

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 7
OCTOBER 2014 AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Cr K Busby	(Chair)
Cr M S Northcott	
Cr G A Best	
Cr R Butterfield	
Cr C Frost	
Cr J A Stewart	
Cr G Nixon	(Deputy for Cr Wielinga)

APOLOGIES: Cr C Wielinga (Leave of Absence)

OBSERVERS: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ms Y Loveland	- Executive Director Community Services
Mr N Kegie	- Executive Manager Community Services
Mr B Watkins	- Manager Ranger & Heritage Services
Mr C Linnell	- Manager Community Facilities Planning
Mr N Hall	- Community Emergency Services Coordinator
Ms K Charles	- Manager Community Development
Ms J Clarke	- Indigenous Development Coordinator
Ms S Gasior	- Minute Secretary

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMEND

Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 2 September 2014 be confirmed.

MOVED Cr M Northcott

MOTION CARRIED 7 /0

ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN

- **Outstanding Matters & Information Items**
Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee
- **Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports**
Community Planning
Community Development Report –September 2014
Leisure Services Report –August 2014
Manager Library & Heritage Services Monthly Report – August 2014
Manager Ranger & Emergency Services Monthly Report – August 2014
Tourism/Events & Visitor Centre Monthly Report – August 2014
- **Notes / Minutes from Committees and Groups**
Positive Ageing Group

No items were raised for further investigation or report.

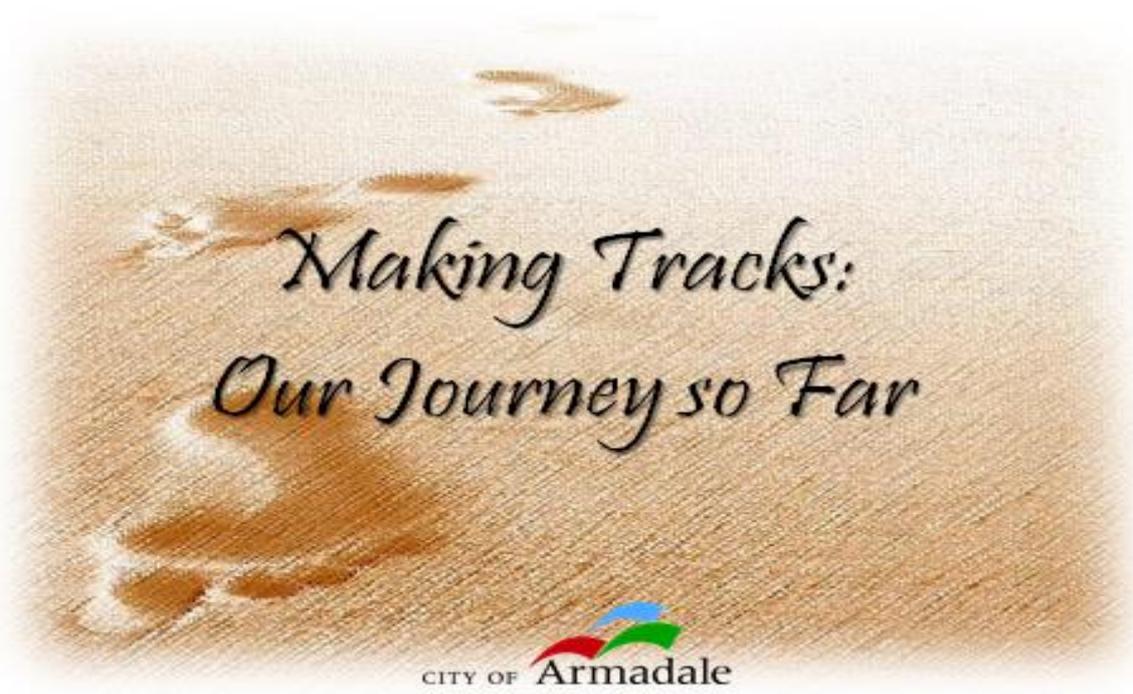
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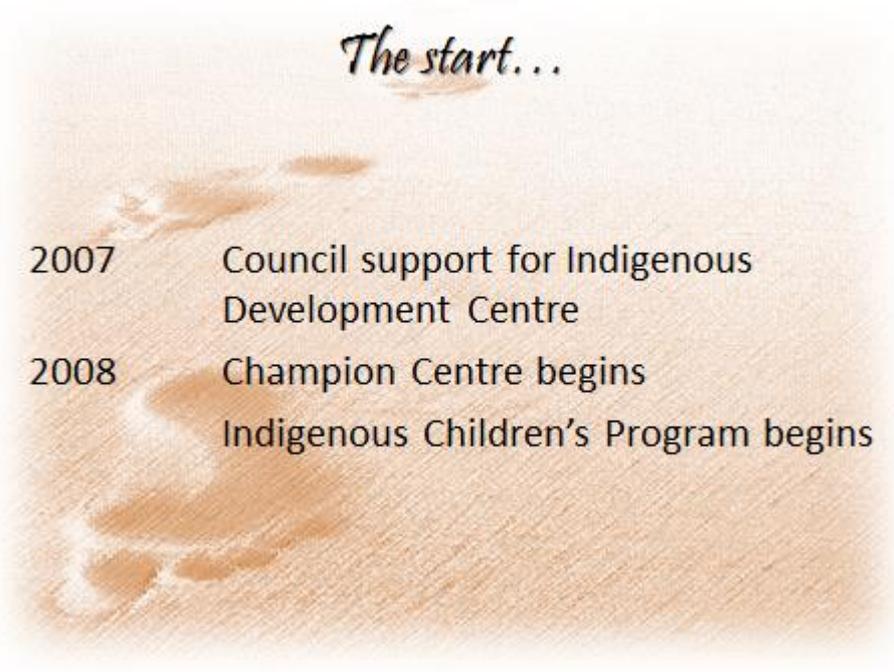
1.1 - INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT - UPDATE



