

PROPOSAL
BY
THE ROTARY CLUB OF CALOUNDRA
TO PLACE BEFORE
SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL
REGARDING
RELINQUISHING DUCK HOLE CREEK ROTARY PARK
AND REQUESTING
1
THE PARK AND OLD INFORMATION CENTRE
CALOUNDRA ROAD CALOUNDRA
OR
2
200 TO 300 METERS OF PARKLAND
ALONG PUMICESTONE PASSAGE AT GOLDEN BEACH
TO FORM A NEW ROTARY PARK
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For many years the Rotary Club of Caloundra have had the pleasure of being able to have our name displayed at Duck Hold Creek Caloundra Road Caloundra.

I believe in the early years the Rotary Club of Caloundra members worked to establish that Park and in recent time the members have been able to do light work around the park such as painting of tables and benches.

This park is no longer suitable for the Rotary members to maintain with the water ponds and the sewerage pumping station. The signage identifying it as a Rotary Park is not as visible anymore. The upkeep of the park is not suitable for being classed as a Rotary project.

In short, I believe that a convincing submission could be mounted for the relinquishing of Duck Hole Creek Park as a Rotary Park.

In relinquishing Duck Hole Creek, it would be appropriate to identify and request of the local Council for a more suitable location to be referred to as a Rotary Park.

The first location identified is on the opposite side of Caloundra Road Caloundra which was previously use as an Information Centre. This location is extremely visible on the entrance of Caloundra City. The area is suitable for use as a joint project with other Clubs and Associations that work for and with the community of Caloundra City.

In the planning of this project there should be approaches made to Clubs and Associations in Caloundra with similar support for our community who would be prepared to jointly approach council. I suggest that this initial planning commence as soon as possible before this new Regional Council establish their new planning.

I have spoken with members of other Clubs and Associations regarding the possibility of jointly approaching Sunshine Coast Regional Council as to the opportunity for the use of this area. I would also suggest if this project was to proceed at this site consideration should also be given to the back of the site to be maintained as 24 hr stop over for Grey Nomads and general travellers.

The Alternate site would be to request 200 metres of the foreshore park along Pumicestone Passage.

In short it would be suggested that at both locations gardens and memorials would be established similar to that set up and cared for by the Maroochydore RSL and Naval sites on the Foreshore Park at Cotton Tree.

The first site would be established and maintained by combined Clubs and Associations. Should this site be allocated by the Regional Council the site would be a very fitting display of Community work and colourful display for the entrance to Caloundra. It would identify the many Clubs and Associations for people to support and perhaps join.

The second site would be a site dedicated to the Rotary Club of Caloundra and perhaps the Rotary Club of Caloundra Pacific. It would consist of memorial and signage. Gardens, grassed areas and seating to be established which did not impede the normal flow of pedestrian, mobility scooters or bicycles and any other normal use of the area. This area would be suitably established that it could be planed (Regional Council approved), established and maintained by the Rotary members, as is the case on the RSL and Naval memorial sites on the foreshore park at Cotton Tree.

Both sites would be maintained, in the main, by the Clubs and Associations financially and the physical work done by the members. Of course, the Clubs and Associations would be applying for suitable relevant grants.

In summary,

The Rotary Club of Caloundra President and Board 2020-21 authorise the Director Community to undertake the following:

Establish a submission to Sunshine Coast Regional Council to relinquish the present Rotary Park at Duck Hole Creek. This submission should give a brief outline of the intended requests to be made for more appropriate location for a Combined Clubs and Associations or Rotary Park site.

Seek support and partner with other like clubs within the Caloundra City for a joint approach to Sunshine Coast Regional Council to, in principle, obtain use of the Old Information Site and if successful establish a working committee for the formal submission with plan for the combined use of the site to SCRC for approval.

At the same time a Rotary Club of Caloundra working group to prepare and establish a plan and application for the use of the site for the second proposal should the first not proceed. As this plan would be similar in the material layout as the first proposal, I would suggest the same members be involved in this project.

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