



Annual General Meeting 2017

Council Chamber
19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone
Tuesday, 7 November 2017, 7.00pm

AGENDA

1 - Opening of meeting

The Mayor

2 - Welcome and call for apologies

The Mayor

3 - Confirmation of minutes

Confirmation of minutes of AGM held on 8 November 2016

4 - Notice of meeting

The Annual General Meeting has been called in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*. An extract from the Act (s.72B) is attached.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting was given in *The Advocate* newspaper on Saturday, 21 October 2017.

5 - Introduction of Councillors

The Mayor

6 - Meeting procedures

Appended hereto

7 - Annual report

An Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2017 has been prepared. This includes financial statements and audit opinion. Notice of the Annual General Meeting indicated that the Annual Report was available

from the Administration Centre and the Service Centre and on the Council's website.

Electors were invited to make written submissions relating to the Annual Report.

The Mayor will comment generally in relation to the Annual Report.

The General Manager will provide a PowerPoint display of highlights from the Report.

Directors will be available to answer questions specific to their areas of responsibility.

8 – Submissions

One written submission was received (via email) from Mr Jacob Weeda. JP and is reproduced below along with responses to his questions.

Question 1

It is a concern to quite a few Ratepayers that the proliferation of Gorse has not been arrested in the municipality especially in and around Penguin.

This is a serious problem and will require a reasonable budgetary figure to start eradicating this scourge.

Response

Over recent years Gorse and Spanish heath have become significant weed pests in and around Penguin. The Central Coast Council receives many enquiries about the growing problem, especially when gorse is in flower and becomes more obvious. Unfortunately, much of the infestations of gorse are on Crown land and state highway reserves as well as on private owned lands.

On-going control by the Council, Clubs and private landowners in the area commenced in earnest four years ago, in response to the increased risk of far reaching weed spread in some cases as mountain bike usage gained popularity in the area. Although the weed issue is extensive and the resources required to bring this under effective control are great, inroads are being achieved.

To this end, Council wishes to thank a member of the community, Dr Stefan Delitzsch and other concerned citizens who have been contributing to the treatment of the gorse at no expense or personal liability to landowners. Stefan has had success in getting numerous infestations under effective control and uses a qualified weed contractor to assist in this.

Unfortunately once treated the affected areas require continuous treatment for a number of years due to the spread of seeds in affected areas and the consequent regrowth issues. In recent weeks large areas of gorse on Crown land along Preservation Drive have been slashed or treated and it is hoped that the Crown as responsible citizens will ensure that any regrowth is dealt with appropriately.

Question 2

Last year I briefly made the suggestion that the CC Council investigate the provision of a short term medium security prison in the CC area.

Two current Concillors John Bloomfield & Philip Viney are fellow Justices of the Peace, who may feel the same way. Offenders not granted after-hours bail have to be transported to the Launceston lock-up. A facility in our area would generate employment and be a non-polluting industry.

Response

Approaches were made to the State Government but there has been no interest shown from the State Government for the building of a short term medium security prison within Central Coast.

Question 3

People still ask about the copious amount of "firewood" on the beaches and as to who may recover it.

I asked the question last year and you suggested that any wood on 'wet' sand could be taken.

I think you missed someone's comment that "Wait till it has rained."

Anyway, may I suggest that this issue be clarified in the press.

That way people have tangible guidance on what is permitted as well as having the beaches cleaned up prior to the summer.

Response

The Council is very aware of the concern within the community in relation to the amount of timber on beaches which was mainly due to the flood event in June 2016. The Council's hands are tied as to what it can do as the beaches are under the umbrella of Crown Land services and Parks and Wildlife.

At this time, despite numerous approaches by the Council, Parks and Wildlife will not permit any further removal of timber from the beaches.

At the last Community Safety Partnership Committee meeting it was agreed that the General Manager would convene a meeting of the relevant Minister and relevant heads of department to come to a resolution in how we can deal with this issue, not only in Central Coast but other Council areas as well.

Further comment

Every year I have expressed accolades for the amazing work done in and to the Municipality and I do so again.

As you know we had a few skirmishes this year but generally they have been resolved.

Even though I don't "win" many, at least the issues are thrashed out and compromises have been attained.

We are all on the same team, albeit tackling issues from a different perspective.

I am happy for you to broadcast this memo.

Regards, Jacob Weeda. JP

9 - Any other business

Any further business considered appropriate to the Annual General Meeting.

The Mayor to invite a motion to receive the Annual Report.

10 - Close of meeting

The Mayor.

Meeting procedures

- The meeting will be conducted generally in accordance with the *Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Regulations 2015*. In particular, no person may:
 - make a personal reflection about a Councillor, Council employee or member of the public;
 - interject repeatedly or disrupt the meeting and disobey a call to order by the chairperson; or
 - in the opinion of the chairperson, use any offensive expression.
- All questions, comments and any motions are to be addressed through the Chair.
- As a matter of courtesy and for the purpose of record, speakers are asked to identify themselves prior to addressing the meeting.
- No speakers are to be interrupted other than by the chairperson in exercising effective meeting procedure.
- Questions and comments should be concise to allow as many electors as possible to have an input.
- All motions must be moved and seconded before debate is permitted.
- Only one motion may be before the Chair at any one time.
- In speaking to a motion, individuals may speak only once and for no longer than five minutes. The mover of the motion may exercise a three-minute right of reply.
- Voting is by a show of hands or by any other means of ascertaining the vote the Council determines, and only electors in the Central Coast municipal area are entitled to vote.
- A resolution is passed by a simple majority of electors present voting in favour of it.
- Any resolution passed at the meeting will be considered at the next available meeting of the Council to be held on 20 November 2017.

Local Government Act 1993

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72B. Annual General Meeting

- (1) A council must hold an Annual General Meeting on a date that –
 - (a) is not later than 15 December in each year; and
 - (b) is not before 14 days after the date of the first publication of a notice under subsection (2).
- (2) A council must publish a notice in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area or other prescribed newspaper specifying the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.
- (3) If a quorum of the council is not present at an Annual General Meeting –
 - (a) the Annual General Meeting is to be reconvened and held within 14 days; and
 - (b) a notice is to be published in a daily newspaper circulating in the municipal area specifying the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting.
- (4) Only electors in the municipal area are entitled to vote at an Annual General Meeting.
- (5) A motion at an Annual General Meeting is passed by a majority of votes taken by a show of hands or by any other means of ascertaining the vote the council determines.
- (6) A motion passed at an Annual General Meeting is to be considered at the next meeting of the council.
- (7) The general manager is to keep minutes of the Annual General Meeting.