*Making Tracks:
Our Journey so Far*



The start...

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- 2007 Council support for Indigenous Development Centre
 - 2008 Champion Centre begins
Indigenous Children's Program begins

The Champion Centre

Purpose is to provide a culturally appropriate setting for the provision of services and programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Who we Are



The Champion Centre is a gathering place for Aboriginal people, and for agencies working with Aboriginal families and communities

The Now...



Residents



Save the Children
Australia

Hotdeskers

Who's hot desking at the Champion Centre?



Programs



The future ...



The way we work

- Hope
- Full stomach
- Blankets
- Care
- Laughter
- Breather
- Listen & hear
- Protection
- Advocacy
- Treated like a person
- Empathy
- Sympathy







Committee Discussion

On behalf of Committee, Cr G Best expressed his appreciation and thanks to those officers involved with the Champion Centre and reiterated how the Champion Centre programs are held in high regards with the Indigenous community

2.1 - DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND GRANTS

WARD : ALL
FILE No. : M/698/14
DATE : 12 September 2014
REF : GG
RESPONSIBLE : Executive Director
MANAGER : Community Services

In Brief:

- This report is to advise Council of the City's request for grant funding for the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities grant for the 2014-2017 Triennium.
- Recommend that Council note the report.

Tabled Items

1. Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

- 1.1 Services that support community growth and development
 - 1.1.1 Ensure social and cultural needs are considered in planning new residential developments
 - 1.1.2 Support and strengthen community groups, organisations and volunteer services
- 1.2.5 Ensure Councils services and facilities are accessible
- 1.5 Sport, recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to community health and wellbeing
 - 1.5.1 Provide, and promote Council sport, recreation and leisure facilities
- 2.4 Attractive and user friendly streetscapes and open space
 - 2.4.1 Implement townscape, streetscape and parkland improvements to enhance the distinctive character of the City
 - 2.4.2 Maintain and improve where required, the quality, amenity and accessibility of open spaces
- 2.6 Council buildings and facilities that meet community needs
- 2.7 Assets and infrastructure managed over the long term to meet current and future needs

Legislation Implications

Any works associated with the project would need to be carried out in accordance with the Building Code of Australia and any other relevant legislation and/or Australian Standard.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

RECN 1 – Lighting on Sporting Reserves
ENG 13 – Asset Management Vision

Budget/Financial Implications

The Harrisdale East facility and Piara Waters South facility are included in the City's Corporate Business Plan 2014 – 2019 and the North Forrestdale Developer Contribution Plan. The Harrisdale East facility is in the current budget and the Piara Waters South facility is identified in the Corporate Business Plan for capital works beginning in 2016.

