



Ordinary Meeting of Council Late Agenda Items

Tuesday 23 July 2019

Ordinary Meeting 6.00pm

Council Chambers, Civic Centre,
Stuart Highway, Katherine

15.1 Lease – Katherine Museum – Lot 2922 _____ 1



REPORT

FOLDER: Legal Documents/Lease/Katherine Museum
MEETING: ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 JULY 2019
REPORT TITLE: LEASE – KATHERINE MUSEUM - LOT 2922

Purpose of Report

To approve a five (5) year lease to The Historical Society of Katherine NT of Lot 2922 – Katherine Museum – 20 Christie Road, Katherine.

Background

The Katherine Museum (Lot 2922 – 20 Christie Road, Katherine) is currently leased to The Historical Society of Katherine NT and has been since July 2008. The previous lease expired on 31 January 2017. Negotiation to renew the lease have been ongoing for a significant period of time with administrative issues delaying the process. Due to these delays and the nearing expiration of the originally intended lease (31 January 2020), The Historical Society of Katherine Inc have requested the expiration to be extended to 30 June 2022. This would avoid The Historical Society of Katherine NT incurring the legal expenses associated with preparing the lease in concurrent years (2019 and 2020).

All conditions of the lease excluding the term remain the same as previous the lease between Katherine Town Council and The Historical Society of Katherine NT for Lot 2922 – Katherine Museum – 20 Christie Road, Katherine. The key conditions of the lease include:

- Permitted use as a museum and function centre;
- \$1.00 per annum (excl GST) rental fee;
- Rental Term of 1 February 2017 – 30 June 2022;
- Continued quarterly grant of \$5,549.25 (GST incl) during the term to assist in the day to day operating costs of the Katherine Museum;
- Continued production and development of a masterplan for the Katherine Museum which includes:
 - Marketing and development;
 - Long term budget sustainability;
 - Best practice procedures; and
 - Development opportunities.
- Lessee responsible for all legal costs associated with actioning the lease.

HWL Ebsworth has been requested to prepare the new lease documentation.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That it be recommended to Council:

That the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer be authorised to execute a five (5) year lease to The Historical Society of Katherine NT for Lot 2922 – Katherine Museum – 20 Christie Road, Katherine and affix the Common Seal as required.

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Allan McGill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Delegation: Executive Manager – Corporate & Community Development, Ms Rosemary Jennings
Schedule of Attachments: Nil

