

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 25 October, 2016
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.00pm

Membership (Quorum - 7)
All Councillors

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MM16.1 Mayoral Minute - Local Government NSW Annual Conference

HPERM Ref: D16/329356

Recommendation

That Council receive this report for information.

Details

Having attended the conference between 16-18 October with several of our Councillors and General Manager, I wish to highlight some of the key motions carried by conference delegates:-

- Call on NSW Government to reinvigorate TAFE Trade courses, facilities and qualified staff in regional and remote centres;
- Request the NSW Government to set targets that specify minimum levels of affordable housing for residential development in planning instruments;
- Lobby the NSW Government for increased funding for domestic violence services;
- Work in partnership with Local Aboriginal Land Councils with regards to landholdings and implications for local planning instruments;
- That rates capping be abolished;
- Support steps to have Financial Assistance Grants distribution focus on local needs rather than a per capita basis;
- NSW Government take steps to tighten building regulation and implement better controls around private certifiers;
- Seek commitment from NSW Government to provide further information and technical advice on sea level rise and methods to define coastal hazard areas; and
- Seek an urgent review of State and Federal Funding available to assist Councils repair damage to assets arising from natural disasters that are not covered by the NDRRA.

The key speakers during the conference were:

- The Hon Mike Baird MP, Premier of NSW;
- The Hon Paul Toole MP, Minister for Local Government;
- The Hon John Ajaka MLC, Minister for Ageing, Disability Services & Multiculturalism;
- The Hon Peter Primrose MLC, Shadow Minister for Local Government;
- Peter McKinlay on topic “Rethinking the role of Local Government”;
- Kitty Chiller, Chef de Mission, Australian Olympic Team 2016.

MM16.2 Mayoral Minute - Princes Highway - Upgrade Works & Funding

HPERM Ref: D16/329506

Recommendation

That Council receive this report for information.

Details

I advise Council that I have written to the Member for Gilmore, Mrs Ann Sudmalis MP, seeking her assistance to obtain a meeting with:

- Treasurer, The Hon Scott Morrison MP;
- Minister for Infrastructure & Transport, The Hon Darren Chester MP; and
- Minister for Urban Infrastructure, The Hon Paul Fletcher MP

To lobby for Federal Grant financial assistance towards the key projects of:

- Berry to Bomaderry upgrade and
- Shoalhaven River 3rd crossing.

Both projects are in planning stages however, no construction funds have yet been allocated in the State budget. The State Government has already invested over \$1 billion in upgrades to the Princes Highway over recent years. We are seeing the progress of the Berry bypass and the Toolijooa to Berry section currently under construction.

The Federal Government has committed 50% funding towards works on Mt Ousley. It has a long running program of providing funding towards the Pacific Highway upgrade.

One of the key speakers at the Local Government Conference was Peter McKinley. He certainly challenged conventional thinking including the rationale of mergers versus other means to achieve efficiency and cost effectiveness.

However, one point he emphasised was the need to involve community in decision making and that Mayor and Councillors in seeking representations to higher tiers of Government need to be the “community leader” and be “representative of your community”. In seeking to meet with Federal Ministers on Princes Highway funding we could have more impact if Council can demonstrate the level of community support towards this request. To help put forward Council’s case, I will be seeking letters from Business Chambers, CCB’s, Community Groups and other support from the general public.

**MM16.3 Mayoral Minute - DA16/2070 No. 7 Beach Street,
Huskisson**

HPERM Ref: D16/329651

Recommendation

That Council call in DA16/2070.

Details

Due to extensive public interest regarding DA16/2070, No.7 Beach Street, Huskisson, I would like to request that the DA be called in.

MM16.3

MM16.4 Mayoral Minute - Condolences to the Thai Royal Family

HPERM Ref: D16/330038

Recommendation

That Council receives this report for information.

