



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

To be held at 5pm on

Tuesday 17 March 2015

Council Chambers

11 Manning Street, KIAMA NSW 2533

Members

His Worship the Mayor

Councillor B Petschler

Councillor W Steel

Deputy Mayor

Councillor M Honey

Councillor G McClure

Councillor N Reilly

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Councillor D Seage

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Councillor M Way

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16 ADDENDUM TO REPORTS

16.1 Passing of Daphne Matterson

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council formally notes the passing of Mrs Daphne Matterson and extends it condolences to Mr G M Matterson.

REPORT

I am saddened to advise Council of the passing of Mrs Daphne Matterson, the wife of Mr G M (Tony) Matterson. Mr Matterson was the Town Clerk of the Municipality of Kiama from 1973 to 1986. Mrs Matterson died last Friday after some time of declining health.

Mr and Mrs Matterson moved to Kiama in 1973 when he assumed the role of Town Clerk and they have lived in Kiama since that time. It was a tumultuous time in the Municipality's history and I understand that they arrived when there were significant financial pressures on Council, leading to an 80% rate increase in the early 1980s.

Mrs Matterson was quiet and dignified mother of three who was always supportive of her husband throughout his career throughout NSW and particularly while he was the Town Clerk here in Kiama.

I have extended Council's condolences to Mr Matterson and have offered him Council's support should he need it. At the time of writing this minute, funeral arrangements have not been finalised.

16.2 NSW State Election - 28 March 2015**Attachments**

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council notes the action taken in relation to the 2015 State Government Election.

Councillors will be aware of the State Election to be held later this month. LG NSW has asked that Councils throughout the state support its document “*NSW Election Priorities 2015*”, and a press release in support has been released. The document sought the following:

- Improvements to funding for roads and libraries;
- Improvements to environmental legislation;
- Introduction of a container deposit system; and
- Abolition of cost shifting to local government by the state.

A copy is attached.

Locally, Council has been advised of the following financial support from the State Government through our current State Member, Mr Gareth Ward MP, Member for Kiama.

- \$1,000 towards the Seniors Scooter Workshop (part of Seniors Week 2015);
- \$35,000 towards the boat trailer parking at Blowhole Point*
- \$5 million towards the relocation of the Kiama Ambulance Station#
- \$100,000 towards the extension of the Jamberoo Cycleway*
- \$18,000 towards a bus shelter in Hutchison Street*
- \$10,000 towards a whale watching platform at Minnamurra*

Note:

* The boat trailer, bus shelter and whale watching platform funding and the cycleway extension are to be considered in the 2015/16 Council budget. These funds are committed subject to the budget determination.

The relocation of the ambulance station is an election promise which is subject to a scoping study which will determine time, place, etc, and is dependent on the election result.

16.3 Kiama Tourism - Retirement of Chairman**Attachments**

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council extends its appreciation to Mr Longbottom on his retirement as Chairman of Kiama Tourism and congratulates Mr Jamie Warren on his assuming that role.

REPORT

Councillors will be aware of the decision of Mr Brian Longbottom to retire from the position of Chairman of Kiama Tourism as well as from the position of Chairman of the Board of the South Coast Regional Tourism Organisation (SCRTO).

The decision came as a surprise following the discussions leading to the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Council and Kiama Tourism and the revised funding and staffing structures which have been established.

Mr Longbottom has chaired the local tourist association for the last seven years during a quite tumultuous period and has sat on the board of Kiama Tourism for a much longer period. He will remain as a Board member and I understand he will retain a position on SCRTO as a delegate from Kiama Tourism.

Council has written to SCRTO following the finalisation of the MOU with Kiama Tourism seeking one of the two Kiama positions on the SCRTO Board, given the new role of strategy and marketing to be undertaken by Council. The matter was discussed with Mr Longbottom prior to the approach being made to SCRTO. Council has been advised the matter will be raised at the next SCRTO AGM.

The involvement of Mr Longbottom in tourism in the Municipality has been extensive. He has overseen the review of the governance of the Board and the most recent tourism plan for the Municipality (2011/12) that has led to a closer relationship with Council and the industry. His extensive involvement has been on a voluntary basis and has been at some considerable expense to his business and personal interests. I served for a period with Mr Longbottom on the Board of Kiama Tourism and also on the SCRTO Board, and am aware of his passion for the industry. I commend him for his application to the role as Chairman of both organisations and look forward to building a close and effective relationship with him and the new Board Chair as the new structure develops in the municipality.

Mr Jamie Warren has taken over the role of Chairman of Kiama Tourism and I have invited him to meet with Council to plan our joint tourism future.

16.4 Kiama CBD Wi-Fi Stage 1Responsible Director: Corporate and Commercial Services

Kiama's CBD is set to get free public Wi-Fi by Easter with completion of Stage 1 of the project.

It is anticipated that the free Wi-Fi initiative will improve resident and visitor experiences and lead to improved productivity and service delivery for business. The initiative provides a fast, reliable and free Wi-Fi service in Central Kiama.

The landing page of the service will focus on tourism and event activity with access to an internet search facility. The landing page will also provide direct links to Kiama Tourism, the Kiama & District Chamber of Commerce along with relevant Council operations including the Kiama Coast Holiday Parks, The Pavilion Kiama, Kiama Leisure Centre and Kiama Connect.

