

## **8 DISSOLUTION OF COCKATOO COMMUNITY HALL COMMITTEE**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Cockatoo Community Hall Committee, appointed under the provisions of Section 86 of the Local Government Act by Council resolution dated 19 May 2008, be dissolved.

### **Attachments**

*Nil.*

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Cockatoo Community Hall Committee has not been functioning effectively for several years and has not been complying with the Deed of Delegation about holding meetings and providing financial statements and other information to the Council. As such it is proposed that the Committee be dissolved.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Cockatoo Community Hall Committee has the duty to 'provide a public community centre for the hire of individuals and organisations which will be of benefit and use for present and future residents of Cardinia Shire'. Concerns have been raised over recent years that the Committee was not operating effectively and not in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation.

This matter was recently raised as part of an Audit into compliance with the Local Government Act provisions. The Cockatoo Community Complex Committee was found to not be operating effectively and not complying with the provisions of the Act in regard to providing minutes of its meetings which was raised as a risk to the Council. This Audit report was the catalyst for the convening of a meeting with representatives of the Committee and Council. The Committee has been requested to

The Committee has been requested to provide all relevant documents to Council in regards to the Community Complex, including Committee details, meeting minutes, financial details and bank statements and advised that if these documents cannot be provided that it is likely that the Committee will be formally dissolved.

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **RELEVANCE TO COUNCIL PLAN**

Nil

### **CONSULTATION/COMMUNICATION**

A meeting was recently held with representatives of the Cockatoo Community Complex Committee and Cr Leticia Wilmot and Tim Cooper of the Council to advise of the concerns in regard to the operation of the Committee. If it is resolved to dissolve the Committee Council will initially assume the responsibility for managing the use and bookings of the hall until a more permanent management model is adopted. Potential organisations that could undertake this role will be identified in consultation with the Cockatoo community.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **CONCLUSION**

As the Cockatoo Community Complex Committee has not been able to function effectively in accordance with the Instrument of Delegation, it is proposed to dissolve the committee.