Consultation

1. MANEX
2. North Forrestdale Planning Steering Group
3. Asset & Services Group
4. Community, Development and Technical Services staff
5. Department of Sport and Recreation

BACKGROUND

The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) implements the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF). The purpose of the program is to provide Western Australian Government financial assistance to community groups and local government authorities to develop basic infrastructure for sport and recreation. The program aims to increase participation in sport and recreation, with an emphasis on physical activity, through rational development of sustainable, good quality, well-designed and well-utilised facilities.

There are three types of CSRFF funding;

Small Grants (\$2,500 - \$50,000). Small Grants are called for twice a year and projects are generally minor in nature (e.g. upgrade cricket nets, court resurfacing etc) and also include various related planning studies.

Annual Grants (\$150,000 - \$500,000). Annual Grants are allocated to projects with a planning and construction process that will be complete within 12 months. Projects are of a higher order than typical Small Grant projects (e.g. upgrades to buildings, large lighting projects)

Forward Planning Grants (\$500,000 plus). Forward Planning Grants are allocated to large scale projects where the total project cost exceeds \$500,000 and may require an implementation period of between one and three years. Grants given in this category may be allocated in one or a combination of the years in the triennium.

Each year the DSR invites funding applications for capital works projects under the Annual Grants and Forward Planning Grants of the CSRFF.

The types of projects eligible for funding include:

- Modifications and additions to existing facilities to increase opportunities for participation.
- Upgrading of existing facilities to better suit current and future needs.
- Construction of new sport and recreation facilities.

Funding is generally available for up to one third of the cost of eligible projects (maximum grant is \$4 million), with the remaining funds to be provided by the Local Government and/or the club or community group.

There were no community group applications received this year. This report advises on the City grant applications for CSRFF funding.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

Details of the two projects are as follows;

Harrisdale East Community and Sporting Facility

All of the research undertaken as part of the Active Sporting Reserves Needs Assessment study and the Community Infrastructure Plan supports the need for the proposed new community and sporting facility at Harrisdale. The new facility will be centrally located on a major transport route (Skeet Road) and is well placed to meet the long term sporting and recreational needs of Piara Waters and Harrisdale residents. Significant discussion with the Department of Education has occurred to develop concept plans and ongoing development of a shared use agreement.

The Harrisdale East facility will consist of a centrally located multi-functional pavilion with one senior sized playing field on City land, with access to a senior and junior sized playing field on adjacent High School and Primary Schools, under a shared use arrangement with the Department of Education. The pavilion building facilities include change rooms, storage, meeting rooms, first aid, umpire rooms, function room, community use room, kitchen and associated infrastructure.

The CSRFF application is seeking \$1 million towards the multi-use pavilion. In previous CSRFF applications such as Frye Park and Piara Waters North, the City has approached the grant funding in two stages; stage 1 being the playing field construction and stage 2 being the associated pavilion building construction and has previously applied for \$500,000 for each stage (total \$1 million). In the case of the Harrisdale East project, preliminary site works for the playing field is already underway which cannot be funded through the CSRFF grant program. As such, the City is consolidating the stage approach and is applying for \$1 million for "stage 2" pavilion works. The expected timing of the pavilion is for works starting June 2015 with completion in May 2016.

Piara Waters South Community and Sporting Facility

The Piara Waters South facility was also identified in the Active Sporting Reserves Needs Assessment study, Community Infrastructure Plan and supports the need for active open space in the rapidly growing areas of Piara Waters and Harrisdale. The Piara Waters South facility is located within the North Forrestdale Structure Plan (South) – Lot 45 Wright Road, Piara Waters and includes a 3.5ha Primary School site and a 2.9ha area of public open space adjoining the school site to the north.

