
NOTICE OF MOTION

9 DUMARESQ STREET, GORDON (DUMARESQ RESERVE)

Notice of Motion from Councillors Lennon and Ward dated 3 November 2023

In 2007, Council acquired three adjoining properties in Dumaresq Street, Gordon for the purposes of forming a park. Council has leased the properties to residential tenants earning rental income, which we have returned to Council's development contributions reserves for acquisition of other open space as part of Council's Open Space Acquisition Strategy.

Council recently demolished one of the properties, 9 Dumaresq Street, because the cost of repairs to allow ongoing residential occupation became too expensive. The other two properties remain rented.

9 Dumaresq Street is 1,458 square metres in size and a little over 100 metres from the middle of the Gordon town centre. It is well covered with trees.

A prospective Gordon Civic Hub project is likely many years away. Consequently, Council has the opportunity to facilitate public access and use of the land at 9 Dumaresq Street at relatively low cost until Council can develop and implement longer term plans.

With simple low-cost additions such as turf, seating, connectivity with Council's adjacent car park, improved access to Dumaresq Street and the like, Council can transform the site into a highly desirable and usable space. Embellishment of the space need not be elaborate or expensive.

We, therefore, move:

That Council open 9 Dumaresq Street, Gordon to the public for passive local recreational open space with connections to Council's site adjoining to the east, as an interim use until such time as Council develops and implements longer term plans for the Gordon Civic Hub project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the above Notice of Motion as printed be adopted.

Councillor Simon Lennon
Councillor for Gordon Ward

Councillor Barbara Ward
Councillor for Gordon Ward