

Community Update – 16 November 2023

Showgrounds Governance and Management Project – Jandowae Pilot



Again, we acknowledge and thank community members who participated in the second community workshop at the Exchange Hotel in Jandowae on November 7. Your commitment and enthusiasm will carry this process forward to provide great outcomes for your community.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION is available on [Council's Have Your Say](#) page:



Photos sourced from WDRC Jandowae Showgrounds Community Engagement Workshops Oct/Nov 2023

7 NOVEMBER COMMUNITY MEETING - WHAT WE HEARD

- That the community have enough interested and committed volunteers from a range of different community groups to form an incorporated association, with a request for support from Council to establish and operate this entity.
- There is strong support for community management of the RV camping, including retaining the camping fees for the incorporated association to decide how this is spent.
- That there was general agreement that User Groups will: be incorporated; be local; hold regular events at the facility; have a representative attend quarterly meetings of the newly incorporated association; be eligible for discounted event fees; contribute regularly to maintenance/working bees.
- That the community support proposed revisions to the land management plan to accommodate the agreed approach to the management of the Showgrounds, understanding that other processes are also required.
- That the community are accepting of Council setting the fees and charges, noting that affordability for community users is a very important consideration.
- That naming of the grounds should include the word Showground; that including Recreation Grounds was also an option; and that all present have had a chance to participate in the poll either online or on paper copies.
- That the new association would work with the Council's community liaison and agreements team to progress a management agreement.

FURTHER ACTION on 8 November a second broad consultation with Council staff responsible for Showgrounds use and management, supported the community's ideas; recommendations were made to Council's Executive Leadership Team on 9 November, and then to Council on 13 November.

IN PRINCIPLE AGREEMENT FROM COUNCIL:

- support of the community to form and operate an incorporated association;
- that Council enter a management agreement with the incorporated association for the holistic management of the grounds, including RV Camping;
- seek to renew the Land Management Plan in alignment with the proposed terms of the management agreement; and
- endorse the re-naming of the facility to be Jandowae Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve.

NEXT STEPS

- Council will progress the Land Management Plan review process alongside the incorporation/agreement process
- **7PM on Monday 27 November 2023** The Showgrounds Management Committee (current committee) meeting will be held at the Jandowae Cultural & Community Centre. All interested in forming the new incorporated association are invited to attend to progress the incorporation and agreement development process.

We encourage all of you to come along to this meeting.