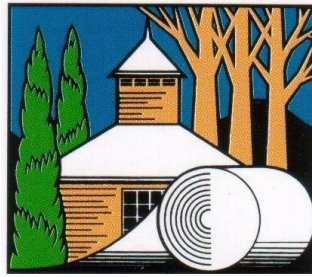


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Special Council Meeting

Tuesday, 26 May 2015

6.30pm

Courthouse
New Norfolk

QUALIFIED PERSONS CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that any advice, information or recommendations contained in this Agenda that requires the advice of a qualified person has been obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the Council.

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STEPHEN MACKEY
GENERAL MANAGER

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APOLOGIES

1. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

1.1 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WILLOW COURT PRECINCT

Report To: Council

Author: General Manager

Qualified Officer: General Manager

Introduction and Purpose

The purpose of this report is gain approval from council to set up a working group of councillors and staff to review the draft expressions of interest document for the Willow Court Precinct.

Strategic Plan

IS6 To develop partnerships with business in the area and particularly in High Street and its immediate surrounds with a view to reinvigorating the business district.

Ec1 To encourage and facilitate greater opportunities for business development and tourism and work toward a strategic plan for tourism and business development in the area.

Discussion

In recent months councillors have been discussing at their workshop the possibility of calling for expressions of interest for the use and development of the site known as the Willow Court precinct.

This site includes the following buildings:

The Barracks, Bronte, Allonah, Carlton and Frescati.

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The purpose of the expressions of interest process is to seek submissions from suitably qualified commercial operators or individuals to develop the site to its full potential as a tourism icon for New Norfolk and the Derwent Valley.

The major reason for developing the expression of interest proposal is in an endeavour to continue the current momentum of development on the site now that most of the current reserve funds have been expended, and council's attempts to gain additional funding through grants from the State and Federal Government have proved to this point to be unsuccessful.

It is now seen that council's only option, without placing greater strain on councils operating budget that calling for expressions of interest is now the only reasonable option for developing the site to achieve a tourism or commercial outcome for the Willow Court Precinct.

It is hoped that any developer will also recognise that the Heritage precinct at Willow Court has potential for a number of innovative uses, including revealing the stories of its use over time and the significance of the site to many sections of the community, and also an art gallery, theatrical space, and an area where the community can display its wealth of artistic talents. The central court could contain artisans, buskers and entertainment, showcasing the best the Derwent Valley has to offer on many fronts.

At the Council Meeting on the 19th March 2015 the following recommendation was passed:

1. *That council seek expressions of interest for the development of the council-owned section of Willow Court.*
2. *That the draft Expression of Interest document be discussed at a workshop and tabled at the May council meeting.*

Councillors have workshopped the draft Expression of interest and the amended document is appended to this report.

Consultations That Have Taken Place

(a) The Community

Not applicable

(b) Experts

Not applicable

(c) Stakeholders

Council, Willow Court Committees

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Proposed Community Consultation, Public Relations and Media Issues

If the recommendation is supported by Council the Mayor be authorised to place a press release in the Gazette advising of the decision of Council to call for expressions of interest for the Willow court Precinct.

Budget/Financial Issues

The cost for the development of the Expressions of Interest documents can be met from the existing 2014/15 budget.

Policy Implications

Code of public tendering

Recommendation

1. That Council receive and note the amended Expression of Interest for the lease or sale of the Willow Court Precinct.
2. That Councillor adopt the conditions set out in the Expression of Interest document for the sale or lease of the Willow Court Precinct.
3. That council advertise for Expression of Interest for the sale or lease of the Willow Court Precinct.

Decision:

Date: 26/5/15

File: Willow Court

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2 CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

That pursuant to the Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2005, 15 (2) (c) the meeting be closed to the public in order to discuss the following:

1.1 GENERAL MANAGERS CONTRACT

3 CLOSE

