



BUSINESS PAPER
EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL

To be held on

Wednesday, 11 January 2017

1:00pm

at

Walcha Council Chambers

Members:

Mayor – Councillor Eric Noakes
Deputy Mayor – Councillor Clint Lyon
Councillor Peter Blomfield
Councillor Kevin Ferrier
Councillor William Heazlett
Councillor Jennifer Kealey
Councillor Scott Kermode
Councillor Rachael Wellings

Quorum – 5 Members to be Present
WO/2017/0008

Submitted to Council: 11 January 2017

..... General Manager Mayor

AGENDA



Dear Mayor & Councillors

You are requested to attend the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Walcha Council to be held in the Council Chambers, Hamilton Street, Walcha on **Wednesday, 11 January 2017** commencing at **1:00pm**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jack O'Hara'.

Jack O'Hara
GENERAL MANAGER

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Present:

Apologies:

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Item 2:

Consideration
of Rescission
Motions

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Item: 2.1

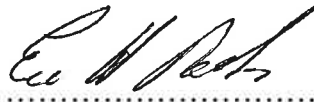
Ref: WO/2016/02111

Title: NOTICE OF RESCISSION MOTION

We the undersigned Councillors hereby request that Minute No.: 74/20162017 passed at 30 November 2016 Council Meeting be rescinded. The Minute read:

6.3 Rental of Walcha Squash Courts by Walcha Community Gym and Walcha Squash Club WO/2016/02556

74 **RESOLVED** on the Motion of Councillors Ferrier and Wellings that Council accept the offer of the Walcha Squash Club and Walcha Community Gym and set the rent at \$125 per week for the Squash Club and \$150 per week for the Community Gym and this be reviewed after three (3) years.


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Councillor Noakes


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Councillor Kealey


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Councillor Wellings

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Item 3:

Senior Officers'
Reports

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Item:	3.1	Ref: WO/2017/00006
Title:	Rental of the Walcha Squash Courts Premises	
Author:	General Manager	
Previous Items:	Yes	
Attachment:	November 2016 Report – WINT/16/2556	

Report:

Following the Notice of Rescission Motion on the Rental of the Walcha Squash Courts by Walcha Community Gym and Walcha Squash Club it is now proposed to adopt the original motion as per the report submitted to November 2016 Council Meeting. After discussing the various issues and operational costs the Report read:

“The Walcha Squash Club agreed in principle they could contribute \$125.00 per month towards rent, and the Walcha Community Fitness Club agreed in principle they could contribute \$150.00 per month towards rent, with no further costs to be incurred, taking into consideration both Clubs operate on a semi not-for-profit basis, contributing funds received back towards its members and the community through additional equipment and donations etc.”

A copy of the original report is attached for your information.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept the offer of the Walcha Squash Club and the Walcha Community Gym and set the rent at \$125 per month for the Walcha Squash Club and \$150 per month for the Walcha Community Gym and this be reviewed after three (3) years.

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November 2016 Council Meeting Report:

Item:	6.3	Ref: WINT/2016/02556
Title:	<i>Rental of Walcha Squash Courts by Walcha Community Gym and Walcha Squash Club</i>	
Author:	<i>Environmental Services Manager</i>	
Previous Items:	<i>WINT/2014/00767</i>	
Attachment:	<i>Nil</i>	

Introduction:

At the May 2014 Meeting of Council, a proposal was considered for local residents to start up a local community fitness studio at the Walcha Squash Courts, by becoming a registered incorporated club with insurance for up to 50 users through Guild Insurance, so long as the operation is conducted as a community facility, not a commercial operation. The applicants sought for Council to offer the space free of charge, until their purchase of equipment was paid off over two (2) years, with an affordable and acceptable rental fee to then be negotiated.

A meeting was held with committee members of the Walcha Squash Club Inc and the Walcha Community Fitness Club Inc to seek agreement for operating the Gym and Squash courts cooperatively and in conjunction with each other, as well as to discuss financial contributions towards the costs of operating and maintaining the Walcha and District Sports Centre (Squash Courts), 11N Middle Street, Walcha.

Report:

Items discussed included:

- 1. Available space*
- 2. Security / access*
- 3. Vandalism / repairs*
- 4. Sauna usage*
- 5. Operational costs / rent*

Some adjustments are able to be made up stairs, and consensus reached to allow enough room for both clubs to run in the Squash Courts.

There have been several incidents of vandalism within the squash courts, attributed to the current access code system to the key, and the availability and free distribution of the code. All in attendance at the meeting agreed the preferred option is to investigate a card access system subject to costings and approval of Council, as well as suitable casual card access for intermittent gym users. Environmental Services Manager will investigate.

It has been raised with Council that the sauna maybe being used by members accessing the gym, the sauna cannot be operated without a key; how a key may have been obtained is unknown. Action to be taken to request users cease use unless borrowing a key from the Council office and paying the associated hire charges being \$5.61 / hour for the first hour, and \$3.37 / hour thereafter.

