



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

To be held at 5pm on

Tuesday 19 May 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

Councillor K Rice

Councillor D Seage

Councillor A Sloan

Councillor M Way

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16 ADDENDUM TO REPORTS

16.1 Jamberoo Rural Fire Brigade 75th Anniversary and Medal Presentation

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council formally congratulates the Jamberoo Rural Fire Brigade on its 75th Anniversary as well as extend its congratulations to the recipients of the long service medals/clasps.

REPORT

On 16 May 2015, the General Manager and I attended the Jamberoo Rural Fire Brigade's 75th Anniversary and Medal Presentation. Also in attendance was the Member for Kiama, Mr Gareth Ward MP (representing the Hon David Elliott MP, Minister for Emergency Services), Assistant Commissioner Mr Stuart Midgley AFSM and Superintendent Richard Cotterill AFSM, Manager of the Illawarra Zone.

The Jamberoo Bush Fire Brigade (as it was then known) was formed at a public meeting held in the Council Chambers at Jamberoo on 14 February 1940. The brigade which now has 59 members is a Village 2 Brigade responsible for all fire related incidents within their brigade boundary and assists anywhere in the Illawarra Zone when requested.

During the Anniversary Ceremony long service medals/clasps were presented and Mr John Downes received a medal for 50 years' service. Mr John Fry received a medal for 40 years' service with the Captain of the Brigade, Mr Craig Harris, receiving a 30 year service medal.

It would be appropriate for Council to formally congratulate the Brigade on the 75th Anniversary and the long service medal/clasp recipients.

16.2 Illawarra Regional Information Service

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council extend its appreciation to Mr Simon Pomfret for his work on behalf of the Illawarra over his 28 years of service to IRIS.

REPORT

Council has been advised that Mr Simon Pomfret has resigned as CEO of the Illawarra Regional Information Service (IRIS).

Mr Pomfret has advised as follows:

“After 28 years’ service with IRIS Research and 10 years as CEO I have decided to hand over the leadership reins to pursue a new opportunity in the research industry.

I appreciate the opportunities that IRIS has provided me, meeting great people and contributing to the development of the region

Thanks to all that have supported me at my time with an iconic organization of the Illawarra,

In the short term Michael Di-Leo has been appointed Acting Director from May 1st.”

IRIS is a key regional organisation that has provided regular consultancies to this Council as well as to many businesses, organisations and local government bodies throughout Australia, and more particularly the Illawarra Region. It is supported financially by all the regional Councils (including Kiama Council), but in recent years has lost the annual grant from the State Government.

Mr Pomfret was instrumental in guiding the organisation through this difficult time, expanding the IRIS consultancy work while maintaining its strong focus on providing regional reports, statistics and economic forecasts which are so important to the Illawarra.

His service and commitment will be missed.

16.3 Changes to Regional Newspapers

Attachments

Nil

Enclosures

Nil

RECOMMENDED

That Council seek assurances from Fairfax Media that the Kiama Independent and the Illawarra Mercury will continue to provide the current newspaper services which are so important to our municipality and the Illawarra region.

REPORT

On 14 May 2015, Fairfax Media announced proposals for the restricting of its newspapers in our region which would see up to 50 journalists, photographers and commercial staff lose their jobs. This will have significant impacts on the region's papers, including particularly the Illawarra Mercury and our local newspaper, the Kiama Independent.

It appears that this will represent a loss of around 50% of the editorial staff and I believe it will mean the reduction to one person reporting on local issues at the Independent, covering reporting, photography and production of our weekly paper.

This has significant ramifications for our municipality and for our wider region, as Council relies heavily on the local and regional newspapers to independently inform and advise the community on its actions, plans and decisions.

I believe it is important that we bring the need for this vital element of the democratic process to the attention of Fairfax Media and seek an assurance that the newspapers restructuring will continue to allow that Council/Community interface to continue into the future.

Clearly the advent of the digital age has impacted swiftly on the traditional newspapers, but it is important to make sure that any new model can provide the appropriate coverage of news for our community.

19 CONFIDENTIAL SUMMARY

CONFIDENTIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Submitted to the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 19 May 2015

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.

19.1 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.

20.3 COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES

Reason for Confidentiality: This matter deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council as per Section 10A(2)(dii) of the Local Government Act. .

20 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

20.3 Council Community Services

CSP Objective: 1 A Healthy, Safe and Inclusive Community

CSP Strategy: 1.4 Plan for and support our Ageing Population

Delivery Program: 1.4.4 Deliver quality aged care services to older people in the community across the Shoalhaven, Kiama, Shellharbour and Wollongong areas

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 information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council.
