

**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR:** Cr Christian Dickson

**COUNCIL MEETING:** Ordinary 17 August 2017

I hereby notify of my intention to move the following motion at the Ordinary Meeting to take place on Thursday 17 August 2017:

That Council:


- (a) resolve, as an exception to the tenure periods specified in the *Community Groups Occupying Council Owned or Controlled Land and/or Infrastructure Policy*, to enter into a community Lease arrangement with Maroochydore Eagles Basketball Association Inc. for a term of up to thirty years;
- (b) resolve pursuant to section 236(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that an exception to dispose of an interest in land (lease) in property, other than by tender of auction be applied, as the disposal is to a community organisation as per section 236(1)(b)(ii); and
- (c) resolve to enter into a community lease arrangement with the Maroochydore Eagles Basketball Association Inc.

  
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Councillor

10-08-17  
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Date

**To all Councillors and Directors**

I hereby notify that Councillor Christian Dickson intends to move the motion as shown above at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 17 August 2017.

  
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Chief Executive Officer

10/8/2017  
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Date

## **COUNCILLOR COMMENT**

As discussed at July's council ordinary meeting, there have been recent moves by council officers to recommend and seek endorsement to extend community leases throughout the Sunshine Coast. One such example and justification was to acknowledge community groups who contributed significantly towards the financial commitment for the development of facilities in their community.

Over the last few years, the Sunshine Coast Council, Department of Sport and Recreation and the Maroochydore Eagles Basketball Association have combined forces to design, construct and deliver a multi-purpose facility to serve the wider region.

The significance of this project is the various contributions by stakeholders to make the project a reality. In terms of assistance, the Maroochydore Eagles Basketball Association personally secured a \$400,000 loan in order to fund the gap required to deliver the project. As discussed with the club, a longer term lease would give them the direct ability to reduce the stresses associated with a loan whilst generating the possibilities to invest further into the club over time.

The project has ultimately delivered a facility that accommodates the community by way of offering multiple avenues for development in the areas of basketball, indoor soccer, yoga, martial arts, disability-specific sports and also function as a regional evacuation centre during the course of emergencies.

Property Management Branch has advised that for the group to achieve this longer term of lease, they will be required to surrender their current lease and enter into a new lease for an increased term of up to 30 years. The current lease expires in 2024. It should be noted that the addition of amended terms to the current lease, or registering a sequential lease to commence upon expiration of the current one, is not permitted (under the Land Act) in this circumstance as the property is on a State Reserve under the control of Council as the Trustee. In the event the Association surrender their lease and seek the new lease, the financial impact to the Association will be \$897 (lease preparation fee of \$716 and lease registration fee of \$181). There is no proposed change to the Association's current annual operating costs (e.g. rent, utilities, insurances etc).

I would also make the offer to fund these above expenses by way of the Division 6 discretionary grant funding allocation to assist the Association in the transition phase.

Councillors, I would kindly ask you to support this move to reward the Maroochydore Eagles Basketball Association for their contribution to our community and also by giving them the security of a longer term tenure for this fantastic and well maintained facility.

Kind regards,

Cr Christian Dickson