

9.4.5 DANDARAGAN RECREATION PRECINCT DISCUSSION PAPER, WORKING GROUP & TERMS OF REFERENCE

Location:	N/A
Applicant:	Shire of Dandaragan
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PROPOSAL

The purpose of this item is for Council to endorse a discussion paper and establish a working group and terms of reference to guide the preparation of the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Masterplan.

BACKGROUND

In the 2024/25 financial year, Council has planned for the preparation of a Master Plan for the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct. This area encompasses the following assets:

1. Dandaragan Community Centre (DCC)
2. Dandaragan Community Recreation Club (DCRC)

A number of community and sporting groups access and use these facilities and the area surrounding the oval is also utilised as a transit park providing a number of caravan bays and powered sites.

The current condition of each asset varies depending on its establishment date and it is recognised that a number of identified refurbishments should be planned to reflect community needs and priorities which may include asset expansion or consolidation. The Shire's Sport and Recreation Plan discusses the current condition of these assets and identifies a range of potential changes which are best resolved through a more detailed master-planning process.

A discussion paper has been prepared to facilitate public consultation and the master-planning process and it is also recommended that Council establish a working group to ensure effective community representation is built into the project.

COMMENT

In progressing the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct master plan, Officers note the benefit of including the community throughout the needs assessment and design development stages. Establishment of a project working group would provide insight from local users informed by a diverse range of views and opinions from a broad cross-section of the community. This would reduce the risk of the project's built from design being inconsistent with community values and producing negative community feedback.

This level of community participation in the project will highlight the Shire's commitment to meaningful engagement with the community

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on issues affecting the public, and on local issues that significantly impact on the community. Public participation and engagement is the foundation of good decision-making, and is mutually beneficial to the community and Council.

Due to the projects' high level of local impact on the community, a working group will ensure that development of the masterplan for the Recreation Precinct is representative of the community's values, whilst aligning with the key objective of providing a platform where community representatives provide advice, views and information to Council on matters relating to the development of the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Masterplan.

The Terms of Reference for the working group will set out the operating guidelines for the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group including the purpose, structure and responsibilities of the group's members. It is recommended that Council select two Councillors to act as Council's primary representative and a Chair of the working group. An Expression of Interest for the nomination of members will be advertised and key stakeholders will be targeted to ensure a representative body is formed.

CONSULTATION

The Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group will be a primary source of community consultation to guide the master-planning process.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications relevant to this item.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Establishment of the Working Group aligns with Policy 5.2 – Community Engagement - Strategy 5: Collaborate. This strategy involves partnering with the public in each aspect of the decision, including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in relation to this item.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Community Plan - Envision 2029

01 Infrastructure	The Shire will sustain a dynamic infrastructure network responsive to usage demand that attracts and retains residents and businesses.
Priority Outcomes	Our Role
Our communities contain vibrant, activated public open space and buildings with high levels of utilisation and functionality.	To manage and facilitate community assets that are flexible, vibrant adaptable and enjoyable places to occupy employing the principles of placemaking and design thinking.

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	Increase activation of our public open space and buildings rather than increasing quantity without a demonstrated need.
A Shire built on the strengths of community spirit and resilient, connected communities.	Recognise and support the value of our community volunteers and provide meaningful opportunities to contribute to Shire projects and improve local living.

ATTACHMENTS

Circulated with the agenda is the following item relevant to this report:

- Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group Terms of Reference (Doc Id: SODR-1272937250-1712)
- Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Discussion Paper (Doc Id: SODR-1272937250-1710)

(Marked 9.4.5)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Clarke

That Council Suspend Clauses 8.8 And 10.5 of the Shire of Dandaragan Local Government (Council Meetings) Local Law 2019 to enable open discussion on item 9.4.5.

CARRIED 6 / 0

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Gibson, Cr Clarke,
Cr Glasfurd, Cr Young, Cr Lethlean**

AGAINST: Nil

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Glasfurd, seconded Cr Young

That Council Reinstate Clauses 8.8 And 10.5 of the Shire of Dandaragan Local Government (Council Meetings) Local Law 2019.

CARRIED 6 / 0

**FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Gibson, Cr Clarke,
Cr Glasfurd, Cr Young, Cr Lethlean**

AGAINST: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr Young, seconded Cr Gibson

That Council:

1. Endorse the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group Terms of Reference as indicated in the attachments (Doc Id: SODR-1272937250-1712).
2. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to call for community member nominations for the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Working Group.
3. Appoint Councillor Glasfurd as the Chair of the Working Group.
4. Appoint Councillor Lethlean as the second Council representative for the Working Group.
5. Endorse the Dandaragan Recreation Precinct Discussion Paper (Doc Id: SODR-1272937250-1710) to be circulated to the community forming part of the consultation process.

CARRIED 6 / 0

FOR: Cr O'Gorman, Cr Gibson, Cr Clarke,
Cr Glasfurd, Cr Young, Cr Lethlean

AGAINST: Nil