

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 22 August, 2017
Location: Auditorium, Ulladulla Civic Centre
Time: 5.00pm

Membership (Quorum - 7)
All Councillors

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MM17.18 Mayoral Minute - Congratulations Chris Mitchell - Boat Designer for the Disabled

HPERM Ref: D17/265941

Recommendation

That Council receive the report – Congratulations Chris Mitchell – Boat Designer for the Disabled for information

Details

Congratulations to Chris Mitchell who was awarded the 2017 Maritime Medal for his boat design for the disabled, which is used in 32 countries.

Chris has been a key person in advancing disabled accessibility through vessel design, infrastructure and advocacy. Through Chris's work, people now have the ability to sail in a dignified manner and in vessels designed to meet their needs. He also volunteers countless hours assisting disabled people to sail at various events and places around the Shoalhaven.

Congratulations Chris.

MM17.19 Mayoral Minute - Shoal Medal / Australia Day Awards Ceremony

HPERM Ref: D17/270769

Recommendation

That Council

1. Postpone the Shoal Medal / Australia Day Awards Ceremony for 2018 and reassess all Civic Functions Council holds across the year recognising our Community member's achievements.
2. Prioritise the Queens Baton Relay as its principle community event for 2018 while retaining the current funding for community driven Australia Day celebrations throughout the city.

Details

The Shoal Medal / Australia Day Awards Ceremony takes place, as close to Australia Day as possible, however this year within 10 days of the Australia Day Celebrations, Shoalhaven will be the host of the Queens Baton Relay, a major Civic event. All Civic events come with a cost and any that are held on public holidays are far more costly again.

Councillors are soon to workshop budget priorities in preparation for setting the budget for 2018/2019, it would be useful if we could also consider the civic functions that Council undertakes while discussing the \$1.2 million (combined donations/unallocated donations) in community donations.

Across the year there a number of Awards Ceremonies, asking for nominations for those achieving something outstanding in the Community, for example:

- NSW/ACT Regional Achievement & Community Awards
- NSW/ACT Young Achiever Awards
- Arts Awards
- Business Awards
- International Youth Awards
- Hesta Community Sector Awards
- And the list can go on and on.

The Shoal Medal / Australia Day Awards ceremony comes at a time when the lead up to Christmas becomes frantic and sitting down to complete a nomination form, even though it may be well deserved, does not take priority. In essence are we actually just duplicating work that is being done elsewhere and have we objectively looked at our civic functions to see if they meet the needs of the community.

Council, in reviewing the civic functions, may well choose to look at a completely different model. I am also suggesting the idea that if an awards evening is still warranted that Council combine a number of its Civic Functions held throughout the year to a single more suitable event. Ratepayers would probably appreciate that Council is looking for ways to meet the community need for recognition and finding ways to reduce its spending on these types of functions.

This matter is brought to council now for two reasons:

1. The need to start planning for the Awards if they are to be held and
2. The need to examine the upcoming budget at a workshop.

MM17.20 Mayoral Minute - Proposed extension for Exhibition time for the Worrowing Heights Planning Proposal

HPERM Ref: D17/273309

Recommendation

That Council extend the time of exhibition for the Worrowing Heights Planning Proposal for a further month.

Details

A number of community members have expressed to me that the timeframe for community consultation bodies to adequately consider the planning proposal and its long term ramifications has not been long enough. There is also a strong sentiment that a review should be undertaken of the strategic planning for the Bay and Basin area, the last time this was undertaken in a meaningful way was through the Jervis Bay Settlement Strategy.

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