

15. EN BLOC ITEMS

At 9.05pm Cr Willis moved, seconded Cr Foxtton –

That the recommendations for items, P15/3671, T15/3659, M15/5438 M15/5000, C15/6000 and C15/6001 be carried En Bloc.

At 9.05pm the Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (11/0)

16. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

17. MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

17.1 The Future of Shirley Strickland Reserve

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY

At 9.07pm Cr Robartson moved, seconded Cr Reynolds–

That Cr Schuster be permitted to present to Council a Motion Without Notice relating to The Future of Shirley Strickland Reserve.

At 9.07pm the Mayor submitted the motion which was declared
CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (9/2)

Vote Result Summary	
Yes	9
No	2

Vote Result Detailed	
Cr Foxtton	Yes
Cr Macphall	Yes
Cr Phelan	Yes
Cr Reynolds	Yes
Cr Robartson	Yes
Cr Schuster	Yes
Cr Taylor-Rees	Yes
Cr Willis	Yes
Mayor Aubrey	Yes
Cr Barton	No
Cr Pazolli	No

17.1 The Future of Shirley Strickland Reserve (Continued)

Disclosure of Interest

Item No.	17.1
Member	Cr C Schuster
Type of Interest	Interest under the Code of Conduct
Nature of Interest	Voluntary Secretary of the Ardross Junior Cricket Club and coordinate cricket program held at Shirley Strickland Reserve. Social Member of the Mount Pleasant Bowls Club – no capacity to vote
Request	Not Applicable
Decision of Council	Not Applicable

At 9.08pm Cr Schuster moved, seconded Cr Reynolds-

The Council resolves to:

1. **Note and reaffirm its unanimous resolution in relation to the potential redevelopment of and/or new facilities at Shirley Strickland Reserve in Ardross of 21st April, 2015 (pages 77 to 81 inclusive of the Minutes of the Council meeting on that date);**
2. **Notes that during the current Local Government election campaign there has been some anonymous and misleading information circulating in the Ardross and Mount Pleasant communities (noting two such items attached to this Notice) in respect to potential aspects of the proposal which could flow from the above resolution;**
3. **Notes the purpose of the April 21st resolution was to commence the engagement and planning process and then report to Elected Members at an Information Session prior to Council considering any formal proposal, and that it is intended that initial process commence in November 2015; and,**
4. **In the event that the land on which the Mount Pleasant Bowls Club is vacated by the Club as a result of this, or any other process, that the Council is of the view that the future use of the land “for a purpose consistent with its surrounds” would not include high density development such as an apartment block as suggested by one of the anonymous documents referred to above.**

AMENDMENT

At 9.19pm Cr Pazolli moved, seconded Cr Taylor-Rees -

That the following be added to the end of item 4:
but would remain as a public facility or public open space for the benefit of the amenity for Melville residents.

At 9.35pm the Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared

LOST (5/6)

17.1 The Future of Shirley Strickland Reserve (Continued)

Vote Result Summary	
Yes	5
No	6

Vote Result Detailed	
Cr Barton	Yes
Cr Pazolli	Yes
Cr Robartson	Yes
Cr Taylor-Rees	Yes
Cr Willis	Yes
Cr Foxtan	No
Cr Macphail	No
Cr Phelan	No
Cr Reynolds	No
Cr Schuster	No
Mayor Aubrey	No

MOTION OF DISSENT

At 9.26pm Cr Pazolli moved, seconded Cr Taylor-Rees -, the following Procedural Motion in accordance with Clause 11.1(f) of Standing Orders Local Law 2003 -

That the ruling of the Presiding Member relating to a statement by Cr Schuster be disagreed with.

At 9.27pm the Mayor submitted the Procedural Motion which was declared

LOST (3/8)

Vote Result Summary	
Yes	3
No	8

Vote Result Detailed	
Cr Barton	Yes
Cr Pazolli	Yes
Cr Taylor-Rees	Yes
Cr Foxtan	No
Cr Macphail	No
Cr Phelan	No
Cr Reynolds	No
Cr Robartson	No
Cr Schuster	No
Cr Willis	No
Mayor Aubrey	No

17.1 The Future of Shirley Strickland Reserve (Continued)**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

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4. In the event that the land on which the Mount Pleasant Bowls Club is vacated by the Club as a result of this, or any other process, that the Council is of the view that the future use of the land "for a purpose consistent with its surrounds" would not include high density development such as an apartment block as suggested by one of the anonymous documents referred to above.

At 9.51pm the Mayor submitted the motion, which was declared

CARRIED (8/3)

REASONS:

1. I have been a part time user and observer of activities at the Shirley Strickland Reserve for over 25 years and recently my engagement with the Reserve has become more regular. I find the Reserve, which I think with its area and location, should be one of the "jewels in the crown" of the City's active reserves, to be not as well used as perhaps it should be with a physical facility at its core that is simply not up to contemporary standard from a structural point of view, and also does not encourage junior sport to use it because of the liquor licensing arrangements there. In recent times, because of the unavailability of sufficient groundwater, the verges around the Reserve have become degraded through irregular vehicle parking –there are proposals being considered in the Budget process to rectify this situation by the installation of verge parking, which itself would be an essential component of any long term redevelopment;
2. The City's policies and plans are very supportive of organised and private recreation and sporting activities being integral to the vibrancy and effective functioning of our communities, and indeed one of the City's largest areas of expenditure is in developing and maintaining facilities for that very purpose;

17.1 The Future of Shirley Strickland Reserve (Continued)

3. I have been waiting for the consultation to commence, as suggested by the Council resolution, involving anybody who wanted to be involved. I am advised this process will commence in November 2015. Consequently I was surprised to see in the last two weeks that, even though I didn't seem to think I was a candidate for election in 2015, people in both authorised and unauthorised material (to my count two anonymous flyers, one authorised flyer and unauthorised signs that were removed by Council staff and prompted a warning from the Returning Officer I believe) have seen fit to associate me by name with the Council resolution (rather than the Council which made the decision unanimously) and then go on to advise why they don't like certain things that may or may not happen. As it happens more people have contacted me in support than to criticise me, but I am left to wonder at the motivation;

4. The more significant issue is the dark cloud these actions could place over this important consultation process –the issues of the uses of the Shirley Strickland Reserve will be resolved during consultation and eventually by a Council decision of one kind or another, but the commentary about "12 story apartment blocks" potentially on the Bedford Road land is in my view just cynical populism from people not prepared to put their name to public information (leaving aside that the Kitchener Road development was opposed by Council –including me –and is not 12 stories in any event; minor details perhaps. This point leads me to ask the Council, in the event that the Bowls Club land did become available for residential development that high density apartment style development would not be contemplated on that site, consistent with the City's CPS 6 and various structure plans.

Vote Result Summary	
Yes	8
No	3

Vote Result Detailed	
Cr Foxton	Yes
Cr Macphail	Yes
Cr Phelan	Yes
Cr Reynolds	Yes
Cr Robartson	Yes
Cr Schuster	Yes
Cr Willis	Yes
Mayor Aubrey	Yes
Cr Barton	No
Cr Pazolli	No
Cr Taylor-Rees	No