The site is located in the developing residential estate of Hammond Park, in the suburb of Piara Waters. Residential development is progressing rapidly and it is expected that residential lots surrounding the facility to be completed at the end of 2016. As such, the City is to develop the first stage of the Piara Waters South facility to provide active open space for sport and other recreation for the community. Stage 2 consists of the associated pavilion

facility, to be undertaken 2017/2018. Piara Waters South is a typical approach for two stage funding similar to the Frye Park and Piara Waters North development, with stage 1 consisting of the playing field and infrastructure and stage 2 being the construction of the associated pavilion. The City is applying for a CSRFF grant application of \$500,000 for stage 1 (playing field and associated infrastructure).

The total CSRFF grant application for the 2014-2017 triennium is \$1.5 million.

COMMENT

ANALYSIS

The DSR, which coordinates the CSRFF, is an important partner both in the development of new facilities in the City's growth areas and in the revitalisation of ageing and out-dated facilities in the City's established areas. With the significant growth that the City can expect over the next 20 years, and the need for ongoing support in the funding of new and redeveloped facilities it is important that the City takes a strategic view of the relationship with the DSR. Accordingly, there is a regular dialogue between the City and the DSR to ensure there is an awareness of the City's long term plans and where the DSR is going to be requested to support facility development in the short, medium and long term. City officers brief DSR officers, for example at least once a year to discuss specific projects for which funding is to be sought as well as providing an overview of projects envisaged over the next 15 – 20 years.

Both the facilities have been identified by extensive analysis and studies relating to the provision of active open space and associated community and sporting facilities in the growth areas of Piara Waters and Harrisdale. These facilities are two of the nine senior sized playing fields identified to serve the current and future community. Both facilities are included in the North Forrestdale Developer Contribution Scheme, Community Infrastructure Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

OPTIONS

The Council has the following options;

1. Note the City's request for grant funding for the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities grant for the 2014-2017 Triennium.
2. Not note City's request for grant funding for the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities grant for the 2014-2017 Triennium.

Option 1 is the preferred option.

CONCLUSION

The Harrisdale East and Piara Waters South facilities will serve the sporting, recreation and community needs of these rapidly growing suburbs and surrounds. The Harrisdale High School is in detailed design stage, with preliminary earthworks currently being undertaken across the high school and City's open space sites (high school scheduled to open in 2017). The Harrisdale Primary School is also under detailed design and is scheduled to open in 2016. The City has been working with the Department of Education to facilitate the coordination of the shared use sites, resulting in the provision of these important community and sporting facilities.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

C42/10/14 RECOMMEND

That Council:

- 1. Note the City's request for grant funding for the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sport and Recreation Facilities grant for the 2014-2017 Triennium.**

**Moved Cr C Frost
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)**

3.1 - CHIEF BUSHFIRE CONTROL OFFICER

WARD : ALL
FILE No. : M/721/14
DATE : 24 September 2014
REF : BW
RESPONSIBLE : Executive Director
MANAGER : Community Services

In Brief:

- To appoint the Community Emergency Services Coordinator (CESC) Mr. Nathan John Hall, Chief Bush Fire Control Officer pursuant to Section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

1.6.1 Supporting the community in emergency and fire management planning, response and recovery

Legislation Implications

Bush Fires Act 1954 – Section 38 (1)

A local government may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its bush fire control officers under and for the purposes of this Act, and of those officers shall appoint 2 as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who shall be first and second in seniority of those officers, and subject thereto may determine the respective seniority of the other bush fire control officers appointed by it.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

1. Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)
2. Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades (VBFB)

BACKGROUND

On Monday 28 July 2014 Mr N Hall commenced duties with the City of Armadale as the Community Emergency Services Coordinator (CESC) under a jointly funded arrangement

between the City of Armadale (COA) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)

In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding MOU between the COA and DFES it is proposed that the CESC will be required to perform operational emergency management duties as required and will be elevated to the position of Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO) by the City, prior to the 2014/15 southern bush fire season.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The proposition of this report is for Council to appointment Mr. Nathan John Hall as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO) pursuant to the provisions of Section 38 (1) of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

COMMENTS

The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer (CBFCO) is the most senior Fire Control Officer (FCO) appointed by a Local Government Authority (LGA). The powers and responsibilities conferred on the CBFCO are derived from the Bush Fires Act and Regulations, he is to be experienced in fire suppression and is responsible for tactical decisions which may involve life and property and have wide powers when involved in firefighting.

