

Section: MOTION ON NOTICE 24 February 2009

Item: 10.007/09 TREELANDS DRIVE COMMUNITY CENTRE – PROPOSED EXTENSIONS

SUMMARY

I propose that the following report and notice of motion be adopted by Council.

PROPOSED MOTION

That Council bring forward the planning of proposed Treelands Drive Community Centre

extensions in order to be in a position to submit the project for funding at the appropriate time.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION - 10.007/09

(Crs Comben/Hughes)

That:

Council bring forward the planning of proposed Treelands Drive Community Centre extensions in order to be in a position to submit the project for funding at the appropriate time.

Voting recorded as follows:

For: Councillors Williamson, Comben, Dinham, Howe, Hughes, McKenna, Simmons, Tiley, Toms

Against: Nil

BACKGROUND

In February 2007 Council gave support to a feasibility study into proposed extensions to

the Treelands Drive Community Centre, (TDCC) Yamba and agreed to provide \$5,000

for architect fees.

In February 2008 a further report to Council stated that:- quote “extending the TDCC enhances its capacity and availability to the community. There is currently a short-fall in

available space in Yamba for use by community members, government agencies and community groups.

The proposed extensions would also create a low-cost function centre for local fundraising charities, weddings and conferences. Richard van Dorp Architects was engaged to prepare a draft floor plan, a 3D graphic of the design and cost estimates of the extensions in two distinct and operationally viable stages of construction.

Stage one of the extensions would result in a new activities room (8 x 9 metres), two new offices (4 x 4 metres each), a store room (4 x 5 metres), additional toilet facilities and a large dual purpose kitchen to suit both Meals on Wheels operations and function centre requirements (approx. 8 x 8 metres). The indicative cost of Stage One is \$600,000.

Stage Two of the extension would result in a large function room (approx. 17 x 17 metres, seating up to 220 people), toilet facilities, a store room, a small stage, a foyer area and a porte-cochere. The indicative cost of Stage Two is \$930,000”. End report quotation.

In February 2008 the Council determined that:- “The report on the feasibility of the extensions to Treelands Drive Community Centre be noted including the proposed timeframe for progressing that work within the overall 10-year forward plans. Both stages

of the proposed extensions will be reviewed in the context of the Cultural Facilities

Strategic Plan and therefore Stage 1 is scheduled for 2010/11 and Stage 2 is scheduled for 2012/13”.

ISSUES

It was very evident, for example at the recent 2008 LCACA Arts Spectacular, that the present Treelands Drive community centre was barely adequate in terms of space for that event. Given that Regional Development Australia Boards are being established and

that infrastructure funding for major capital projects will probably continue to be available

from the Federal government in the future, it is in my view prudent and appropriate for

Clarence Valley Council to now bring forward the planning of proposed extensions and to

be in a position to submit this (and other) projects for funding at the appropriate time.

The recent short time frame for considering how to allocate the Federal grant of \$1.406

million demonstrates that Council needs to have planning in place for this and other desired projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are budgetary implications in securing building plans, processing a development

application and being in a position to call for Expressions of Interest and tenders for the

extensions supported by Council in February 2008.

Council staff should advise Council of the extent of such costs in conjunction with consideration of this Notice of Motion.

Councillor Ian Tiley

Date: 21st December 2008