REVOCATION OF COMMUNITY LAND CLASSIFICATION

PUBLIC CONSULTATION REPORT

WAROOKA CONSULTING ROOMS & WAROOKA MUSEUM

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Reason for Public Consultation

This Consultation Report for the Revocation of Community Land classification is for two properties and has been prepared and made available to the public as part of Council’s requirements pursuant to Section 194 (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1999, as amended.

The two properties are -

1. Warooka Consulting Rooms
   Allotment 47 PLN 453
   22 Brentwood Road Warooka
   Certificate of Title: Volume 5748 Folio 585

2. Warooka Museum
   Allotment 1 PLN 14529
   6 Brentwood Road Warooka
   Certificate of Title: Volume 5749 Folio 718

Background

A recommendation was carried at the 9th March 2011 Council meeting for Council staff to commence investigations and have discussions with relevant community organisations that have an interest in land that is surplus to Council.

After approaching Warooka Progress Association Inc. (Progress) with the offer to transfer the Consulting Rooms and Museum properties back to the community, Council has since spoken and corresponded with Progress on various occasions to discuss the proposal further. Council has now received a formal request for Council to consider the transfer of both properties, to Progress.

To enable the property to be transferred to Progress, Council is required to revoke the Community Land Classification in accordance with the requirements of Section 194 of the Local Government Act 1999.
The Land

Allotments 47 & 1 are both owned by Council.

Allotment 47 is approximately 996 square metres in area and currently is known as the Warooka Consulting Rooms and is classified as Category 3 Public and Community Facilities within Council’s Community Land Management Plan.

Allotment 1 is approximately 1001 square metres in area and is known as the Warooka Museum and is classified as Category 4 Business & Commercial within Council’s Community Land Management Plan.

Tenure of the land

The intention is for Progress to continue using Allotment 47 as a Consulting Room and Allotment 1 for the Museum.

Warooka Consulting Rooms

In July 1938 the question of a doctor’s consulting room at Warooka was raised because until then, the doctor consulted weekly in the Committee Room at the Warooka Memorial Hall. The foundation stone was laid in February 1939 at the Allotment 47 property and the Consulting Rooms opened on June 10th 1939.

By 1967 it was felt that it would be sensible to invest the property in the District Council of Warooka, as belonging to the people of the district. The transfer was made in 1967.

The Consulting Rooms are currently the ‘headquarters’ of The Warooka Parenting Group, a sub-committee of Warooka Progress Assoc. The CAFHS nurse makes regular visits with bookings by appointment. The Clinic would be the most supported clinic on the peninsula with mothers coming from other towns to attend.

The Warooka Community Garden which is enjoyed by the parenting group as well is situated behind the Consulting Rooms building.

Until recently the Consulting Rooms were used for the Red Cross service Telecross which provides a contact service for people who are isolated by making daily calls to check on their wellbeing and safety.

Warooka Museum

The Museum is housed in the original Warooka Police Station. The two front rooms of the building were built in 1883 however the “movable cell” and rear four rooms had been built prior to this time.

The first Trooper, J P Dowling, with his dray-load of supplies arrived in February 1879. The station closed in 1924 and it was used as a private residence until 1980 when it was purchased by the
Warooka Historical and Museum Society (Society). The Society transferred the property to the District Council of Warooka who in turn leased the property back to the Society.

The Museum building has been restored over time by a group of dedicated volunteers and the majority of exhibits have been donated by people in the district. At the back of the building more displays are housed in sheds and the old gaol cell and items include old wares and machinery of yesteryear. The aim of the Museum is to tell the continuing story and learn more of the district of Warooka.

Both facilities provide a continuing and important contribution and service to the community. The transfer of the properties through Progress will bring unity and strengthen the already very real sense of pride and ownership back to the community.
Consultation process

The public consultation process is the first step in the process to Revoke the Community Land Classification of Council owned land Allotment 47 PLN 453, 22 Brentwood Road Warooka, Certificate of Title: Volume 5748 Folio 585 (Consulting Rooms) and Allotment 1 PLN 14529, 6 Brentwood Road Warooka, Certificate of Title: Volume 5749 Folio 718 (Museum).

After the 21 days public consultation period a report will be prepared for Council outlining the outcome of the public consultation process including any written submissions.

Council must consider all submissions made in response to this public consultation process prior to making a decision.

1. Provide a written submission which is to be received no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday 10th November 2015.

   Please forward submission to:
   
   Warooka Properties Revocation
   Yorke Peninsula Council
   PO Box 57
   Maitland SA 5573

2. Include in the written submission, a request to appear in person before Council when the matter is considered.

   It is planned that the matter will be considered at the 9th December 2015 Council meeting.

   If any members of the public wish to attend this meeting to listen to Council’s consideration of this matter, they should view Council’s meeting Agenda to verify when the matter is being considered.

   This meeting is a formal meeting of Council and only people who have requested in writing to address Council will be considered to do so.

   All questions regarding the consultation process can be directed to Marilyn Mensforth, Property Tenure Officer on (08) 8832 0000.

   This is the first and only publication of this notice.

Andrew Cameron

Chief Executive Officer