Being the most senior member of a LGA bush fire organisation, the CBFCO may take overall charge of fire fighting in his/her LGA district, he is also expected to assume the role of leader, guide and mentor to more junior Bush Fire Control Officers and the bush fire organization generally.

The CBFCO must enjoy the confidence of the LGA and have adequate authority (or access to it) to use Council resources and/or funds when fires may warrant such action. The choice of CBFCO is an important decision which properly lies with Council and is subject to the LGA direction, control and possible limitation of powers conferred by the Bush Fires Act

Other duties of the CBFCO include—

- monitor Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades (VBFB's) resourcing, equipment (including protective clothing) and training levels;
- liaising with the LGA concerning fire prevention/suppression matters generally;
- ensuring that VBFB's are registered with the LGA and that lists of brigade members is maintained.

The role of CBFCO is currently supported by two (2) Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers (DCBFCO) namely; Mr. M Plowman, from the Roleystone VBFB, and Mr. G Fancote from the Bedforddale VBFB, both these officers have maintained a good working knowledge of Bush Fire Legislation, as it relates to powers of Bush Fire Control Officer, and a comprehensive knowledge of fire suppression techniques gained by experience from the grassroots upwards.

The DCBFCO's have a clear understanding of their role and their relationship to Council, and in the absence of the CBFCO they will, by mutual agreement, assume the duties of the CBFCO

The appointment of the CESC as CBFCO is timely in order to assist in the impending Local Government Reform Process, which will establish new capabilities and provide the means to maintain existing service delivery, and implement a staff/volunteer change process to ensure all staff/volunteers are appreciated, respected and embraced into the new local government entity by the 1 July 2015.

SUMMARY

Nathan John Hall has the required knowledge, skills qualifications and accreditation for appointment to the position of CBFCO, and it is herein recommended that Council appoint him as CBFCO. The appointment is consistent with his position role description and will serve to facilitate and assist in the orderly business and performance of Fire Emergency Services.

It is further proposed that all previous appointments as CBFCO be cancelled. In doing so, it should be acknowledged that Brian Watkins, Manager Ranger and Emergency Services who has held the role for a substantial number of years has served the City and its residents in an exceptional manner. He has made a significant contribution to the excellent and professional relationships that have been established and maintained with volunteers and external agencies related to emergency management. His position of Manager Ranger and Emergency Services will have the oversight of the Community Emergency Services Co-ordinator which will ensure that the City will maintain and build on the high standard for which it enjoys a good reputation.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

C43/10/14 RECOMMEND

That Council:

- 1. Appoint Nathan John Hall as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the City of Armadale, in accordance with section 38 of the Bush Fire Act 1954.**
- 2. Cancel all previous appointments as Chief Bushfire Control Officer.**

**Moved Cr G Nixon
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)**

3.2 - NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE PROGRAM

WARD : ALL
FILE No. : M/724/14
DATE : 26 September 2014
REF : NH
RESPONSIBLE : Executive Director
MANAGER : Community Services

In Brief:

This item presents a proposed grant submission to the Natural Disaster Resilience Program for a project that will assist in improving the community's awareness of and preparedness for bushfires.

- Recommend that Council support the submission of a grant application for \$45,350 to the Natural Disaster Resilience Program for the Bushfire Danger Rating System project.
and,
- Refers for consideration the matching dollar for dollar amount of \$22,675 for the project in the 2015/16 budget if the grant application is successful

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

1.6.1 – Support the community in emergency and fire management planning, response and recovery.

1.6.3 – Promote and support planning and activities that encourage a safe and responsible community.

1.6.5 – Consider opportunities for partnership projects with other agencies that enhance community amenity.

Legislation Implications

Nil.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

ENG 13: Asset Management Vision

Budget/Financial Implications

The Natural Disaster Resilience Program (NDRP) Grants are offered on a matched dollar for dollar funding basis. The City's grant application is for \$45,350. If successful, the City will need to allocate \$22,675 in its 2015/2016 budget for the implementation of the Bushfire Danger Rating System project. This includes the cost of purchasing and installing three (3) Automated Fire Danger Rating signs.

As part of the grant submission, funding has been allocated to cover the ongoing monthly service fee of the VMS Web Studio for the first 5 years at \$726/year. At the end of this 5 year period ongoing funding will need to be sort from the annual Council budget.

