

8 DISSOLUTION OF THE EMERALD VILLAGE COMMITTEE

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council resolve to dissolve the Emerald Village Committee previously formed under the provisions of Section 86 of the Local Government Act.

Attachments

Nil.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report advises Council of the formation of the Emerald Village Association Inc., (EVA Inc.) an incorporated group that has been formed as the result of public meetings that have been attended by Councillors or Council Officers and recommends the dissolution of the Emerald Village Committee previously formed under Section 86 of the Local Government Act.

BACKGROUND

The Emerald Village Committee held internal discussions during September 2018 around their wish to communicate more effectively with the local Emerald community by creating a community newsletter and website. Under the Section 86 Committee Deed of Delegation and rules, the Emerald Village Committee were unable to deliver such an initiative due to Committee restrictions. Further discussions were held with Councillors and Council staff around options for the Committee and community initiatives.

The Emerald Village Committee commenced discussions with Council around voluntarily winding up the Emerald Village Committee and investigating becoming an incorporated association, where they would be able to better communicate with the local community around the Emerald township. Council and Councillors supported this move.

At a meeting held on 15th October 2018, the Emerald Village Committee formally met to approve the incorporation of the group and the intention to cease operating as a Section 86 Committee of Council.

A Certificate of Incorporation in the name of Emerald Village Association Incorporated was issued on 14 November 2018.

A final meeting of the Emerald Village Committee was held on 22nd January 2019 and the inaugural meeting of the EVA Inc. followed.

The formation of Special Committees requires a formal Council resolution pursuant to Section 86 of the Local Government Act and a further resolution is required to dissolve any such Committees.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Establishing and maintaining Committees of Management is directly relevant to the Liveability Plan outcome of improved social cohesion.

RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN

Establishing and maintaining Committees of Management is directly relevant to the Council Plan goals of actively engaging with communities and increasing levels of community participation and directly relevant to the Liveability Plan outcome of improved social cohesion.

CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION

Over the period October - December 2018, the Emerald Village Committee held discussions at their monthly meetings around moving to an incorporated group. Councillors and Council staff attended these meetings and provided advice.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between Council and the newly formed EVA Inc. agreeing to the continuation of a relationship of liaison, consultation, financial support and information sharing.

CONCLUSION

It is appropriate for the Council to dissolve the Emerald Village Committee under Section 86 of the Local Government Act (1989) and for Council to support the formation and ongoing activities of the Emerald Village Association Incorporated.