

26. 7. 2001

**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

**1. 'RIVERSYMPIOSIUM' - BRISBANE
COUNCIL REPRESENTATION**

| | |
|---|---|
| Officer responsible Parks and Waterways Manager | Author Anne Greenup, DDI 371-1701 |
|---|---|

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Council to be represented by an elected member at the above conference.

Each year *Riversymposium* is held to highlight world best practice in river management and to provide an international science and management forum for research and development. This year it is being held in Brisbane from 29 to 31 August. In conjunction with the symposium, a substantial international award called Riverprize will be given to the best entry in the management of rivers and waterways competition. The prize is A\$100,000 and has been won by the UK and Canada in the last two years.

Officers from the Planning and Investigations Team of the Parks and Waterways Unit entered a submission in April on behalf of the Council for the Riverprize and the Council's entry has been successful in becoming one of four finalists. This is a remarkable achievement. At the *Riversymposium*, the finalists will be presenting their work to an international audience and the winner of the prize will be formally announced as part of the symposium programme. The organisers of the competition have asked for someone to be present to represent the Council officially and receive the award if the Council is announced as the winner. I am proposing that Councillor Condon be that person, in recognition of his role as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The costs involved for Councillor Condon's attendance are set out below.

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Registration | \$635.00 |
| Accommodation at the conference venue - 4 nights @ \$190 per night | \$760.00 |
| Return economy class flight to Brisbane | \$923.00 |
| Taxis etc | \$100.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$2,418.00 |

Funding of \$20,000 has been provided in 2001/02 for Councillors' overseas travel. If the travel is approved the costs will be met from this vote.

- Recommendation:**
1. That Councillor Condon represent the Council at the *Riversymposium* in Brisbane in August 2001.
 2. That the Council meet the expenses for the trip as set out above.

CONSIDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY 2001

MAYOR