Details

The passing of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, is a time of great sadness and grief for the people of Thailand. To our Thai friends living in the Shoalhaven we wish to offer you our sympathy in this time of sadness by acknowledging the leadership of His Majesty who was instrumental in making Thailand the great country it is today.

MM16.4

MM16.5 Mayoral Minute - Tiny Homes - A Pathway to Affordable Housing

HPERM Ref: D16/330060

Recommendation

That Council consider the following recommendations:

1. Council adopt the principles of the Tiny Home's Foundation - seeking to create innovative ways to alleviate homelessness.
2. Council identify land that could be used for a Tiny Home's project, taking into consideration proximity to services and report back to a future meeting.
3. Council acknowledge that any Tiny Homes project that might possibly be embarked upon needs to be done in collaboration with housing and human services, other levels of government and the community at large.

Details

Housing affordability and the lack of it has led to an increase in homelessness and increased housing stress. As community leaders we need to take proactive steps to help improve the situation as quickly as we can and equally important to have long term solutions. The Tiny Homes Foundation is working with Gosford City Council to develop a first in social housing which appears to be an effective form of transitioning people who are homeless back into housing. With our community and the other levels of government we can work towards improving the current situation, Tiny Homes are not a quick fix but just part of the ongoing transition to lasting solutions.

Tiny Homes Foundation

<http://www.tinyhomesfoundation.org.au/>

Gosford City Council.

<http://www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/docs/default-source/archived-agendas/agenda-2015/agenda---22-september-2015.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

see PDF page 157 for some further background that was supported by Gosford City Council.

MM16.6 Mayoral Minute - Milton Library Funding for 2017/2018

HPERM Ref: D16/330070

Recommendation

That Council receive the report for information and

1. That Council reinstate the budget of \$50,000 to Milton Library for the next budget cycle.
2. The Friends of Milton Library be advised when the budget is voted on (2017).

Details

The Friends of Milton Library and Council Library Staff have been working hard together to create a new pathway for community collaboration for expanded services at Milton Library. The progress has been impressive, but one of the remaining hurdles is the refurbishing of the library to enable flexible use of the space. The Friends of Milton library would like to use the funds granted by the Hon. Shelly Hancock MP to progress the refurbishing, to do so Council needs to reinstate funding of \$50,000 per annum for the operations of the Library.

MM16.6

MM16.7 Mayoral Minute - Shoalhaven to Host 2017 Surf Dive 'N Ski Australian Junior Surfing Titles

HPERM Ref: D16/330331

Recommendation

That Council receive the report for information.

Details

As you may be aware, Culburra Beach has been named the location for the 2017 prestigious Surf Dive 'N Ski Australian Junior Surfing. Surfing NSW, Surfing Australia, Council and Destination NSW have aligned to bring the renowned junior event to the region.

Six states are represented at the titles across Under 14, 16 and 18 age groups of both boys and girls divisions at the event that is considered the benchmark of junior surfing in the country. The Australian School Surfing Association Titles will also be part of the event.

Congratulations to Culburra for being selected and to all those who will be competing in the competition.

MM16.7

**MM16.8 Mayoral Minute - Minister Paul Toole MP,
Minister for Local Government visits
Shoalhaven**

HPERM Ref: D16/332884

Recommendation

That Council receives this report for information.

Details

Minister Toole MP visited the Shoalhaven on Monday, 24 October 2016 for dual purposes, firstly to speak to recently elected councillors attending the Department of Local Governments “Hit the Ground Running” workshop. Secondly, Minister Toole took the opportunity to visit Nowra Pool, one of the first Shoalhaven City Council projects that took advantage of the State Government Local Infrastructure Renewal Scheme (LIRS). The LIRS scheme has saved Shoalhaven \$88,490 in interest charges, savings that are passed onto the community. The Minister was thanked for supporting an ongoing scheme that will reduce costs to Council.

Minister Toole enjoyed his tour of the facility and was impressed with the increase in usage that the facility had achieved and the Changing Places Toilet.

MM16.8