Subject to final testing the coverage area will generally be in accordance with the attached image.

Attachments

- 1 Attachment - Kiama CBD Free Wi-Fi Omni Beam Proposal



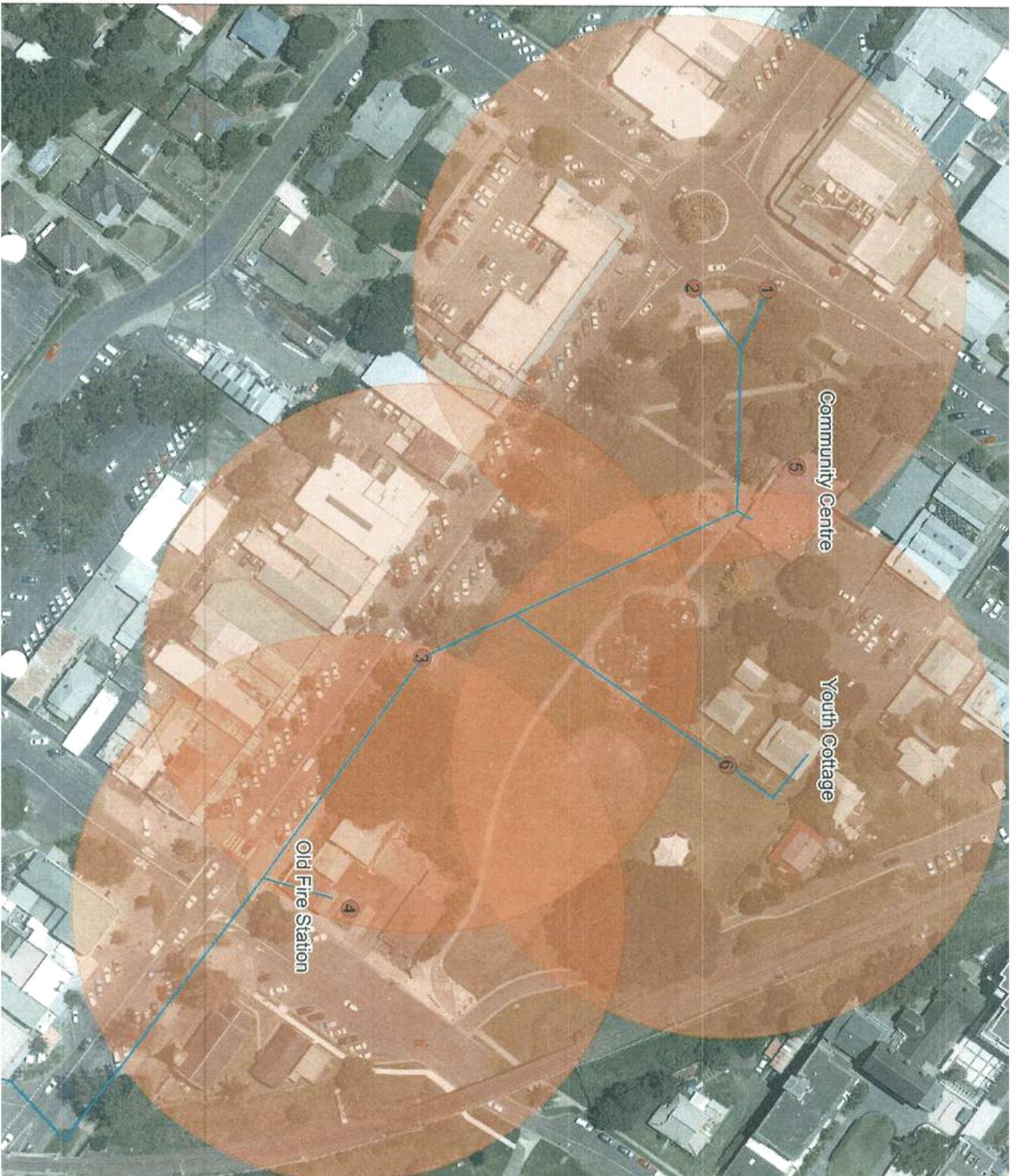
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Omni Beam Proposal

- Public WiFi
- Access point locations
- Fibre



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16.5 Local Government Remuneration TribunalResponsible Director: Office of the General Manager

Council has received a letter from the Principal Advisor of the Public Service Commission advising that the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has commenced its review for the 2015 annual determination.

The Tribunal is required to make an annual determination, not later than 1 May 2015, on the fees payable to councillors and mayors to take effect from 1 July 2015.

As is usual practice the Tribunal will review the minimum and maximum fee levels for each category. In accordance with Section 242A of the Local Government Act, the Tribunal is required to apply the Government's public sector wages policy to the determination of range of fees for councillors and mayors.

In accordance with the Local Government Act, the Tribunal will also undertake a review of the categories as part of the 2015 review. Section 239 of the Local Government Act requires the Tribunal to determine the categories of councils and mayoral offices at last once every three years.

A copy of the notice from the Tribunal has been circulated to Councillors.