

## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 21 August 2017  
**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 4:03pm

The following members were present:

Clr Amanda Findley – Acting Chairperson  
Clr Patricia White  
Clr Nina Cheyne  
Clr Mark Kitchener  
Mr Megan Cleary  
Mr Paul Goodwin  
Mr Steven Bayer  
Mr Robert Crow  
Ms Lexie Meyer  
Mr James Coburn  
Mr Peter Dryer  
Ms Lynnette Kearney – Representing Ann Sudmalis  
Mr Russ Pigg - General Manager

### Others Present

Mr Phil Costello – Director Planning Environment and Development  
Tony Fraser – Acting Director Assets and Works  
Mr Greg Pullen – Economic Development Manager  
Marianne Jones – Economic Development Officer  
Cathy Bern – Development Services Section Manager  
Coralie Bell – Tourism Manager

### Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from, Clr Gash, Clr Wells, John Lamont, Ann Sudmalis, Robbie Collins, Ms Fiona Hatcher, Alison Chaim and David Goodman.

### Confirmation of the Minutes

#### **RESOLVED** (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Business and Employment Development Committee held on Monday 22 May 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

**Declarations of Interest**

Nil.

**REPORTS****BE17.22 Heavy Vehicle Access Forum****HPERM Ref:  
D17/259535**

Many local government areas in Victoria and Queensland and some in NSW are participating jurisdictions operating in accordance with the National Class 1 Special Purpose Vehicle Notice 2016. This means that special purpose vehicles which meet the conditions and requirements set out in the notice and relevant state and territory schedules may be able to access the road network without having to gain a permit.

Clr White advised that at the Heavy Vehicle Access Forum a PowerPoint Presentation was given by the RMS on the South River Bridge, it will be made available to Council and will be place on our webpage, when this happens, it will be worth watching.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Business and Employment Development Committee

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**BE17.23 Nowra Key Road Projects****HPERM Ref:  
D17/259664****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That

1. The report on the Nowra Key Road Projects be accepted
2. The Business and Employment Development Committee advise Council that the main priorities for the economic development (and facilitation of future urban release growth areas) of the Shoalhaven should be to:
  - a. Achieve HML access for southbound freight vehicles as soon as possible,

- b. Achieve intersection treatments at both the northern and southern ends of the Shoalhaven River crossing that will from the outset perform better than the current situation,
- c. Achieve a Princes Highway corridor with 6 lanes from Cambewarra Rd to Warra Warra Rd,
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CARRIED

**BE17.24 Upskilling Shoalhaven's Youth - various assistance programs.****HPERM Ref:  
D17/262715**

It is difficult to navigate all of the programs available in this domain.

The purpose of the report is highlight to the Committee what is on offer, so that the Committee can communicate that.

The Mayor advised that the Greens MLC Justin Field is looking at holding a Youth Unemployment Forum.

The Committee discussed the possibility of the Commonwealth or State Government creating a portal.

The Committee discussed asking the employment agencies what their ideas are and the reasons they see the youth unemployment rise.

27% Youth Unemployment Rate (combined Shoalhaven and Wingecarribee region figure and only represents those registered with Centrelink).

Cadetships with the AAC and Pathway Programs were discussed.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

1. That the report on various assistance programs to address the Upskilling of Shoalhaven Youth be received for information.
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Note: It was advised that this was Mr Robert Crow's first Business and Employment Development Committee meeting as the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group Representative. The Committee introduced themselves.

**BE17.28 Development in the Shoalhaven - Significant Projects**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/249409**

It was advised that the Southern Gateway Application has now been withdrawn, as it failed to make progress and faced other issues.

Also an ongoing development that is not included is Manildra. Manildra has lodged a number of development applications including an additional gas plant application.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the report of the General Manager (Planning Environment & Development Services) regarding the update on development in the Shoalhaven be received for information.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

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CARRIED

**BE17.25 Recent Grant Applications and Announcements**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/263385**

Note: Cathy Bern left the meeting, the time being 4:55pm.

The Building Better Regions Funds were announced recently and in the attachments includes all the approved applications.

No feedback as to why the applications were not funded has been received yet.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the report on recent grant applications and announcements be received for information.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

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CARRIED

**BE17.26 SHOALHAVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY  
2017-2026 - WORKSHOPPING OF BROAD BASED  
ACTION (CHAPTER 6)**

**HPERM REF:  
D17/263555**

Item dealt with later in the meeting.

**BE17.27 Membership Update - Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory**

**HPERM Ref:**

**Group Representative****D17/216532****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Committee note the change of representative for the Shoalhaven Tourism Advisory Group to Mr Robert Crow.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

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**BE17.28 DEVELOPMENT IN THE SHOALHAVEN - SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS****HPERM REF:**  
**D17/249409**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

**BE17.29 Regional Growth Fund****HPERM Ref:**  
**D17/254517**

The purpose of the report is to promote the Regional Growth Fund and alert the Committee to the opportunities.

It is a \$1.3Bil fund expended through six programs (listed in report).

The departments are engaging closely with Councils and other organisations that would be eligible.

The strict legislation surrounding the Fund are that there must be a benefit cost ratio > 1 included. The constraints are the funds available.

The Resources for Regions Fund opened in a round and closed last Friday all others remain open.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the report on the NSW Government's Regional Growth Fund be received for information.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

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CARRIED

**BE17.30 Shoalhaven Professionals Business Association Update on Current Activities****HPERM Ref:**  
**D17/262869**

Included are the complete or partially complete projects.

At the Young Mentors Program graduation it was advised \$2,600 was donated from the hero businesses to the Shoalhaven Education Fund.

The Shoalhaven Professionals Business Association's part in the Leadership Compass Program is now complete. The program now moves into leadership management and diploma (national accredited qualifications).

Shoalhaven Professionals Business Association and these programs are strongly supported by Shoalhaven City Council.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the report on Update of Current Activities of Shoalhaven Professional Business Association (SPBA) be received for information.

**RESOLVED** (By consent)

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CARRIED

**BE17.26 Shoalhaven Economic Development Strategy 2017-2026  
- Workshopping of Broad Based Action (Chapter 6)**

**HPERM Ref:  
D17/263555**

Note: Phil Costello and Tony Fraser left the meeting, the time being 5.15pm.

The feedback received from the workshop will be collated and reported back to the next Business and Employment Development Committee meeting.

**Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

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There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 5.17pm.

Clr Findley  
CHAIRPERSON