<td>2,5</td>
<td></td>
<td>2016/17</td>
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<td>Landscaping of Tobruk Terrace Dam</td>
<td>Tree planting and landscaping to improve the amenity of the dam.</td>
<td>2,5</td>
<td>Schools, Service Clubs</td>
<td>2016/17</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation of swamp/reeds at bottom of McMillan Street</td>
<td>Currently a project situated under stormwater management following a report to Council in October 2013 and an unsuccessful budget bid for the 2014/15 ABP. Extending the stormwater pipe, removing the reeds and replacing with landscaping will significantly improve the amenity of this location. Will complement the Loxton Riverfront project as well as the centenary Park revegetation and McMillan Street Projects.</td>
<td>2,6</td>
<td>Schools, Service Clubs</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation &amp; revegetation of western side of McMillan Street above the Loxton West Dam</td>
<td>Improve the amenity and appearance of the car parking area opposite the mens shed. This project will complement the rehabilitation of the swamp/reeds project and the centenary park revegetation project</td>
<td>2,6</td>
<td>Schools, Service Clubs</td>
<td>2020/21</td>
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<td>Upgrade boardwalk in riverfront wetlands</td>
<td>Boardwalks are subject to vandalism and also in need of improvement and replacement. May be subject to external funding.</td>
<td>1,6</td>
<td>Service Clubs, LAP</td>
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<td>Walking &amp; Cycling Trails</td>
<td>Identify opportunities around the town to link current safe walking and cycling areas.</td>
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<td>Service Clubs</td>
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Summary and Ongoing Review

The implementation of this Plan will rely on broader Council priorities, budget constraints and Annual Business Planning processes as well as the engagement of relevant community stakeholders such as local schools and service clubs.

The Plan will be reviewed each year by the Loxton Recreation Grounds Committee at their meeting in February to not only assess the implementation of the Plan but to also identify and ensure any emerging priorities or opportunities are inserted into the Plan for future consideration by Council. The outcomes of the review will be reported to Council.
Appendix 1 - Street Tree Planting Program

The Loxton Recreation Ground Committee has undertaken a street tree planting program for many years, supported by a volunteer group of street tree waterers. The following table indicates the proposed street tree planting program to be implemented for the duration of the Loxton Town Beautification Plan.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Paruna Road – Between railway line and Council depot on both sides of the road</td>
<td>This includes new street tree plantings</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>In accordance with Tree Management Policy</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Bookpurnong Road – Between Mill Corner and roundabout (as part of Bookpurnong Road Revitalisation Project – see below)</td>
<td>This include new infill trees as well as replacement of dying trees &amp; inappropriate species of trees</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>In accordance with Tree Management Policy</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Tobruk Terrace – between Council depot and roundabout</td>
<td>New infill trees</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>In accordance with Tree Management Policy</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Within the are bordered to Bookpurnong Road, Sophie Edington Drive, East Terrace and the river</td>
<td>New infill trees</td>
<td>Yet to be determined</td>
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Bookpurnong Road (Mill Corner to Roundabout) Revitalisation
It should be noted that street trees are proposed as part of the revitalisation of this precinct (refer to Implementation Plan for further details)

Tobruk Terrace Dam Landscaping
Landscaping and street tree planting is proposed as part of improving the amenity of the dam from view from Tobruk Terrace (refer to Implementation Plan for further details).

Bookpurnong Road, Sophie Edington Drive, East Terrace and River
The infill plantings in this section of Loxton are yet to be planned. The number of trees required and locations of infill planting will be identified and costings prepared to budget consideration prior to commencing this project.
Appendix 2 – Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation

The Bookpurnong Terrace Revitalisation Project, between the roundabout and Railway Terrace, includes the following:

Street Trees & Landscaping

South eastern side from Rail land to Loxton Recreation Centre
- Plant trees inside fence line (Council Land) & in Recreation Centre gardens (Cricket nets to main gate on footpath)
- No planting can occur within footpath as it is narrow in front of the Showgrounds and Recreation Centre & the Telstra Fibre Optic cable is laid in this footpath.
- Minimum of 500mm clearance needed between any planting and rear of kerbing to allow for kerb replacement if required.
- Tree’s to be planted in Root Directors.

North western side
- Kerb has been replaced & root barrier installed where there are existing trees.
- SA Water/Telstra issues in parts of this footpath.
- Minimum of 500mm clearance needed between any planting and rear of kerbing to allow for kerb replacement if required.
- Tree’s to be planted in Root Directors.

Overall, with regard to street tree planting,
- Consideration must be given to traffic sight lines when positioning trees in the footpaths, as these are One Way roads this will be in particularly from the oncoming traffic side.
- Trees to be interplanted with existing Claret Ash and Gawler Hybrid Bottle Brush
- Replanting of the shrubs in the medium strips to also be part of new plantings.

All underground infrastructure will need to be identified prior to commencing this project as it may have implications on the location and species of trees that will be allowed.
Appendix 3 – Paruna Road Entrance Wall Concept Design