

Shoalhaven City Mayor's Relief Fund

Meeting Date: Monday, 26 March, 2018

Location: e-meeting

Time:

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Membership

All Councillors

Mr Russ Pigg or nominee

Mr Craig Milburn

Mr Mark Williams

Mr Ian Borrowdale

Mr James Halliday

Quorum – Three (3)

Purpose

- 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.

Delegated Authority

The management of the fund is vested in the Shoalhaven City Mayor's Relief Fund Committee. Rules have been adopted by Council.

MINUTES OF THE SHOALHAVEN CITY MAYOR'S RELIEF FUND

Meeting Date: Monday, 24 July 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 4.03pm

The following members were present:

Clr Amanda Findley
Clr John Levett
Clr Patricia White
Mr Russ Pigg - General Manager
Mr Craig Milburn - Director Corporate & Community Services
Mr Stephen McKinnon

Others Present
Vanessa Phelan

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Gash, Clr Kitchener, Clr Alldrick, Clr Watson, Clr Gartner, Clr Cheyne and Clr Pakes.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Shoalhaven City Mayor's Relief Fund held on Thursday 01 June 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

REPORTS

MR17.2 Mayor's Relief Fund Financial Statements 30 June 2017

**HPERM Ref:
D17/223305**

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Financial Statements for the Mayor's Relief Fund are received for information

RESOLVED (Clr White / Clr Levett)

That the Financial Statements for the Mayor's Relief Fund are received for information

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 4.08pm.

Clr Findley
CHAIRPERSON

MR18.1 Consider Funding Contribution - Tathra Bushfires

HPERM Ref: D18/94670

Group: Finance Corporate & Community Services Group
Section: Human Resources, Governance & Customer Service

Attachments: 1. Mayoral Minute - Message of Support - Tathra Bushfires - Strategy & Assets Committee - 20 March 2018 [↓](#)

Purpose / Summary

At the Strategy and Assets Committee, Tuesday 20 March 2018 the following was resolved:

“That Council:

1. *Accept the report for information and support the residents of Bega Valley Shire Council affected by the weekend bushfires;*
2. *Endorses a Mayoral letter to Bega Valley Shire Council; and*
3. *Support a \$5,000.00 contribution from the Mayoral Relief Fund at a meeting of the Mayoral Relief Fund Committee, to be held as soon as possible”.*

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Shoalhaven Mayors Relief Fund Committee allocate \$5,000 to the Bega Valley Mayor's Relief Fund for the Residents of Bega Valley Shire Council affected by the bushfires from the Shoalhaven City's Mayors Relief Fund, and the payment be made by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Options

1. Allocate \$5,000 to the Bega Valley Mayors Relief Fund for the Residents of Bega Valley Shire Council affected by the bushfires.

Implications: There is currently \$76,843.11 available in the Shoalhaven Mayors Relief Fund.

2. Not allocate a donation to the Bega Valley Mayors Relief Fund for the Residents of Bega Valley Shire Council affected by the bushfires.

Implications: Nil.

3. An alternative recommendation.

Implications: unknown.

Background

At the Strategy and Assets Committee, Tuesday 20 March 2018 the attached Mayoral Minute – Message of Support – Tathra Bushfires was considered, and it was resolved:

“That Council:

MR18.1

1. *Accept the report for information and support the residents of Bega Valley Shire Council affected by the weekend bushfires;*
2. *Endorses a Mayoral letter to Bega Valley Shire Council; and*
3. *Support a \$5,000.00 contribution from the Mayoral Relief Fund at a meeting of the Mayoral Relief Fund Committee, to be held as soon as possible”*

This report is provided to allow the required allocation of funds from the Mayor's Relief Fund by the Committee. Given the urgency and nature of the matter considered this report is provided for resolution via e- meeting.

Policy Implications

The Mayor's Relief Fund rules state:

“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.

All disbursements shall be paid by cheque.

The Committee may approve and make payments to:

- (a) Organisations set up in any locality in Australia for the purpose of providing relief to persons in Australia who have suffered loss or distress as a result of a disaster caused by flood, fire, drought, tempest, or other calamity.*
- (b) Individuals in Australia who have suffered loss as a result of disaster caused by flood, fire, drought, tempest or other calamity including personal or family calamity.*

These rules may be amended from time to time by resolution of Council. The Australian Taxation Office and the NSW Department of Gaming and Racing are to be notified of any amendment to these rules.”

Financial Implications

There is currently \$76,843.11 available in the Shoalhaven City Mayor's Relief Fund.

MMS18.2 Mayoral Minute - Message of Support - Tathra Bushfires

HPERM Ref: D18/93402

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Council accept the report for information and support the Residents of Bega Valley Shire Council affected by the weekend bushfires.

Details

Shoalhaven City Council wish to pass on its heartfelt support to the residents of Bega valley Shire Council that have been affected by the weekend's bushfires. As the weekend events in Tathra unfolded we felt keenly the fear, anxiety and worry of the community.

We acknowledge how quickly the community have come together to support one another, the shared experience is the glue that will unite you all in your journey towards re-establishment.

Communities like the Shoalhaven empathise with you, as we too are a bushfire prone place. We enjoy deeply the wonders of our natural world when times are benign and understand the terror of a bushfire situation. We know that you are a resilient group of people who will work hard to rebuild your lives through your community connections.

As a community, we offer our support, and, rather than dilute any fundraising efforts, we encourage all of our citizens who wish to help financially or to donate goods to the following places:

Bega Valley Mayors Relief Fund:

Donations to the Mayor's Relief Fund can be made by bank transfer or credit card.

Bank transfer details:

BSB: 012525

Account number: 837535154

Credit Card details

Phone (02) 6499 2345 during business hours (9am to 4.30pm)

Member for South Coast, the Hon Shelley Hancock MP

1/57 Plunkett Street, Nowra

Phone (02) 4421 0222

Cash only, no bulky items please.

Keep your eyes and ears open for Shoalhaven initiated events and appeals to assist our friends in the Bega valley.