

PUBLIC FORUM SESSION HELD 26 JUNE 2019

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The Public Forum Session commenced at 6:15p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor D. Turley (Mayor) Councillor M. Browne (Deputy Mayor)
Councillors C. Adams, B. Algate, M. Clark, T. Kennedy, B. Licul, J. Nolan
and R. Page.

General Manager, Chief Operations Officer, Chief Financial Officer,
Director Corporate, Manager Communications, Governance Officer and
Executive Support Officer.

Media (3), Members of the Public (10).

APOLOGIES:

Councillor D. Gallagher.

The Mayor advised of the new format for Public Forum Sessions as per the newly adopted Code of Meeting Practice Policy.

The Mayor advised that members of the public who had registered to speak on items to be considered at the Council Meeting to commence at the conclusion of this Public Forum Session would take precedence, then members of the public who had registered to speak on general matters.

Then, if time permits, members of the public who had not registered could speak on items to be considered at the Council Meeting or on general matters.

The Mayor advised that two members of the public had registered to speak at the Public Forum Session and invited them to address Council:

1. Willyama Common Trust Licence to Broken Hill ParkRun (Confidential Report No. 99/19) 11/63

Ms Tabitha Schultz (Broken Hill ParkRun Event Director) addressed Council speaking "for" Broken Hill ParkRun's application for a licence to use part of the Willyama Common for the Broken Hill ParkRun course.

Ms Schultz advised that ParkRun is a free weekly timed event held every Saturday which is open to all members of the community and is for all abilities and ages. It is non-competitive and participants can run, jog, or walk the track for a 5km course. Broken Hill ParkRun is run wholly by volunteers building their leadership and organisational skills. The organisation promotes community connections, and encourages healthy lifestyles. Members of the organisation have been working with ParkRun Australia to identify suitable land which is accessible for people of all abilities and for all ages as well as for prams and wheelchairs.

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A suitable track comprising an area at the Broken Hill Racecourse and the adjoining Willyama Common has been identified and Ms Schultz urged Council to approve the licence agreement for Broken Hill ParkRun to use part of the Willyama Common for the Broken Hill ParkRun course.

Ms Schultz extended an invitation to the Mayor and Councillors to attend the opening of the Broken Hill Racecourse ParkRun Course should Council approve the licence agreement.

2. Willyama Common Trust Licence to Broken Hill ParkRun (Confidential Report No. 99/19) 11/63

Mr Grant Shepherd (Broken Hill ParkRun Member) addressed Council speaking “for” Broken Hill ParkRun’s application for a licence for use of part of the Willyama Common for the Broken Hill ParkRun course.

Mr Shepherd advised that ParkRun is a world-wide phenomenon, with thousands of ParkRun organisations operating around the world and hundreds held every Saturday morning in Australia. It is a non-competitive activity. It doesn’t matter how fast you run but that you participate and enjoy the experience. Broken Hill ParkRun has held 67 events over the past 2 years with an average of 35 participants every Saturday morning, which includes locals and visitors who seek to complete a ParkRun course wherever possible whilst they are on holidays.

Permission to use this course was withdrawn by Council due to the identification of risks associated with the track. The organisation has spent a lot of time identifying a new course which is safer for all participants. The proposed course commences at the Broken Hill Racecourse and also uses part of the Willyama Common. The new course still showcases Broken Hill’s beautiful desert landscape and Mr Shepherd urged Council to approve the licence application.

The Mayor thanked Ms Schultz and Mr Shepherd and invited members of the public who had not registered but who wished to address Council on any other matter being considered by Council at the June Ordinary Council Meeting or on any other general matter, to come forward.

No further members of the public addressed Council.

The Public Forum Session concluded at 6:30p.m.