



WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

27 September 2016

Mr J D McGennissen
President – Harrow Discovery Centre Section 86 Committee
103 Glenferrie Road
HARROW VIC 3317

Dear JD

Re: Harrow Discovery Centre – Section 86 Committee
Ref: 16/003748

I am writing to advise that Council considered a report on the Harrow Discovery Centre – Section 86 Committee at the 15 September 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting, and resolved as follows:

That senior officers commence discussions with the Harrow Discovery Centre section 86 committee and incorporated body to work towards dissolving the section 86 status and developing a memorandum of understating to operate under.

An excerpt from the unconfirmed Minutes of that meeting is attached, for your information.

To action this resolution, I am writing to request a meeting with you and the Committee. Attendees from Council will be Robyn Evans, Venkat Peteti and myself. We would like to suggest that the meeting take place:

2:00pm on Wed 26 October 2016, at the Harrow Discovery Centre

Please advise if this would be convenient for you and the committee.

Yours faithfully

David Leahy
Chief Executive Officer

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Mr J D McGennicken
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Dear Mr McGennicken

Re: Section 86 Committee Status
Ref: 16/003748

Thank you for meeting with Robyn Evans, General Manager Infrastructure Development and Works and myself at the Discovery Centre to discuss the section 86 status of the committee.

As discussed at the meeting, the section 86 status implies that the committee is a special committee of Council created by resolution, with members appointed by resolution, which is delegated with certain powers.

A section 86 committee is also required to operate by a set of guidelines that are set out in the Local Government Act. The current section 86 committee at the Harrow Discovery Centre is not operating as a true special committee of Council, and therefore an opportunity exists to dissolve the committee status.

To enable the relationship between the Discovery Centre and the Shire to remain strong, an agreement will be developed (either a user agreement, lease agreement or licence) to assist in managing the facility and providing a financial contribution to its ongoing activities.

The intention beyond the dissolving of the section 86 status is to deal directly with the incorporated body, committee of management. This will enable planning for asset maintenance to be programmed efficiently and ensure that the allocation of funds is provided in a more streamlined fashion.

In order to progress the development of an agreement, could you please forward all requests for information to Ms Robyn Evans, General Manager Infrastructure Development and Works on (03) 5585 9900 or by email gmidw@westwimmera.vic.gov.au or mobile 0429 707 407.



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As discussed, the removal of the section 86 committee status will enable a more streamlined approach to be applied to the management of the facility and remove the administrative requirements for the committee to report to Council annually.

To complete the process to dissolve the status, I intend to place a report before Council at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council on Thursday 17 November 2016. To enable this to occur it would be appreciated if a response to this letter, confirming that the committee is prepared to support the proposal to dissolve the status, be sent to me by email no later than Friday 4 November 2016.

If you have any further questions regarding the process, please feel free to contact me at Council to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

David Leahy
Chief Executive Officer