



**SOUTHERN DOWNS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

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Wednesday, 16 October 2024

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 Southern Downs REGIONAL COUNCIL	Report To: Ordinary Council Meeting	
	Reporting Officer: Acting Chief Executive Officer	Meeting Date: 16 October 2024
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Recommendation

THAT Council appoint Cr Wantling and Cr Windle as Councillor representatives to the Southern Downs Women Support Centre, Willow Tree 37, Management / Steering Committee.

REPORT

Report

Southern Downs Women Support Centre (SDWSC), Willow Tree 37, formerly known as Protea Place, has recently reopened its doors to support vulnerable women in the Southern Downs region.

Council has received correspondence from SDWSC (**Attachment 1**) to advise that they will be forming a Management / Steering Committee to support the work of the SDWSC. The purpose of that Committee will be to assist in securing funding, to guide, and support the progress of SDWSC's work in the coming years.

SDWSC have requested that Council consider the formal appointment of Cr Russell Wantling and Cr Sheryl Windle to their Management / Steering Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

RISK AND OPPORTUNITY

Risk

Nil.

Opportunity

The appointment provides an opportunity for elected members to support and to provide a valuable link to the community on specific matters and strategic issues.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Internal Consultation

Nil.

External Consultation

Nil.

LEGAL / POLICY

Legislation / Local Law

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Corporate Plan

Goal 1 Our People

Outcome: 1.1 Communities trust us to engage with them and advocate on their behalf.

Objective: 1.1.2 Implement effective and genuine community consultation processes that enable participation, engagement and collaboration.

1.1.3 Build confidence in our communities by being visible, empathetic and by actively listening.

Policy / Strategy

Councillor Portfolio Policy PL-136

ATTACHMENTS

1. Correspondence from Southern Downs Women Support Centre [↓](#)

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Attention: Mayor Melissa Hamilton & CEO

It is with great pleasure that we are writing to inform you that the Southern Downs Women Support Centre, WillowTree 37, formally known as Protea Place, has reopened the doors to support vulnerable women in the Southern Downs Region. Moving forward there is a need to form a Management Committee / Steering Committee to help secure funding, to guide & support the progress of the support centre into the coming years.

We would like to request that Councillor Sheryl Windle along with Councillor Russell Wantling be formally appointed as Committee Members on behalf of Southern Downs Regional Council. Both Sherly & Russell share a similar passion as the other appointed committee members to ensure that the Support Centre has a brilliant and fruitful future.

We would appreciate your support of both Sherly & Russell being appointed to our committee and look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

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