

CONSTITUTION OF THE RIDDIFORD ARBORETUM COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Riddiford Arboretum Community Committee is a Section 355 Asset Committee established by Council under Section 355 of the *Local Government Act*.

2. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 To undertake an advisory role in respect of the care, maintenance, repair, beautification, improvement and management of the Arboretum; the Committee shall liaise with Council through a Contact Officer or current Councillor Representative/s on the Committee, in respect of proposed projects.
- 2.2 To carry out works as approved by Council.
- 2.3 To provide access to the Arboretum and its facilities for use by citizens of and visitors to Broken Hill without distinction.
- 2.4 To ensure a copy of current rules of use of the Arboretum and its facilities are exhibited in an appropriate public place at the Arboretum.

- 2.5 To recommend to Council the making of rules, none of which are to be implemented without formal approval by Council.

3. COMMITTEE NAME

3.1 The Committee shall be called the Riddiford Arboretum Community Committee.

4. COMMITTEE ASSET LOCATION AND ADDRESS

4.1 The Committee shall manage and maintain the Riddiford Arboretum, situated at 111 Galena Street.

4.2 The postal address of the Committee will be "to be advised" and alternatively c/- PO Box 448, Broken Hill NSW 2880.



5. COMMITTEE DELEGATION

Committees are responsible for the tasks delegated by Council which may include letting, cleaning, maintenance, minor repairs and operations.

- 5.1 To oversee and conduct the necessary duties of watering, weeding and lawn edging, sundry repairs and maintenance to watering systems and fixtures.
- 5.2 To present the Arboretum at a standard of appearance that is satisfactory to the community.
- 5.3 To provide a satisfactory service to users of the Arboretum and to advise Council promptly of safety and maintenance concerns.
- 5.4 To request Council assistance in removal of dead trees and any other task that requires the use of high-risk power tools such as chainsaws.
- 5.5 To recommend to Council an annual works maintenance program and any special projects proposed by the Committee.

- 5.6 To co-opt additional members from time to time, at its discretion, to provide specialist advice or assistance at nil cost and without voting rights.
- 5.7 To ensure that all Committee members abide by all of Council's Work, Health and Safety requirements, that all designated personal protective equipment (e.g., gloves, safety glasses) required by Council are used; and to ensure that safety procedures for use of the Arboretum are monitored.
- 5.8 To bring to Council's attention by way of recommendation through the Council or his/her delegate any item requiring a policy decision outside the authorised delegation of the Committee.

6. RESTRICTION OF DELEGATION

The Committee may not make decisions concerning the following:

- 6.1 The employment of staff. Committees may not have paid employees as this authority cannot be delegated under Section 355 of the Act. Volunteers will be covered by Council Insurance where they are registered with the committee and where they have acted in good faith and lawfully within this instrument of delegation and schedules.
- 6.2 Borrowing any monies.
- 6.3 The sale, lease or surrender of any land or other property vested in its care under the provision of the Act (as amended).
- 6.4 The acceptance of tenders which are required to be called by Council, i.e., in excess of Council's discretionary tender threshold (currently \$100,000 GST inclusive).
- 6.5 Formation of submissions to government policies or implementation of policies without the prior written consent of Council.
- 6.6 The payment or making of any profit, gain or gift, to or by its members as well as allowance or travelling expenses incurred whilst attending committee meeting.
- 6.7 The carrying out of any works on or to the facility including alterations, reconstruction or construction without the prior written consent of Council (this does not include minor maintenance work).
- 6.8 As a voluntary Committee, members do not receive payment for their services. The Committee may by resolution reimburse the Secretary for phone calls and postage made in relation to the hire of the facility. No other payment is to be made to Committee members without the prior written approval of Council.
- 6.9 Unreasonably withholding consent for the letting of the facility to any organisations which agreed to comply with and adhere to the rules adopted for the use of the facility, providing an acceptable letting period is available.
- 6.10 Vote on monies for expenditure on the works, services or operations of Council.
- 6.11 The exercise by the Committee of its powers and functions will be subject to such limitations and conditions as may from time to time be imposed by law, specified by resolution of the Council or in writing by the General Manager to the Committee. The Committee will observe any rules and regulations made by Council, in relation to the facility/ function under its management and control.

6.12 If at any time the Committee is deemed to be functioning outside the limits of its powers as described herein, all powers may be revoked by written notice to the Committee signed by the General Manager or his/her representative.

