

This meeting was opened at **6pm**.

## **1. Present:**

### **Elected Members:**

Mayor Judy MacFarlane

### **Community Members:**

Michael Somers

Des Barritt

Philippa Stansell

Sue Edwards

Glenys Somers

Di Angel

Telka Zotz-Wilson

Janette Hamilton

Jill Emerson-Smith

### **Staff:**

Sharon Hillen – Director of Council and Community Services

Nathan McIvor – Central Arnhem Area Manager

Antony Lynch – Council Services Coordinator

Mandy Devereux – Senior Administration Support Officer

Virginya Boon – Assets Manager

Marg Minnett – Community Services Coordinator

Lyndon Keane – Communications Coordinator (minute taker)

## **2. 2017-18 capital works expenditure for Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds**

The Community Meeting was held to inform Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds (Lot 922) user groups about the \$200,000 the Council has budgeted in the 2017-18 financial year for capital works at the facility. DCCS explained budget allocation was to upgrade essential services.

**Current users of facility** – Mataranka Fishing, Sporting and Recreation Club, Never Never Festival Committee, School of the Air, Northern Cowboys Association, Roper Gulf Regional Council, Bushfires NT, Mataranka Better Half Club, circus.

**Current uses of facility** – Anzac Day, Australia Day, Territory Day, cricket, rodeo, campdraft, games nights, Never Never Festival, camping, dog/livestock pound, sports using Mataranka Multipurpose Sports Court, AFL (goal posts needed), livestock auctions, fundraisers, private events.

Identified that no defined camping or parking areas within facility, as different user groups tend to utilise different areas for these purposes. DCCS suggested formalising parking and camping areas, with stakeholder suggestions of adding parking along both sides of the boundary fence adjacent to the Stuart Highway, and adding parking and camping around the back of the oval.

**ACTION:** Communications Coordinator to update map of Lot 922 to reflect the suggestions and distribute to stakeholders.

Area between catering hall and elevated ablution block identified as festival space, with consensus this area should be vehicle-free during events (emergency services, stallholder and catering vehicles excepted) to increase pedestrian safety.

Elevated ablution block identified as too small. DCCS suggested moving existing infrastructure to camping area behind rodeo arena and installing larger ablution block in its place. CSC advised issues with main ablution block seem to have been resolved after installation of macerators.

Request from users to put gravel on existing loop road behind rodeo arena to aid dust suppression during events where heavy vehicle access is required.

Request from users to reinstall water main to north-east corner of campdraft arena. The pipe has been burnt over the years.

Identified that if no three-phase power on site already, installing it would use up most of \$200,000 capital works allocation. DCCS said it was possible to request additional funding in future budgets.

Mayor advised MFSRC had received \$47,000 grant and wanted to use funding to purchase upgrade MFSRC shed at Mataranka Multipurpose Sports Court and hopefully also purchase portable ablution block. MFSRC will ask the Council to plumb the infrastructure to allow community use.

Agreed priorities for expenditure of \$200,000 capital works allocation are:

1. Upgrade to three-phase power for site and upgrade of internal power for catering hall.
2. Upgrade main ablution block.
3. Formalise internal roads and parking.
4. Bollards for internal traffic management.
5. Reposition light heads at Mataranka Multipurpose Sports Court and MFSRC shed towards high-intensity use area around catering hall.
6. Install underground power to rodeo arena to stop cockatoos chewing existing overhead power line.

### **3. Other Business**

#### **1. Mataranka Master Plan**

DCCS advised while there is no funding currently budgeted for the development of a Mataranka Master Plan, the community needs to outline its vision to the Council in order

to create a draft for future funding applications. DCCS went through map showing key infrastructure and lots in Mataranka, and which entity owned/was responsible for it.

The Council owns:

Lot 120 – Council office, library, museum, municipal services yard and community hall  
Lot 17 – Staff accommodation  
Lot 922 – Mataranka Sport and Recreation Grounds  
Lot 84 – Recycling centre  
Lot 128 – Waste Management Facility  
Lot 75 – Cemetery  
Lot 121 – Ginty Airstrip

The Council has perpetual leases on Crown land for:

Lot 7222  
Lots 3670 and 3671 – old rail corridor adjacent to Stuart Highway

DCCS advised there is adequate room in existing cemetery to continue in the short term, with a survey needed to identify how many additional plots can be allocated over the life of the asset.

Relocation of Waste Management Facility needed, due to complaints from neighbours on adjacent properties about vermin and fact facility is not contained to Lot 128 – actually spills on to Crown land (Lot 7222). DCCS advised collaboration with Government needed to relocate facility to Crown land, and that any new facility would need to meet Northern Territory Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Consensus not enough land available to support growth of Mataranka. Mayor suggested moving airstrip from Lot 121 to Crown land under perpetual lease (site TBC depending on CASA requirements) which would free up Lot 121 to be subdivided and developed for residential housing. DCS currently investigating costs of potential upgrade to Ginty Airstrip, but consensus that better to look at relocating altogether. Under NT Planning Scheme, Lot 121 is zoned community use, which would preclude it from being used for residential housing. Rezoning needed.

**ACTION:** DCCS advised the Council could start investigating the cost of relocating the airstrip and feasibility of placing it on Crown land perpetual leases.

DCCS advised municipal services yard is too small for purpose and needs to be relocated – preferred location on Lot 129, which is not owned by the Council. Given Mataranka's strategic location in Council Local Government Area, it could be utilised as a bulk storage/laydown area, which could be incorporated into the development of a new municipal services yard.

DCCS advised there are several forward projects where current and new staffing positions could be located in Mataranka. This would require additional staff housing, which could be put on Lot 129 if acquired by the Council.

For redevelopment of Lot 120, DCCS outlined possible strategy that involves new building to house Council office, post office, library, museum and Community Night Patrol CDP and frontline Council services. Focus on off-street access and parking in current location of municipal services yard, which would remove traffic management issues with

vehicles having to back out onto Stuart Highway. The Council has investigated other office buildings in the region and have provided significant upgrades to improve functionality and improve service delivery. The Council is in a position to move beyond transportable/demountable type buildings and cater for projected future staffing expansion.

Mataranka will need purpose-built Aged Care facility with day respite, kitchen and administration facilities – this could be built on Lot 120.

Community suggestion to move playground and trees on Lot 120 to allow more outdoor space for redevelopment of museum. Access and parking for community hall could be incorporated into the off-street design.

**ACTION:** DCCS to provide stakeholders with treeless plan of proposed redevelopment of Lot 120 for next meeting, in order to assist with visualisation of concept.

Agreed priorities for development of Mataranka are:

1. New Waste Management Facility planning.
2. Relocation of Ginty Airstrip and use of Lot 121 for residential housing.

The Council has received \$100,000 grant to upgrade library, but DCCS advised this could be contributed to a larger grant to rebuild the Council office and library. Grant applications suitable for this open in December 2017. Mayor expressed concern that if application was unsuccessful, \$100,000 grant would be lost. DCCS said outcome of December 2017 application should be known by February or March 2018 and that if application was unsuccessful, the \$100,000 would still be spent upgrading the existing library. Mayor indicated she would like to see the upgrade completed by 2018 tourist peak.

DCCS advised will have quantity surveyor cost concept plan for Lot 120 in time for December 2017 grant application. Depending on cost estimate from quantity surveyor, redevelopment of Lot 120 could be staged if total cost prohibitive initially.

#### **4. Meeting Closed at 8.20pm**

**Next Meeting:** TBC – stakeholders suggested timing it for mid-November so update could be made to Mataranka Local Authority Meeting on December 5, 2017.