

# BREWARRINA SHIRE COUNCIL

## Agenda Submission for Ordinary Meeting to be held on 30 June 2011

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Goodooga Oval Proposal</b>	<b>DOC REF:</b> Item 23
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<b>REPORT BY:</b>	Siew Neale Assets and Contract Manager	<b>DATE:</b> 15 June 2011
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### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Letter from Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation dated 31 May 2011.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Carlos Herreros from the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation (MPREC) has approached Council with a proposal to undertake the complete maintenance responsibility of the Goodooga Oval. The letter's preamble states that:

*"Goodooga is a small community which has a long and proud history of football in the area. Its local team, the Goodooga magpies, use the oval owned and maintained by the Brewarrina Shire Council. The oval was designed to meet various needs in the community and therefore also had a cricket pitch constructed in the middle of the grounds. The cricket pitch was never maintained properly and of late has fallen into such disrepair that it now poses a safety issue with players of football matches. No competitive cricket has been played on the grounds for at least ten years. Goodooga has no junior or senior cricket teams and at present no intentions within the community to create any. The main game played in Goodooga is rugby league or football. The present level of maintenance to the grounds is of concern to the greater part of the community".*

In the short term MPREC wish to remove and/or relocate the cricket pitch and undertake all the watering, mowing and rubbish removal from the grounds. It is proposed that CDEP participants, under a Work for the Dole Program or similar, will carry out the mowing, watering and rubbish removal maintenance functions at the Goodooga Oval on a two days per week basis. MPREC proposes to source the funding required for this program and do not request any financial or administrative support from Council to implement these programs, including the provision of the necessary equipment and machinery required to carry out these tasks.

In the long term, MPREC propose to make improvements to the Goodooga Oval, including the realignment of the watering system, top dressing the oval, implementing a sprigging program, regularly fertilise the ground, control and eradicate weeds and pests and erecting bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicle access to the oval.

Consideration of the existing workload of Council's Goodooga workforce should be factored in when determining the benefits of this proposal. Should Council staff no longer be required to maintain the oval, this may impact on the available work for the existing two man Goodooga crew. Many of the tasks undertaken in the maintenance of Council assets in Goodooga require a minimum two man crew. A reduced workload could mean an increased level of service to another work area which could increase the costs of that area, negating any savings this proposal may present.

Council staff has inspected the cricket pitch at the Goodooga Oval previous to this submission and are making arrangements to source a suitable cover for the cricket pitch which will then be covered with sand to eliminate / reduce the risk of injury to players on the field.

Staff has considered how such a proposal may be formalised and have found that Under the Local Government Act 1993 Section 355 Council is able to delegate some of its functions to a committee of Council. Council uses this delegation and appoints community people to manage its facilities or functions through a committee of management.

The committees provide a mechanism by which interested persons can have an active role in the provision / management of Council facilities or services. This provides a two fold benefit by giving protection to the committee operating under the banner of Council, and by providing Council with assistance in the carrying out of its functions. Memberships consist of a Councillor and community representatives.

This proposal is submitted from MPREC which is affiliated with the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly. A Regional Partnership Agreement exists between the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly, the Commonwealth of Australia and the New South Wales Government of Australia. This Agreement sets out the framework for the three partners to work together to deliver outcomes that make a difference in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in the Murdi Paaki.

As MPREC are affiliated with the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly where a Regional Partnership Agreement exists, it is reasonable that a Committee under Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 is not the most appropriate mechanism in this situation. Management agree that a Memorandum of Understanding is a more appropriate vehicle to outline the roles, rights and responsibilities of the parties involved in this proposal.

The MPREC have offered to draft a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate the implementation of their proposal, should the proposal be acceptable to Council.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That:**

- 1. Council receive the report on the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Goodooga Oval Proposal; and**
- 2. Council determine its position on the Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation Goodooga Oval Proposal.**

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To The Manager Brewarrina Shire Council

CC Goodooga Community Working Party  
Goodooga  
Attention: Christine Hooper

Regards; Goodooga Magpies Oval

Preamble;

Goodooga is a small community which has a long and proud history of football in the area. Its local team, the Goodooga Magpies, use the local oval owned and maintained by the Brewarrina Shire Council. The oval was designed to meet various needs in the community and therefore also had a cricket pitch constructed in the middle of the grounds. The cricket pitch was never maintained properly and of late has fallen into such disrepair that it now poses a safety issue with players of football matches. No competitive cricket has been played on the grounds for at least ten years. Goodooga has no junior or senior cricket teams and at present no intentions within the community to create any. The main game played in Goodooga is Rugby League or football. The present level of maintenance to the grounds is of concern to the greater part of the community.

Due to local community concern with the present state of the oval, we propose undertaking the complete responsibility of maintenance to the oval.

This would entail passing maintenance responsibility from Brewarrina Shire Council to the MPREC. We would then use the grounds to run various horticulture programs. Some of these could include Maintenance of Parks and Gardens, Pests and Diseases of Turf, Planting Trees & Shrubs and Maintaining Irrigation Systems.

This would mean in the short term the removal of the extremely dangerous cricket pitch. All the watering and mowing needed and also the rubbish removal from the grounds.

We understand that the Brewarrina Shire Council is stretched to maintain the oval to the required standard desired by the Goodooga Magpies Football Club.

In the longer term, we would undertake an improvement schedule that would bring the oval in line with other sporting facilities such as exist in Coonamble.

The long term program would include;

- Realigning the watering system. At this stage the watering does not give total cover to the playing area, resulting in bare patches.
- Top dressing the oval with organic material to increase the water holding capacity of the existing soil.
- Implementing a sprigging program to increase the amount of actual turf grass cover on the playing area, which at the moment is totally inadequate.

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- Regularly fertilize the grounds to maintain strong growth throughout the year.
- Control and eradicate weeds and pests that might occur.
- Topdressing the oval with suitable soils to achieve a level playing field.
- Erecting bollards to prevent unauthorized vehicle access to the oval.

We hope that this can be achieved with a positive outcome for the Goodooga community. We could ,if necessary draft an MOU to reach these ends.

Regards

Carlos Herreros- MPREC




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