



EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

To be held at 5pm on

Tuesday 22 August 2017

Council Chambers

11 Manning Street, KIAMA NSW 2533

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Councillor K Rice
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Councillor A Sloan
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Councillor M Way
Councillor M Westhoff

COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KIAMA

Council Chambers
11 Manning Street
KIAMA NSW 2533

18 August 2017

To the Chairman & Councillors:

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

You are respectfully requested to attend an **Extraordinary Meeting** of the Council of Kiama, to be held in the **Council Chambers, 11 Manning Street, KIAMA NSW 2533** on **Tuesday 22 August 2017** commencing at **5pm** for the consideration of the undermentioned business.

Yours faithfully



Michael Forsyth
General Manager

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**AGENDA FOR THE
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF KIAMA MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2017**

1 APOLOGIES

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

“On behalf of those present, I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the traditional owners of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting takes place, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present.”

3 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR ENGINEERING AND WORKS

3.1 Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund

CSP Objective: 4.0 Responsible civic leadership that is transparent, innovative and accessible

CSP Strategy: 4.1 Council is financially sustainable

Delivery Program: 4.1.2 Identify opportunities to diversify and maximise funding sources

Summary

This report seeks Council direction regarding grant funding applications.

Finance

\$9.3M funding is being sought.

Policy

N/A

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm that the remaining 3 projects are still supported in principle and subject to this Council officers are to attend the briefing and prepare the final submissions by the nominated close date.

BACKGROUND

This report is submitted to Council as a matter of urgency due to the short timeframe provided for grant funding submissions.

The NSW Government announced in early 2017 the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund (RGETF) which was aimed to increase tourist visitation by investing in regional environment and tourism infrastructure, particularly focusing on assets that will grow and further diversify NSW regional economies.

The NSW Government committed \$300 million to RGETF and up to \$100 million was available in the first round

The NSW Government invited Expressions of Interest (EOI) for funding under the RGETF and this was eligible to local councils, Aboriginal Land Councils and other Aboriginal groups, community groups and non-government organisations.

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3.1 Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund (cont)

Restart NSW funds are intended to be used for major projects that will improve the productivity and competitiveness of the State across all sectors and support investment in local infrastructure in regional areas.

The minimum funding threshold for each application was \$500,000 but there was no maximum limit.

The application process was as follows:

1. Request for EOI opened on 6 March and closed on 20 April 2017.
2. Submitted EOI are assessed against the criteria.
3. Projects are shortlisted and an invitation to submit a detailed application is made.
4. Detailed applications are assessed and INSW make funding recommendations to the NSW Government.
5. Successful applicants are notified and a funding agreement negotiated.
6. The NSW Government publicly announce successful applications.

In accordance with the funding guidelines, four separate submissions were prepared that were considered suitable to meet the requirements of the funding guidelines. The four projects included:

1. Kiama Arts Precinct
2. Minnamurra Boardwalk
3. Bombo Eco Walk
4. Old Main South Coast Road

Recently the State Government announced that the Minnamurra Boardwalk would be fully funded by Transport NSW under the Walking and Cycling program, hence only 3 remaining grant submissions are pending a final decision.

Project Overview

Kiama Arts Centre

Value: \$6,300,000

To create an arts precinct in the centre of Kiama township by expanding and transforming existing infrastructure. The precinct will utilise the existing heritage listed Old Fire Station (OFS) art gallery and the current Joyce Wheatley Community Centre. The project has three defined phases:

1. the expansion of the OFS to offer a modern, fit for purpose gallery space
2. the re-purposing of the Joyce Wheatley Community Centre to create artistic workshop and performance spaces which would be integrated into the adjoining Hindmarsh Park
3. a further expansion of the Arts Centre to include a versatile performance space and ancillary areas.

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3.1 Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund (cont)

Pending the anticipated acquisition of the adjoining existing ambulance station site these buildings are located on the fringes of the very popular Hindmarsh Park, and the arts precinct will further enhance the vitality of this area.

The total value of this project is \$12 million, including 25% contingency. In addition to this funding application, \$1.7 million will be sought from the Regional Cultural Fund, \$1 million from the Federal government and \$3 million has been allocated in Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

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Minnamurra Boardwalk**Value: \$4,500,000**

Develop a 1.6 km shared Boardwalk/cycleway alongside the Minnamurra River on Riverside Drive. This project aims to improve pedestrian and cyclist access between Minnamurra and Kiama whilst achieving an iconic tourist attraction for visitors, community and environmental groups due to its idyllic and unique location.

The Kiama area is well serviced by an extensive cycle network which has attracted significant state, international and local visitors to the area to explore the amazing natural environment. The boardwalk proposal will provide a missing link, that will be by its unique location a further drawcard for additional visitors to the area. This Boardwalk is located within walking distance to Minnamurra Railway Station and is very close to the freeway exit leading to Minnamurra.

