



AGENDA

LATE AGENDA ITEMS

Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, 25 October 2022

Ordinary Meeting: 6:00 pm

Council Chambers,

Civic Center, Stuart Highway, Katherine

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17 LATE AGENDA**17.1 REQUEST FOR COUNCIL SUPPORT - KATHERINE SWIMMING CLUB CARNIVAL**

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ATTACHMENT/S : NIL

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council agree to provide funding assistance to the Katherine Swimming Club in the amount of \$3,059 to assist with offsetting the increased costs of running their annual swimming carnival for the current financial year only.

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider providing funding assistance to the Katherine Swimming Club to help offset the costs of running their annual carnival.

COMMUNITY PLAN/STRATEGIC PLAN

Sports and Community Events

- Hold events throughout the year that acknowledge themes that are important to our town and its residents, such as memorial days.

Community and Families

- Promote an active community with family events, festivals, live music and sports.

BACKGROUND

Each year for the past 41 years the Katherine Swimming Club holds their annual swimming carnival over two days on a weekend. This year the event is on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23 October 2022.

To run this carnival the Swimming Club exclusively hire the entire Katherine Aquatic Centre Complex for the two days duration of the event.

The total number of competitive swimmers attending the carnival for this year is 121, although pre-covid this number has been closer to 200. The Katherine swimming carnival is one of the biggest in the Territory that all clubs enjoy coming too.

Swimmers will be in attendance from clubs from Alice Springs, Casuarina, Darwin, Katherine, Kununurra and Nightcliff.

Also in attendance from the clubs will be their coaches and support staff as well as most family members and officials from NT Swimming.

Most attendees will stay in Katherine for two nights and some possibly three nights.

The changeover to a new Management Services provider (Belgravia Leisure) has seen new membership, casual entry and hire fees apply to the centre. The Katherine Swimming Club has approached Council for funding assistance as the new hire fees for the two days exclusive hire of the facility are higher than they anticipated and higher than what they had been paying in previous years.

It should be noted that the hire fees set by Belgravia Leisure for exclusive hire of the venue are in line with what is charged for Palmerston and Parap swimming complexes. That being:

- Hourly hire charge for venue - \$200.67 / hour, plus
- Hourly charge for lifeguards - \$32.50.

The cost to the Swim club for the two-day exclusive hire (18.5 hours total) is \$6,117. The club is seeking funding assistance from Council in the amount of \$3,059 to assist with running this year's event. The club acknowledges that this is a one-off request and going forward they will have more time to plan for and adjust to the new higher fees and charges.

The club is aware that as this is a late request – and the event will already have been held prior to Council consideration – there is a risk that Council may not agree to this request.

BUDGET AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Council recently announced allocations for its 2022/23 Community Grants scheme which were under subscribed. There is sufficient budget allocation remaining in this fund to cater for this request if approved.

RISK, LEGAL AND LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

COUNCIL OFFICER CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None to declare

19 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

RECOMMENDATION

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99(2) of the Local Government Act 2008:

19.1 Confidential Minutes of 27 September 2022

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information about the employment of a particular individual as a member of the staff or possible member of the staff of the council that could, if publicly disclosed, cause prejudice to the individual.