

## Ordinary Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, 20 December, 2016  
**Location:** Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 4.00pm

**Membership** (Quorum - 7)  
All Councillors

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## **MM16.20 Mayoral Minute - Density of Tourist Cabins in Rural & Environmentally sensitive locations**

**HPERM Ref:** D16/393471

### **Recommendation**

That in considering the the strategic planning program for 2017, Council also consider the policy approach in respect to density of tourist cabins in rural and environmentally sensitive locations.

### **Details**

It has been brought to my attention that some sectors of the community have concerns with the density provisions for tourist cabins in the rural and E zonings where cabins are permissible with consent. The areas with the most concern are Wattamolla and Upper Kangaroo Valley, but could equally be applied to some of the more quiet rural corners of the Shoalhaven. The main concern being that proliferation of cabins for tourism purposes could run counterproductive to the environmental values of particular landscapes. Councillors recently voted to reconsider how it could preserve the iconic ridgelines around Berry and this review could be managed at the same time as it relates to a similar issue that generated the Berry review.

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## MM16.21 Mayoral Minute - Volunteering Shoalhaven

HPERM Ref: D16/393481

### Recommendation

That staff report to Council report on volunteering models that could be deployed by council (or other interested party) that seeks to:

- Register volunteers
- Alerts Volunteers to opportunities to volunteer
- Maintains a registry of volunteer programs that are registered with Centrelink or otherwise
- Funding opportunities to assist with the setup of such a model
- Assistance for grant funding
- Approximate costs to Council

### Details

Volunteering is an important part of life in the Shoalhaven. Important for people staying connected to one another, for mental and physical health and to access funding from government departments. There are many volunteering opportunities and occasionally some unique one offs for special events (think Adventure Racing, footpath construction etc). In creating a central registry that provides bulletins to volunteers we might increase uptake in volunteering. The Illawarra has a volunteer model as a starting point <http://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/services/community/pages/volunteeringillawarra.aspx>

## **MM16.22 Mayoral Minute - Family Day Care**

HPERM Ref: D16/396278

### **Recommendation**

That Council write to Mrs Sudmalis with the following requests.

- Councils be approved providers and applicants for the delivery of Early Childhood Education and Care and School Age Care
- That current Quality Standards be recognised(National Quality Framework)
- Funding be structured in such a way that gives longer periods of funding to those who are more highly accredited.
- Consideration be given to not creating duplication in reporting schedules.

### **Details**

The Federal Member for Gilmore Ann Sudmalis recently announced that future funding for Family Daycare would be available for interested parties to apply for. There are no guidelines as yet to how that funding will be distributed or who will be eligible to apply.

[http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/Assessment%20and%20Rating/2014/Guide%20A\\_R%20Services%202.pdf](http://files.acecqa.gov.au/files/Assessment%20and%20Rating/2014/Guide%20A_R%20Services%202.pdf)

## CL16.145 Rescission Motion - Shoalhaven Family Day Care

HPERM Ref: D16/398594

Submitted by: Clr Andrew Guile  
Clr Mark Kitchener  
Clr Greg Watson

Please note: This item replaces CCL16.25 which was included in the Confidential Agenda in error.

### Purpose / Summary

The following Rescission Motion, of which due notice has been given, is submitted for Council's consideration.

### Recommendation

That Council

1. Consider a further report once the consultation process with potential affected staff, Educators & Families to transfer the Shoalhaven Family Day Care Service to a suitable provider is complete. The report to council is to include all feedback, comment or suggestions from affected parties.
2. Immediately commence the necessary communication with relevant staff in line with the Local Government Award requirements
3. Immediately commence the necessary communication with the educators in line with requirements
4. Commence the necessary communication with users of the service in line with requirements
5. Make immediate representations to the Member for Gilmore and the relevant Federal Government Minister to have organisational funding for Family Day care restored.

### Background

Council considered a report on the future of Family Day Care service managed by Council as the Provider in November, however it is unfortunate that council took a decision to transfer the Service to another provider before it had an opportunity to consider any feedback from affected staff, Educators & families. The current service has been recognised as one of Excellence. The catalyst for council to transfer the service was the advice that the Federal Government would be withdrawing its financial support of approx. \$150,000 per annum. Whilst the financial viability of the Service will need to be looked at closely there are other factors to consider especially relating to the quality of care provided & the level of scrutiny of, and support to Educators, which increases the safety and care for children in care.

The amended motion presented will result in council having a further opportunity to consider the matter before any EOI process begins and also withdraws the delegation to the General Manager to finalise any transfer of the Service at this time. It will also result in

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representations to the Federal Government to reconsider what impact it is making on family Day care services locally and nationally.

The following resolution was adopted at the Ordinary Meeting held 22 November 2016.

*That:*

1. *Council commence the necessary steps to transfer the Shoalhaven Family Day Care Service to a suitable provider.*
2. *Council immediately commence the necessary communication with relevant staff in line with the Local Government Award requirements*
3. *Council immediately commence the necessary communication with the educators in line with requirements*
4. *Council commence the necessary communication with users of the service in line with requirements*
5. *The General Manager be delegated authority to finalise any negotiations on the transfer of Shoalhaven Family Day Care Service to a suitable provider.*
6. *This resolution remain confidential until the necessary communications (parts 2 to 4) are complete.*

**Note by the General Manager**

Under the provisions of the Local Government (State) Award any submission/feedback received from “affected staff” during the consultation phase will need to be referred back to the “decision maker” (i.e. council) to consider.