Consultation

Consultation has been undertaken with the following officers and bushfire brigades;

- City of Armadale, Manager Ranger and Emergency Services
- City of Wanneroo, Senior Emergency Management & Community Safety Officer
- Roleystone Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade
- Bedfordale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade

BACKGROUND

In 2009-10 the Commonwealth Government entered a National Partnership Agreement with State and Territory Governments to provide funding for projects that enhance Australian communities' resilience to natural disasters. The competitive program offers grants from \$10,000 - \$250,000 (GST exclusive) on a matched dollar for dollar funding basis. A major focus of the program is to improve natural disaster resilience works, measures and related activities that will contribute to safer, more sustainable communities that are better able to withstand the effects of natural disasters.

The City of Armadale has three (3) Fire Danger Rating Signs which are utilised to inform the community of the current fire danger rating, based on the forecast weather conditions. The signs also provide advice on the bushfire threat level on a particular day. These signs are located over an area of over 500 square kilometres which includes the suburbs of Bedfordale, Wungong, Ashendon, Mount Nasura, Mount Richon, Karragullen, Lesley, Kelmscott and Roleystone which are amongst some of the major bushfire risk areas within the state of Western Australia as they are situated along the Darling Scarp.

As such it has been identified that through the support of Council and the NDRP, that funding could be sort to purchase, install and maintain three (3) additional Automated Fire Danger Rating Signs and conduct a community education program on the Fire Danger Rating System to assist in alerting the community to the current fire danger risk on any given day.

PROPOSAL

This report proposes that Council supports the Bushfire Danger Rating System project which is aimed at further promoting awareness of bushfires within the community by submitting a grant application with the NDRP, which will enable the purchase of three (3) Automated Fire Danger Rating signs, liaise with key stakeholders to undertake a thorough examination of prominent locations to install these new signs and the potential need, should it be required, to relocated the existing three (3) manual Fire Danger Rating Signs and most importantly undertake a community education campaign with the City's volunteer fire services and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to inform the community of the importance and relevance of the Fire Danger Rating system.

COMMENT

The Bushfire Danger Rating System project seeks to improve the local community's knowledge and understanding of the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) system to enable them to make an informed decision as to the level of bushfire risk they may face on a daily basis during the fire season. This will allow the community to be better prepared to act should a

bushfire occur and as a result improve their resilience to a bushfire event and reduce the likelihood of people losing their property or lives.

The 2008 City of Armadale Emergency Risk Register identified that bushfire was the most likely event to occur and cause significant damage. This was unfortunately the case in 2011 when the City of Armadale faced one of the most devastating and traumatic bushfires seen within the Perth metropolitan area which resulted in 72 homes being either destroyed or severely damaged. As a result of the bushfire the Perth Hills Bushfire Enquiry was commissioned and conducted by Mr Mick Keelty APM AO. The inquiry had regard to all aspects of bushfire risk management in the Perth hills area with specific reference to areas such as community education. Mr Keelty identified the importance of “The adequacy and effectiveness of information and communication campaigns and mechanisms, including systems for alerting residents in relation to the fire or potential fires”.

The report also delivered several key messages in relation to community education and engagement such as;

“Better community education is particularly important given the projected increase in population in the Perth Hills area, many of whom will have little understanding or knowledge of bushfire risk and the importance of preparing their properties” and,

“While accepting that detailed information is available, the Special Inquiry found a lack of understanding or awareness in the community which suggests more needs to be done to ensure the message actually gets through and prompts action by landowners”.

As such it is understood that providing the community with relevant and timely information in relation to the FDR system is critical to enable the community to be better prepared to act should a bushfire occur and as a result improve their resilience to that bushfire event.

The National Strategy for Disaster Resilience companion booklet further supports the need for better community education in that it states that;

“One of the ways to promote disaster resilience is through consistent messaging to the community” and, “Empowering individuals and communities with knowledge and responsibility for their own actions, is fundamental to building disaster resilience. With knowledge and appropriate skills, individuals and communities are better equipped to be self-reliant, and take responsibility for the risks with which they live”.

