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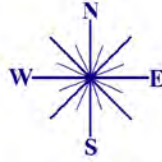
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ESTABLISHMENT AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL NATIVE FISH HATCHERY WORKING PARTY

1. Establishment

The Central Darling Shire Native Fish Hatchery Working Party is established in accordance with the resolution of Council ~~XXX/XXX~~, 27 March 2019.

2. Charter

The Native Fish Hatchery Working Party has been established by Council primarily to source funding for a Native Fish Hatchery at Menindee.

Objectives

The Primary Objectives of the Working party are:

- Central Darling Shire Council being the auspicing body for initial funding and planning, then to proceed to call for community interest to form an incorporated community organisation or to utilise an existing incorporated organisation to progress the Hatchery.

Benefits

It's believed, a Native Fish Hatchery would be an ideal project/enterprise to be developed in Menindee. Multiple benefits to the community and environment of Menindee were identified:

- Employment
- Cultural significance
- Food source
- Recreation
- Tourism
- The Darling River and the Menindee Lakes Scheme is a critical integral environmental location for the life cycle of the endangered native fish species of Murray Cod and Golden and Silver Perch
- Possible income generation as evidenced by the community commitment for the preservation of native fish with the current Aeration Project and Water Quality Testing measures to be provided to governing bodies and research

3. Membership

Membership of the Working Party shall consist of:

- 3.1 Up to Eight (8) Community Representatives and General Manager.
- 3.2 A member of the Working Party will hold office as a member of the Working Party until the next Council election.
- 3.3 The Working Party may co-opt suitably qualified persons to assist from time to time.
- 3.4 The office of a member of the Working Party shall become vacant upon the Council removing that person from office as a member of the Working Party or upon the member ceasing to hold office for whom they are representing.
- 3.5 In the event of a vacancy in the office of a member of the Working Party, the Council shall, if it deems fit, appoint another person as a member of the Working Party on the same basis as, and for the balance of the term of, the original appointment.
- 3.6 No allowance will be paid to any Member of the Working Party.

4. Office Bearers

- 4.1 The Chair of the Working Party shall be appointed by the Working Party for such term as the Working Party sees fit.
- 4.2 The office of the Chair shall become vacant if:
 - 4.2.1 The Council removes the Chair from office; or
 - 4.2.2 The Chair ceases to be a member of the Working Party.
- 4.3 If the Chair of the Working Party is absent from a meeting, a member of the Working Party shall be chosen from those present to undertake the role of Chair at that meeting.
- 4.4 The Council shall provide a person to take minutes of Working Party meetings.

5. Meetings

- 5.1 The Working Party will determine its own meeting procedures and meeting schedule.
- 5.2 Minutes of a meeting of the Working Party shall be presented to the next available meeting of the Council, for endorsement.
- 5.3 The minutes of a meeting of the Working Party shall be provided to all Council members and Working Party members within five (5) days after the meeting of the Working Party.
- 5.4 All decisions of the Working Party shall be made on the basis of a majority decision of the members present.
- 5.5 The Working Party does not enjoy the delegation of any powers, functions and duties of the Council. All decisions of the Working Party will, therefore, constitute recommendations to the Council.

6. Tenure

The Working Party will continue in existence until wound up by resolution of Council.

Native Fish Hatchery Working Group

Meeting Held at the Menindee RTC Thursday 14th March 2019

Opened at: 4pm

Present: Graeme McCrabb, Cheryl Blore, Barbara Quayle, Greg Hill CDSC General Manager (Interim Chair), Margot Muscat CDSC employee (Minutes)

Background:

Graeme McCrabb gave a rundown of there being Indigenous Funding of \$5m available at present and that as a result of recent fish kills a Native Fish Hatchery would be an ideal project/enterprise to be developed in Menindee. (Availability of the funding was verbally confirmed by Niall Blair, Federal Minister for Industry; with further talks to be held with Mark Coulton, Federal MP for Parkes on Monday). Brief talks were also held today with Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Andrew Scheir, Candidate for Barwon, who were visiting Menindee to announce funding for 4 x Environmental Ranger positions to be employed in this area.

Purpose:

To source funding for a Native Fish Hatchery to be developed in Menindee

Benefits to the Community and Environment:

- Create employment
- Cultural Significance
- Food source
- Recreation
- Tourism
- The Darling River and the Menindee Lakes Scheme is a critical integral environmental location for the life cycle of the endangered native fish species of Murray Cod and Golden and Silver Perch.
- Possible income generation as evidenced by the community commitment for the preservation of native fish with the current Aeration Project and Water Quality Testing measures to be provided to governing bodies and research.

Interim:

- To progress this project a Working Group of interested persons needs to be formed immediately, to include those present in this meeting and to call for Expressions of Interest for two more interested community members.
- CDSC General Manager, Greg Hill, agreed for Council to be the auspicing body for initial funding and planning, then to proceed to call for community interest to form an organisation or to utilise an existing organisation (not tourism association) to progress the Hatchery.
- The Department of Primary Industries were instrumental in relocating stranded Murray Cod to the Narrandera Fisheries Centre that was set up to raise public awareness of the state of native fish populations. It would be of benefit for the Working Group to do a research trip to the Centre to get first hand guidance on what is required in the areas of Governance, Finance,

Structure, Physical Set-up, Ongoing Income, Future Markets – export, government; positives and negatives etc.

- Letter to be sent to the following to source funding for the Development of a Native Fish Hatchery in Menindee.

Nigel Scullion	Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs
David Littleproud	Minister for Agriculture and Water
Michael McCormack	Deputy Prime Minister
John Barilaro	Minister for Regional Development
Mark Coulton	Federal Member for Parkes
Andrew Scheir	2019 State Candidate for Barwon
Roy Butler	2019 State Candidate for Barwon

Next meeting to be held on Monday 18th March 2019 at 2.30pm at the Menindee RTC
Meeting closed: 4.46pm

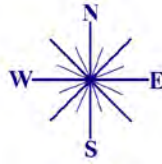
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15 March 2019

Hon Michael McCormack MP
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House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Email: michael.mccormack.mp@aph.gov.au

Our reference: GF19/247

Dear Deputy Prime Minister

Menindee Native Fish Hatchery

On Thursday, 14 March 2019 Council's General Manager and members of the Menindee community conducted the inaugural meeting of the Native Fish Hatchery Working Group.

A Native Fish Hatchery would be an ideal project/enterprise to be developed in Menindee.

Multiple benefits to the community and environment of Menindee were identified:

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Council has agreed to be the auspicing body for initial funding and planning. The Working Party will establish an Incorporated body.

The Working Party is requesting \$5M funding from State and Federal Government to establish the Native Fish Hatchery in Menindee.

I am available to discuss further during business hours at the Wilcannia office, telephone 08 8083 8900 or email: council@centraldarling.nsw.gov.au

The Working Party is looking forward to a favourable response.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Hill', is written over a faint circular stamp.

Greg Hill
GENERAL MANAGER

Enclosed: Minutes of the Native Fish Hatchery Working Group held 14 March 2019

Copy: Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs; David Littleproud, Minister for Agriculture and Water; Michael McCormack, Deputy Prime Minister; John Barilaro, Minister for Regional Development; Mark Coulton, Federal Member Parkes; Andrew Scheir, 2019 State Candidate for Barwon; Roy Butler, 2019 State Candidate for Barwon.