

LONGREACH REGIONAL COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING AGENDA

Thursday 18 February 2021

Ilfracombe Recreation Centre, Ilfracombe

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File Ref:

Consideration of applications received for agistment on Council controlled Reserve, Morella North.

Council Action

Deliver
Recognise

Applicable Legislation

Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002
Stock Route Management Act 2002
Biosecurity Act 2014
Stock Act 1915
Land Act 1994

Policy Considerations

N/A

Corporate and Operational Plan Considerations

Budget Considerations

N/A

Previous Council Resolutions related to this Matter

Nil

Officer Comment

Responsible Officer/s: *Anna-Marie Moffat, Rural Lands Officer*
Jeffrey Newton, Rural Lands and Local Laws Supervisor

Background:

Council received a letter from Cam Tindall, Darr River Downs requesting approval to agist cattle on the Morella North and South Reserve.

As outlined in the *Stock Route Management Act 2002, S116 (3)* Council has advertised for agistment opportunities for the Morella North Reserve. One application was received.

As Morella North Reserve does not have a permanent water source, the successful applicant must supply this and the agistment fee will be adjusted to reflect this.

Morella South Reserve has received some rain however the pasture is below the required residual and will not be offered for agistment. In the event this Reserve receives further rain another pasture assessment will be conducted.

Issue:

The below applications were received:

Morella North Reserve						
Applicant	No. of Stock	Number of Stock Approved for Reserve	Stock/Breed	Description	Age	Public Liability
Darr River Downs	155	100	Droughtmaster Cross	Mixed Weaners	8 mth	Yes

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As per the Department of Natural Resources and Mines and Energy (DNRM&E) requirements and pursuant to *section 142 of the Stock Route Management Act 2002*, all applicants must have the required Public Liability.

All applications were considered having regard to the current hardship faced by the current drought.

Permits must be approved on the following basis:

1. All applications are assessed in accordance with the provisions of the *Stock Route Management Act 2002*;
2. All agistment fees are to be paid in advance of the permit being issued;
3. Stocking rates will be set utilising both pasture assessments and industry best practice methodology;
4. Successful applicant is able to supply own water to this Reserve;
5. Successful applicant must ensure all measures are taken to ensure stock do not wander onto Landsborough Highway; and
6. The successful applicant must be notified immediately.

Council Officers will enter the Grazing Permit Application into Stock Route Management System and Stock Squad and Biosecurity. Close monitoring of the pasture will continue in line with the *Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 sections 116 and 183*, to ensure both Reserves are able to sustain future pasture growth.

Risk Management Factors:

This matter has been assessed using Council's Risk Matrix to decide the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council:

Likelihood: Unlikely
Consequence: Minor

Environmental Management Factors:

This matter has been assessed using Council's Risk Matrix to decide the likelihood and consequence of any risk to Council:

Likelihood: Possible
Consequence: Minor

Other Comments:

Recommendation:

That Council retrospectively endorses the approval of the issue of temporary grazing permits for 28 days as follows:

Morella North Reserve:

- a) *That Darr River Downs be the approved applicant for 100 Mixed Weaners on Morella North Reserve as indicated by the Forage Budget calculations for 28 days in accordance with the conditions of the Grazing Permit.*