The Automated Fire Danger Rating signs use high visibility LED indicators, an LED message sign for notifications, combined with GPRS communication and a web base interface to remotely send information, virtually instantly to a sign or a network of signs. The Automated Fire Danger Rating signs have been extensively utilised in the state of Victoria and the City of Wanneroo, with positive feedback being received from the local communities.

Furthermore it has been identified that there are several other foreseeable benefits for the City of Armadale by undertaking this project which includes;

1. The ability to notify the local community of additional bushfire messages such a Total Fire Bans in a timely and efficient manner through the use of the LED message sign panel on the FDR signs.
2. Reduce the risk to Rangers and Volunteer Fire Fighters in high traffic areas as the signs can be remotely updated.

3. Lower reliance of the community on emergency and welfare services due to a higher level of preparedness by the community for a bushfire event.
4. Reduced workload on volunteers and employees in updating signs (reviewing the location of existing manual Fire Danger Rating Signs).

CONCLUSION

The NDRP provides an exceptional opportunity for the City of Armadale to access matching grant funding and undertake a community education program for a project that will greatly assist the community in being better preparing for bushfires by providing a understanding of the FDR system and a quick and efficient means of notifying the community of the level of bushfire risk they may face.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

C44/10/14 RECOMMEND

That Council:

- 1. Support the submission of a grant application for \$45,350 to the Natural Disaster Resilience Program for the Bushfire Danger Rating System project.**
- 2. Refers for consideration the matching dollar for dollar amount of \$22,675 for the project in the 2015/16 budget if the grant application is successful.**

**Moved Cr M S Northcott
MOTION CARRIED (7/0)**

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

4.1 Highland Gathering Acknowledgement (Cr Jim Stewart)

Cr J Stewart wished to have it recorded that appreciation and congratulations be communicated to those officers (Events Team) involved with the recent Perth Kilt Run and Highland Gathering as a very successful event.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

5.1 World War 1 - Commemoration

To commemorate the centenary of World War 1, the City has a number of activities and events being planned. Events for which grants have been made will take place regardless of the success of the grant applications though to a lesser degree. The local RSL will be invited to attend all functions related to the WW1 Centenary.

1. History House Museum will be staging three temporary exhibitions during the period. A grant request via Don Randall's office for funding through the Anzac Centenary Local Grants program is pending. The exhibitions working titles and dates are:
 - Life in the City of Armadale during WW1 – April 25 to November 2015
 - The Political Cartoons of Ben Strange during WW1 – April 25 to June 2016
 - The Soldiers Return – April 25 to November 2018
2. A commemorative theatrical is being planned for Friday 15 May at the Roleystone Theatre based on a novel by Linda Bettenay. It will be a joint production with the Library and Heritage Service. A grant application has been made to the Anzac Community Arts and Culture Fund - Public Grants. The performance was described in the grant application as:

'Two Hundred and Fifty Sunsets' is an extract from 'Wishes For Starlight' a fiction novel by WA author Linda Bettenay. This chapter features two Anzac soldiers reflecting on their experiences in Gallipoli on the final withdrawal of the Australian troops from the Dardanelles. Their conversations touch on their worst moments, their future, the landing and writing the 'letters of bereavement'. It features haunting live original music performed by Kim Bettenay.
3. Research is being undertaken by Linton Reynolds based on the three diaries of Pte Claude Marsh an 18 year old farm labourer from Armadale who enlisted for the war on 13 April 1916. This is currently a draft booklet of some 50 A4 pages that will be printed in-house and will become one of a suite of Birtwistle Local Studies Library booklets. Further research into some of the battles of the war

that took the lives of a significant number of local men is proposed. A talk in the library related to the research will be given by Mr Reynolds on the afternoon of Saturday 22 November.

4. The RSL is working through Don Randall's office seeking decommissioned military weapons to replace the trophy field guns that were given to the Armadale-Kelmscott Road Board in 1921 and removed in 1942. The Mayor is aware and supportive of this project. The decommissioned military weaponry will be awarded on a lottery basis. Research carried out by the Museum Curator verified the weaponry type and dates, and photographs contained in the Picture Armadale collection showing the field guns in situ in Memorial Park prior to removal have been provided to support the RSL request.

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT 8.02pm