

## **NOTICE OF MOTION - ALLOCATION - MALENY SWIMMING CLUB**

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Notices of Motion

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Councillor J McKay intends to move the following Notice of Motion at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 26 July 2012.

### **COUNCILLOR RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve the use of \$8,000 of Councillor Emergent Capital works and Minor Operational Works allocation towards the running costs of the Maleny Swimming Club.**

### **COUNCILLOR COMMENT**

Maleny Swimming Club is a voluntary organisation that services the Blackall Range. It has become increasingly obvious when reviewing finances from the last season that they will find it very difficult to make ends meet again for the 2012/2013 season, under the current Community Partnership Funding Program allocation of \$19800.00 for the year.

The Maleny Swimming Club respectfully requests further funding to the value of \$8,000.00 which is essential to allow the opening and maintenance of the current pool facility for the Maleny community for the upcoming season.

The Swimming Club's voluntary committee works tirelessly to support the club and open the pool for the Maleny community out of school hours. The Club maintains a high profile in the Maleny community and holds many fundraising activities throughout the year to help to off-set the costs.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

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In accordance with Council's Community Partnership Funding Program the Maleny Pool Swimming Club applied for \$40,000 funding in 2010/11 to assist with operational costs associated with their use of the Maleny Primary School swimming pool.

In response to this application Council endorsed funding for \$19,800 per annum for three (3) years (2010/11, 2011/12, and 2012/13). In order to assure equity for all community pools, the assessment of this application was based on a comparison of

the operational costs quoted in the Maleny pool funding application to the quoted operational costs in the three other community pool applications. The full amount requested was not granted because of the outcome of this comparison. It is also noted that Qbuild is responsible for pool maintenance, but the club has an additional cost to heat the pool.

On Friday 13 July, 2012 paperwork for processing 2012/13 (year 3) funding of \$19,800 was mailed to the Maleny Swimming Club.

It is also noted that in addition to the Community Partnership Funding Program Council resolved for the CEO to increase the funding provided to the Maleny Pool Swimming Club for one year only to \$34,000 in July 2010.

With regard to the request for a further grant to assist with the operational costs of the Maleny Swimming Club, it is noted that Council's Grants Policy specifies a process that includes the making of applications, assessment of these applications and approval by Council based on these processes and timeframes. Operating outside of these processes and timeframes is considered technically inconsistent with Council's Grants Policy.

Should the Council wish to proceed with this Notified Motion and observe technical compliance with Council's Grant's Policy and the Finance Regulation, Council would need to revise the Grants Policy so that the Policy:-

- (a) specifies closing dates for particular categories of grant application; but
- (b) reserves to Council the right to consider a grant application at a meeting of Council subsequent to a relevant closing date.

Notwithstanding the matter of technical non-compliance, should the Notified Motion pertaining to the Maleny Swimming Club proceed as per the Divisional Councillor's intention via the resolution of council, the resolution would need to include a statement of reasons why the policy advice was not accepted, in accordance with Section 70 of the Local Government (Operations) Regulation 2010.

It is further noted that Council is currently unable to utilise the Councillor Emergent Capital Works and Minor Operational Works Policy for the purposes of funding community organisations. A change to the criteria of this Policy would need a council resolution as currently the Policy does not allow "community donation funds".

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS**

There are two previous Council resolutions that relate to this matter.

*Ordinary Meeting Minutes 16 November 2011:*

Council Resolution (OM11/290)

*That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to approve the use of \$10,000 of Division 5 Councillor Emergent Capital Works and Minor Operational Works allocation towards the running costs of the Maleny Swimming Club.*

*Ordinary Meeting Minutes 1 July 2010:*

Council Resolution (OM10/184)

*That Council:*

- (a) receive and note the report titled "Community Partnership Funding Program 2010";*
  - (b) endorse the funding recommendations (Appendix A);*
  - (c) note that due to the timing of the approval of this program, the \$1,569,859 will be required to be carried over into the 2010/2011 financial year; and*
  - (d) request the Chief Executive Officer to meet with Councillor J McKay to pursue other funding opportunities for the Maleny Pool and Woombye Library.*
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