

## Ordinary Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 08 August, 2022  
**Location:** Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 5.30pm

**Membership** (Quorum - 7)  
All Councillors

## Addendum Agenda

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## **MM22.13 Mayoral Minute - Support for Shoalhaven Year 12 Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony**

**HPERM Ref:** D22/330882

### **Recommendation**

That Council support the 2022 Shoalhaven Year 12 Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony in September 2022 by providing \$7,000 from the 2022/2023 Community Donations to cover this year's shortfall.

### **Details**

Each year the Shoalhaven celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal Year 12 students from Bomaderry High, Havenlee School, Kiama High, Nowra Anglican College, Nowra High, Shoalhaven High, ST Johns High, Vincentia High and Ulladulla High with a Year 12 Aboriginal Graduation Ceremony.

2022 marks the 19<sup>th</sup> year that the ceremony has been held, and it is growing every year. In 2003 the ceremony was first held with just 6 students to 2021 where the Shoalhaven celebrated the graduation of 63 students with over 300 guests in attendance.

With the ceremony growing in popularity and attendance, it has also outgrown its usual venue of the Nowra Youth Centre, with organisers this year trying to secure a more fit for purpose venue.

Bomaderry High School has been identified as the preferred venue for this event.

Currently Waminda, Booth Partners, Regional Development, Flagstaff, Nowra Chemicals, South Coast Aboriginal Medical Centre, Oolong House and the Smith Family have pledged a combined \$4,700 in support. A further \$10,000 community grant is being sought from the Office of Regional Youth, and ticket sales are expected to generate about \$8,000, however this still leaves a short fall of \$7,000 which is being sought from Council.

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