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Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

Planning and Strategy Committee of the Whole

SUPPLEMENTARY

AGENDA

8 February 2017

Commencing at 5.30pm

**Council Chambers
253 Crawford St, Queanbeyan**

On-site Inspections - Nil

S   INFORMATION REPORTS

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS –
(Copies available from General Manager's Office on request)

<u>**Open Attachments**</u>

   Nil

<u>**Closed Attachments**</u>

   Nil

S.1   **Queanbeyan Reserves Reserve Trust Managment Committee Meeting 2 February 2017 (Ref: C1715377);Author: Gibson/Warne**

Report

A meeting of the Queanbeyan Reserves Reserve Trust Management Committee has held on the 2 February 2017 with the main issue for discussion being the future of the Queanbeyan Riverside Tourist Park.

The Lease for the operation of the Queanbeyan Riverside Tourist Park expires on 28 February 2019 and the Operator/Lessee has expressed an interest in negotiating a new lease. The former Queanbeyan City Council *(acting as the Trust)* was reluctant to make a decision regarding the future of the Tourist Park until closer to the expiration of the lease and had received legal advice supporting this position.

A discussion paper was presented with the following options.

No	Option
1	Agree to negotiate a new agreement with the Lessee. *(first right of refusal)*
2	Invite expressions of interest for the ongoing operation of the Tourist Park.
3	Council to manage the operation of the Tourist Park similar to existing configuration.
4.	Reduce the footprint of the Tourist Park and redevelop to be used for RVs and caravans.
5.	Not continue with Tourist Park operations after expiration of the Lease and revert the site to parkland.

The current Lessee was invited to make representations to the meeting and made a submission on a proposal for a new agreement to be negotiated.

It was considered by the Trust that a continued operation of a Tourist Park was appropriate but the site should be reduced in size to enable an extension of the parkland and development of the river frontage for public purposes.

After careful consideration the following resolution was adopted by the Trust.

1. *That the Officer's Report be received and noted.*
2. *That the Existing Lease for the Queanbeyan Riverside Tourist Park not be renewed and the Lessee be advised of this decision.*
3. *That Option 4, the redevelopment of the Queanbeyan Riverside Tourist Park on a reduced footprint with capability of catering for short stay caravans and recreational vehicles (RVs) be the preferred option for the site once the existing lease expires.*
4. *That Council staff prepare a concept design and business plan for the redevelopment of the Tourist Park with a view to obtaining the appropriate approvals and incorporation into the operational plan and delivery program.*
5. *That Council staff also prepare concept plans, costings and staging options for a limited extension of QE11 Park, extension of the riverbank walking trail and provision of a low level pedestrian crossing over the Queanbeyan River with a view to obtaining the appropriate approvals and incorporating these into the operational plan and delivery programme.*
6. *That the Lessee be advised that the management arrangements for the redeveloped facility are yet to be determined, but will be subject of a report to the Trust prior to February 2018 considering calling expressions of interest (EOI) for commercial management of any redeveloped facility.*

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Council staff will progress the concept designs and costing as outlined in the resolution with further reports to be provided in due course.

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

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Mr Tim Overall – Administrator, Chairperson