7. COMMITTEE VS COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITY

ITEM	COMMITTEE	COUNCIL
EXTERNAL		
Water supply, taps and valves	Maintenance and lubrication Inspection and reporting of defects Replacement of washers	Repair and replacement
Water supply and fittings – pipe works	Inspection and reporting of defects Securing off in emergency	Repair and replacement
Plumbing – sewerage lines and septic	Inspection and reporting of defects Emergency unblocking or make safe repairs	Repair and replacement
waste pipes and drains	Inspection and reporting of defects Clear foreign objects, blockages, mud etc.	Repair and replacement
Locks and security systems	Maintain key register Replace keys and locks not on Council Key Register Immediate securing of building if damaged Minor lubrication of locks Engage security service if required	Purchase, installation, service and maintenance where compatible with Council's Key Register
INTERNAL		
Water supply and fittings	Maintenance and lubrication Inspection and reporting of defects Replacement of washers	Repair and replacement
Internal plumbing – pipes,. Hand basins, sinks	Minimise any leakage and further damage	Repair and replacement
Telephone services (where provided)	Payment of all connection, service and use accounts, ensure lines remain operational	No responsibility
ESSENTIAL SERVICES		
Emergency lighting / exit signs	Inspection and reporting of defects	Six monthly testing Repair and replacement
Evacuation plan	Display prominently	Prepare in consultation with Committee
Paths of travel	Inspect and maintain clear paths of travel at all times	Audit according to regulations

	Check all door handles on paths of travel	
All other Essential Safety Measures	No responsibility	All responsibility
SURROUNDS		
Paths and paved areas	Inspection and reporting of defects	Repair and replacement
Fencing and gates	Inspection and reporting of defects Lubrication of hardware Maintain key register	Repair and replacement
Nature strips and grassed areas	Mowing and regular re-seeding	Returfing
Irrigation systems	Maintenance and minor repairs	Major repairs and replacement
Garden beds and shrubs	Watering, fertilising, maintenance, replanting and keeping tidy	Construction and refurbishment
Trees	Inspection and reporting of defects Minor pruning, feeding and watering	Planting and major pruning Tree removal
outdoor furniture	Inspection and reporting of defects Cleaning	Repair and replacement
Internal roadways and car parks	Inspection and reporting of defects Maintain free of obstructions	Construction, repair and resurfacing, signage
Facility perimeter signage	Inspection and reporting of defects	Installation, repair and replacement
Light towers	No responsibility	Total responsibility for purchase, installation, utility costs, repairs and maintenance
Fire prevention works	Remove all flammable materials from around buildings	Audit according to regulations

8. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND MEMBERSHIP

8.1 The Committee shall consist of thirteen (13) members to be appointed by resolution of the Council, such members to be nominated in the following manner:

- At least one (1) Councillor Representative
- Allowance for one (1) representative per user group
- Reasonable number of community representatives reflecting the size and operations of the facility (to be agreed upon by executive).

- 8.2 Relevant Council staff can be invited by the Committee to provide information and technical advice on any upcoming Agenda items.
- 8.3 Council reserves the right to amend the number of Committee members and category of representation.

9. TERM OF APPOINTMENT

- 9.1 The term of a committee is the same term as the elected Council.

10. PRINCIPAL SPOKESPERSON

- 10.1 The principal spokesperson for the committee shall be the Chairperson.
- 10.2 The Chair may authorise other members to speak on behalf of the Committee, where deemed necessary and/or appropriate.

11. MEETINGS

- 11.1 There should be a minimum of four meetings held each year, however it is recommended that Ordinary Meetings of the Committees occur on a monthly basis to ensure that any outstanding matters are dealt with expeditiously.
- 11.2 There should be one Annual General Meeting held per year, at which the Committee will appoint its executive.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 Annual Report - Committees are to provide Council with an Annual Report inclusive of financial statements by the third (3rd) week in August each year.
- 12.2 Finance Reports - Committees are to provide Council with financial statements by third (3rd) week in August each year.

Financial Statements are to include the following information:

- Profit and Loss Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Supporting documentation as per clause 10.12 of the Section 355 Asset Committee Manual

- 12.3 Quarterly GST Reporting - Quarterly GST Reporting is to include the following information:
- A Profit and Loss Statement
 - A Balance Sheet
 - Completed Business Activity Statement (BAS)
- 12.4 Term Report - A Term Report will be prepared by the outgoing Committee in a Local Government Election year, on the achievements of the Committee over its four-year term and forwarded to Council by the third (3rd) week in August.

13. RECORDS

- 13.1 The Committee is required to keep all proper records.
- 13.2 Minutes of each meeting shall be submitted to Council within fourteen (14) days of the meeting.

14. FRAMEWORK

- 14.1 The Committee will comply with all provisions of Section 355 *Local Government Act 1993* (Committees), Section 377 *Local Government Act 1993* (Delegations), and the Model Code of Conduct for all Councils in NSW.
- 14.2 The Committee will comply with all provisions of Council's Section 355 Asset Committee Framework.
- 14.3 Council sets out its delegation of the Committee in a Constitution formally adopted/amended at a formal meeting of Council.

15. REVIEW

- 15.1 Review of all Section 355 Committees, their structures, Framework and Constitutions will be conducted by Council following each Local Government General Election, or by Council resolution, at the request of the Committee or at the discretion of the General Manager.

16. DEFINITIONS

“Arboretum” shall mean the Riddiford Arboretum.

“Council” shall mean Broken Hill City Council.

“Committee” shall mean the Riddiford Arboretum Community Committee.

“Executive” shall mean the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Committee.

“User Group” shall mean organisations which are granted use of any portion of the facility on a license, annual, seasonal or longer-term basis.