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From a budget of \$86,630 for all sporting ground maintenance and sporting ground building maintenance, it is estimated that the Squash Courts cost Council approximately \$13,186 to run in 2015-16 inclusive of:

<i>Building Insurance:</i>	<i>\$2,625</i>
<i>Rates & Waste:</i>	<i>\$3,250</i>
<i>Water & Sewer:</i>	<i>\$1,031</i>
<i>Electricity:</i>	<i>\$1,777</i>
<i>Cleaning & Other Sundry:</i>	<i>\$2,503</i>
<i>Estimated R& M:</i>	<i><u>\$2,000</u></i>
	<i>\$13,186</i>

Whilst there is not a usage hire fee imposed on sporting clubs specifically, sporting organisations e.g. Walcha Rugby Union Football Club and Walcha Rugby League do contribute to the cost of ground upgrades and electricity for light usage etc.

The outdoor sporting grounds are utilised by a larger percentage of residents to the benefit and betterment of the wider community, for example John Oxley Sportsground holds some 330 touch football participants, and cricket players in summer; and inter-town soccer and junior rugby players in winter; as opposed to less than 80 people using the Squash Courts annually.

Contributing costs should be attributed to general wear and tear on sporting grounds as opposed to deterioration e.g. of up stairs flooring of Squash Courts due to damage from use not for its intended purpose.

It was discussed at the meeting that in light of this, Council would seek a rental agreement with the Walcha Squash Club Inc and the Walcha Community Fitness Club Inc for contribution towards operation and maintenance of the building.

The Walcha Squash Club agreed in principle they could contribute \$125.00 per month towards rent, and the Walcha Community Fitness Club agreed in principle they could contribute \$150.00 per month towards rent, with no further costs to be incurred, taking into consideration both Clubs operate on a semi not-for-profit basis, contributing funds received back towards its members and the community through additional equipment and donations etc.

An updated annual agreement will be prepared for signing outlining conditions of use.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council's consideration.



Item: 3.2 **Ref:** WO/2017/00005
Title: Request for Donation by the Walcha Community Radio Association
Author: General Manager
Previous Items: No
Attachment: No

Introduction:

Council have received a request from the President of the Walcha Community Radio Association for \$15,000 to assist them to begin transmission.

Report:

The Walcha Community Radio Association have applied for funding through the Community Building Partnerships Grant, the Creative Arts Council Grant and the Aboriginal Arts Council Grant, as well as two applications to the Community Grants for Project Establishment – NSW Grants Hub. Unfortunately they have had no success.

The Association has received small donations from four local families as well as a donation from the Walcha Musical Society. Currently they have a long term loan of a transmitter which has reduced their costs significantly however they still require \$15,000 to be able to begin transmission.

The Association currently has 40 members and they feel that the project, Community Radio, will be a success.

RECOMMENDATION:

For Council’s consideration.

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Item: 3.3 **Ref:** WO/2017/00004
Title: Adoption of Preschool Fees for 2017
Author: General Manager
Previous Items: November 2016 – Committee Reports Preschool Minutes
Attachment: No.

Introduction:

Under the Local Government Act 1993 Council is to public exhibit and then adopt any Fees and Charges it applies.

Report:

At the November 2016 meeting Council adopted a draft Preschool Fees for 2017 and placed it on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. No public submissions have been received. It is recommended the Preschool Fees for 2017 now be formally adopted by Council.

The Fees are:

- ◆ Transition Room Full Fee \$18.00
- ◆ Transition Room ATSI \$ 5.00
- ◆ Transition Room HCC \$ 5.00
- ◆ Preschool Room ATSI \$ 5.00
- ◆ Preschool Room HCC \$ 5.00
- ◆ Preschool Room (unfunded) \$30.00
- ◆ Extended Hours 8.00am to 8.30am \$ 5.00
- ◆ Extended Hours 4.00pm to 5.00pm \$10.00
- ◆ Enrolment fee (once per year) \$25.00
- ◆ The library fee and the fund raising fees have been removed.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council ADOPT the 2017 Preschool Fees as advertised.

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Item: 3.4 **Ref:** WO/2017/00009
Title: McHattan Park Playground Equipment Upgrade – 2016
Community Building Partnership Program
Author: General Manager
Previous Items:
Attachment:

Introduction:

In July 2016 Council applied for a NSW Government Community Building Partnership (CBP) Program grant to upgrade the playground equipment at McHattan Park. Council was advised late December that we were unsuccessful.

Report:

The total cost of the upgrade of the playground equipment was in the vicinity of \$80,000. Council made provisions in the budget for \$40,000 – half of the cost. It is now proposed to fully fund the upgrade, taking \$40,000 from the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Fund.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council allocate the additional \$40,000 from the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Fund to complete the McHattan Park Playground Equipment Upgrade Project.

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