

MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN CITY MAYOR'S RELIEF FUND

Meeting Date: Thursday, 1 June 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4:00pm

The following members were present:

Clr Amanda Findley - Chairperson
Clr Nina Cheyne
Clr Kaye Gartner
Clr Bob Proudfoot
Clr Mark Kitchener
Clr Greg Watson
Clr Patricia White
Mr Craig Milburn – Director Finance, Corporate and Community Services
Mr Mark Kielly - Shoalhaven City state Emergency Services
Mr Paul Gooye - Shoalhaven Rural Fire Services

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Gash, Clr Wells and Clr Pakes.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Clr White / Clr Watson)

That the minutes of the Shoalhaven City Mayor's Relief Fund, Wednesday 3 August 2016 be confirmed

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

MR17.1 Contribution of up to \$25,000 - Introduction of a Safe Shelter Shoalhaven Project

**HPERM Ref:
D17/139514**

The Mayor provided an overview of how the recommendation to the Mayor's Relief Fund occurred. It was brought to Council's attention that Canberra currently has a model which is running well. It was put together by churches. The churches involved open in the evening from 8.00pm – 8.00am (for men only). They are not required to supply showers onsite, as the Homeless Hub nearby provides showering facilities (similar to here in the Shoalhaven).

This model was presented to Shoalhaven Homelessness Taskforce as it addressed most of the insurance issues previously raised. The Wesley Centre provides two rooms; one for women and children and one for men. Four volunteers are rostered on at time (one person in charge and three others) and the times are broken into three shifts, therefore the entire night is covered by volunteers. This ensures the safety for people and the premises. All volunteers are trained in mental health and first aid.

This request for funding is to address the fire safety to make the Wesley Centre compliant and safe and to provide the First Aid and Mental Health training.

It was also noted that Shoalhaven Recyclables also provided a \$35,000 donation for consumables.

A fundraising campaign will be run parallel to the project to replenish the Mayor's Relief Fund. The Mayor believes that the Mayor's Relief Fund is a reasonable means for the use of the funds due to the Terms and Conditions of the following three points:

- The fund has been established and maintained as a public fund for the relief of persons in Australia who are in necessitous circumstances and it is intended that the public be invited to contribute to the fund.
- A person will be in necessitous circumstances where his or her financial resources are insufficient to obtain all that is necessary, not only for a bare existence, but for a modest standard of living in the Australian community.
- Necessitous circumstances may result from a disaster caused by flood, fire, drought, tempest or other calamity.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That

In accordance with the resolution of the Council MIN17.319, that the Mayor's Relief Fund Committee transfer \$25,000 financial assistance for the introduction of a Safe Shelter Project to the following job numbers:

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Job Number: 30150 - Trust – Mayors Relief Fund

Activity: 21957 - Safe Shelter Program

RESOLVED (Clr White / Clr Cheyne)

That

1. In accordance with the resolution of the Council MIN17.319, that the Mayor's Relief Fund Committee transfer \$25,000 for financial assistance for the introduction of a Safe Shelter Project to the following job numbers:

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2. The Mayor commence a public fundraising campaign immediately for the Mayor's Relief Fund for support of the ongoing homelessness responses and solutions, as we consider this a human disaster, including replenishing the Mayors Relief Fund to the \$99,908.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 4.40PM.

Clr Findley
CHAIRPERSON