

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 26 April, 2017

Location: Wandandian Progress Hall, Princes Highway, Wandandian

Time: 5:00pm

Membership (Quorum - 7)

All Councillors

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MM17.8 Mayoral Minute - ANZAC Day 2017

HPERM Ref: D17/129302

Recommendation

I wish to make a note of thanks to all of the servicemen and women (serving and retired) volunteers, service organisations and Council staff who contributed to making the ANZAC Commemorations across the Shoalhaven such a success.

Details

Councillors attended 14 services across the Shoalhaven. All services were well attended and organised to commemorate our service men and women.

MM17.8

MM17.9 Mayoral Minute - Safe Shelter Shoalhaven Project

HPERM Ref: D17/129304

Recommendation

That Council recommend to the Mayor's Relief Fund Committee to contribute up to \$25,000 in financial assistance for the introduction of a Safe Shelter Shoalhaven Project.

Details

Homelessness in the Shoalhaven has been a big issue, with the driver for the formation of the task force to seek temporary emergency shelter - particularly at times of extreme weather and need.

The Safe Shelter program in Canberra has come to the attention of the taskforce as a possible way of addressing the issue of shelter (not housing). Salt Ministries have taken the Safe Shelter model and adapted for Shoalhaven purposes and have five churches volunteering to be part of such a scheme. The scheme itself will provide shelter only to up to eight people on a given night and these people are supported by volunteers who will have some basic training. The funds requested are to be mostly used towards assisting the churches with fire rating requirements. It is envisaged that donations should be sought from the community to assist and that a reasonable mechanism for the collection of donations could be the Mayoral Relief Fund.

See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-26/safe-shelter-for-homeless-men-reopens-as-canberra-cold-closes-in/7357158>

Council's Legal Service Manager has provided an opinion that the use of funds from the Mayoral Relief Fund for this purpose is within the "Rules of the Fund".

MM17.10 Mayoral Minute - Identifying Land for Temporary Shelter for the Homeless

HPERM Ref: D17/129311

Recommendation

That Council investigate the land at Flinders Estate for its suitability to commence a project to create temporary emergency housing for homeless people within the Shoalhaven.

Details

Councillor Watson has investigated council owned property that may be suitable for the purpose of creating temporary housing for homeless persons. To commence any project a preferred location has been identified at Flinders Industrial estate. Although the location is far from perfect there was strong support from the relevant agencies to place some effort into seeing if this land could be used and would be acceptable. Zoning & environmental issues need to be confirmed as permitting the proposal.



MM17.10

CL17.121 Water Industry Operator of the Year Award

HPERM Ref: D17/129318

Group: Shoalhaven Water Group

Section: Water Asset Planning & Development

Purpose / Summary

The purpose of this report is to gain approval for Shane Kimber, the Water Industry Operators Association (WIOA) NSW Operator of the Year, to attend the “Wellness in Operations” Conference in Queenstown New Zealand and associated study tour from the 28th April 2017 to 6th May 2017.

Recommendation

That Council approve Shane Kimber’s attendance and participation in the “Wellness in Operations” Conference in Queenstown New Zealand and associated study tour.

Background

The Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA) is a national association with a primary role of facilitating the collection, development and exchange of information between people undertaking operational roles in the water industry. Each year, as part of the annual regional conference, an award for the NSW “Operator of the Year” is made. The award is presented to an operator of water or wastewater treatment facilities to recognise excellent performance, initiative and all round attention to detail.

Shoalhaven Water staff member, Shane Kimber, has recently won this award. The winner receives a perpetual trophy for the organisation, a personal trophy to keep permanently and a trip to New Zealand to join a study tour and participate in the New Zealand Water Industry Operators Group (WIOG) conference. Council approval is required for an overseas trip.

Financial Implications

The costs of the trip are covered by WIOA. It is intended to provide Shane with special study leave to participate in the trip. A report upon his return is a requirement of the award.