Bombo Eco Walk**Value: \$500,000**

Proposing to construct a stairway attached to the existing rock form that will link the rock shelf to the existing walking trail on the top of the Bombo Headland. This area is highly utilised by bushwalkers however without this link the existing walking trails remain segregated. The proposed stairway will allow walkers to explore the headland in its entirety and will provide a spectacular vista of the coast that will attract visitors, community and environmental groups to the area.

The Bombo Eco Walk link will enhance the existing amenities of the walking trail and by its unique location be a further drawcard for additional visitors to the area.

Old Main South Coast Road Cycleway**Value: \$2,500,000**

To construct a cycleway consisting of a pathway approximately 1.2 km along the Princes Highway, South Kiama. This project aims to improve cyclist access between Kiama and Gerringong and provide an emergency link for vehicle traffic if the Princes Highway is blocked. This cycleway will add to the existing coastal walk and will provide a spectacular vista of the coast that will attract visitors, community and environmental groups to the area.

Chronology of briefings to date.

- \$30,000 was allocated for a Minnamurra Boardwalk concept design as part of the 2016/17 budget review from any savings achieved throughout the year. This saving came to reality following the change to the work scope for the bike track at

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3.1 Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund (cont)

Ruth Devenney Reserve early in the financial year, however it was decided not to engage a consultant until late in the 2nd quarter of the year just in case there were any cost overruns on other projects.

- 20 December 2016 a report for information was submitted to Council in response to a request from Councillor Steel and Councillor Way regarding an options report/concept plan for a boardwalk and to advise that the funds have become available for this work and a further report would be provided to the Council in March 2017.
- Major works brief on 1 March 2017, reported that three organisations were approached to provide a quote for the concept design. This included Niche Environment and Heritage, Public Works Department and Fleetwood. Of the three organisations, Niche provided a quote of \$13,000, Public Works came in at \$28,000 and Fleetwood declined to submit a quote.
- Major works briefing on 5 April 2017, advised that the NSW Government was seeking Expressions of Interest for a Tourism and Environment Grant that would be fully funded for regional projects. It was recommended that the projects that could meet the guidelines for the funds were:
 - Kiama Arts Precinct
 - Minnamurra Boardwalk
 - Bombo Eco Walk
 - Old Main South Coast Road

The total funds requested to fund the above projects was \$13,800,000 and applications closed on 20 April 2017.

- Major works briefing on 3 May confirmed that the concept plan/report for the proposed Minnamurra Boardwalk would be completed by the end of May 2017. Also confirmed that the grant applications for the 4 projects had been submitted
- At the 5 July 2017 major works briefing it was reported that the draft concept plan had been received and that NSW Government Funding was granted for the Minnamurra Boardwalk.
- On 9 August 2017, a letter from NSW infrastructure was received confirming that all projects have been shortlisted for funding and a further detailed submission was invited to be lodged by 31 October 2017.

Second round application process

Shortly, Infrastructure NSW will be issuing an invitation to all shortlisted applicants to attend a briefing regarding the second round application process.

The briefing will include guidance on preparing:

- a business case and an economic appraisal for the project including financial forecasts in accordance with NSW Government guidelines and including evidence for the supporting assumptions.

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3.1 Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund (cont)

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- information demonstrating operational sustainability and that you are able to meet ongoing operational, maintenance and asset renewal costs.
 - a risk assessment and a risk management strategy.
 - an asset procurement plan describing the proposed delivery approach and project delivery timeframe.

Council's confirmation that the remaining 3 projects are still supported in principle is being requested and subject to this Council officers are to attend the briefing and prepare the final submission by the nominated close date.

4 CONFIDENTIAL SUMMARY

CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 August 2017

PROCEDURE

- Recommendation to go into Closed Committee.
- Mayoral call for Public Representations.
- Consideration of Representations and issues to be removed from Closed Committee.
- Recommendation to exclude Press and Public if required.
- Closed Committee discussions if required.

4.1 Exclusion Of Press And Public:

RECOMMENDATION

That in accordance with Sections 10 and 10A of the Local Government Act, 1993 as amended, Council close the meeting of the Confidential Committee of the Whole to the Press and Public on the grounds detailed under the report headings as detailed below.

5.1 KIAMA AGED CARE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE - TENDER ASSESSMENT

Reason for Confidentiality: This matter deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it as per Section 10A(2)(di) of the Local Government Act.

5 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

5.1 Kiama Aged Care Centre of Excellence - Tender assessment

CSP Objective: 1.0 A healthy, safe and inclusive community

CSP Strategy: 1.2 Planning for and assisting specific needs groups

Delivery Program: 1.2.1 Operate Blue Haven Care

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

6 CLOSURE