



Minutes

of a Special Meeting
held at 7.00pm

19 JANUARY 2009

Note:

Minutes subject to confirmation at
a meeting of the Council to be held on
27 January 2009

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Minutes of an special meeting of the Central Coast Council held in the Council Chamber at the Administration Centre, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone on Monday, 19 January 2009 commencing at 7.00pm.

Councillors attendance

Cr Mike Downie (Mayor)	Cr Brian Robertson (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Warren Barker	Cr Jan Bonde
Cr Lionel Bonde	Cr Cheryl Fuller
Cr Ken Haines	Cr Gerry Howard
Cr Terry McKenna	

Councillors apologies

Cr John Deacon, Cr David Dry and Cr Tony van Rooyen

Employees attendance

Acting General Manager (Mr Michael Stretton)
Assets & Engineering Manager (Mr Paul Breaden)
Director Corporate & Community Services (Mr Cor Vander Vlist)
Strategic & Executive Services Manager (Mrs Sancia Noble)

Media attendance

The media was not represented.

Public attendance

One member of the public attended during the course of the meeting.

Prayer

MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

1/2009 Authority for special meeting

The Mayor reported as follows:

“This special meeting of the Council has been convened at my direction. Only the items on the agenda may be discussed.”

- Cr Haines moved and Cr Fuller seconded, “That the Mayor's report be received.”

Carried unanimously

2/2009 Pecuniary interest declarations

The Mayor reported as follows:

“Councillors are requested to indicate whether they have, or are likely to have, a pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda.”

The Strategic & Executive Services Manager reported as follows:

“The *Local Government Act 1993* provides that a councillor must not participate at any meeting of a council in any discussion, nor vote on any matter, in respect of which the councillor has an interest or is aware or ought to be aware that a close associate has an interest.

Councillors are invited at this time to declare any interest they have on matters to be discussed at this meeting. If a declaration is impractical at this time, it is to be noted that a councillor must declare any interest in a matter before any discussion on that matter commences.

All interests declared will be recorded in the minutes at the commencement of the matter to which they relate.”

No interests were declared at this time.

DEPARTMENTAL BUSINESS

GENERAL MANAGEMENT

**3/2009 Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2008–2009
(435/2008 – 15.12.2008)**

The Acting General Manager reported as follows:

“The Director Corporate and Community Services has prepared the following report:

PURPOSE

At the Council Meeting held on 15 December 2008 the Council passed the following motion (Minute No. 435/2008 – 15.12.2008);

“That the Council move discussion of projects for funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2008–2009 to a Councillor workshop to be held on 12 January 2009.”

Following the Councillor Workshop held on 12 January 2009 this report is resubmitted for discussion and consideration.

The purpose of this report is to consider the Council’s allocation of funding from the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) 2008–2009.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Government, as part of its contribution to address the global economic crisis, is providing one–off funding of \$250 million in 2008–2009 to local councils to stimulate additional growth and economic activity under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

The Central Coast Council has been allocated an amount of \$391,000.00 for spending on community infrastructure including new construction and major renovations or refurbishments across a wide range of assets.

DISCUSSION

In an effort to boost the economy the Federal Government has made funding available to councils that can be utilised across a wide range of projects specifying only that funding will not be available for operational and

maintenance costs, or for certain transport infrastructure costs covered by 'Roads to Recovery' or 'Black Spots' programs.

In considering which projects to put up for funding under the RLCIP program the Council needed to be confident that projects chosen could be completed within the designated timeline (30 September 2009) and that they met the relevant criteria.

Funding can be spent on:

- . Social and cultural infrastructure (e.g. art spaces, gardens);
- . Recreational facilities (e.g. swimming pools, sports stadiums);
- . Tourism infrastructure (e.g. walkways, tourism information centres);
- . Access facilities (e.g. boat ramps, footbridges); and,
- . Environmental initiatives (e.g. drain and sewerage upgrades, recycling plants).

In considering which projects to recommend the Senior Management Team:

- . Looked for projects that will be required to be undertaken by the Council in the next couple of years (to take some stress off our capital works program);
- . Looked at the building asset management program as it was an area where funding has been limited in previous years ;
- . Looked at projects that are in our advance works program for the coming years; and,
- . Looked at projects that were spread across the whole of our municipal area.

As the result of the Senior Management Team's consideration of how best to achieve the greatest benefit across the whole of Central Coast while taking into account a listing of priorities as defined by the Assets Officer – Buildings and Facilities, works in Forth, Turners Beach, Ulverstone, Penguin and Riana have been considered that cover halls and community centres, recreation facilities, social and tourism infrastructure, with the nature of the works designed to stimulate activity across a broad range of disciplines and businesses wherever possible within Central Coast.

The following projects have been identified as being appropriate for funding under the RLCIP Program:

- . Refurbishment of Forth Hall – \$60,000;
- . Showground Community Precinct Naval Cadets/Scouts building refurbishments – \$160,000;

- . Turners Beach Hall Refurbishment – \$25,000;
- . Riana Community Centre Kitchen upgrade – \$60,000;
- . Penguin Main Beach sea wall and path– \$90,000; and
- . Playground Equipment (Anzac Park/ Fairway Park) – \$56,000.

Forth Community Hall –

Problems have been identified with the roof and ceiling that affects the long-term viability of the building. There are other significant maintenance issues that if actioned now will assist in ensuring that the Hall would remain a valuable asset to the Forth/Leith Community. This project is not included in the current works program.

Showground Community Precinct Naval Cadets/Scouts building –

This was part of the 2008–2009 estimates but funding was withdrawn at the December council meeting to ensure funding of the Ulverstone Showground Redevelopment project. The necessity to relocate tenants of the Wharf as part of the Wharf redevelopment is integral to continuing current negotiations on this project.

It should be noted that the monies that have been allocated towards the Showground Community Precinct Naval Cadet/Scouts building refurbishment will only cover part of the overall cost of the Community Precinct works and further funds will have to be allocated to complete this work.

Turners Beach Hall –

The Council has identified that there is a need to resurface the floor, undertake renewal works in the male and female toilets and to repaint the window frames. Undertaking this work now will assist in maintaining the viability of what is an important asset to the Turners Beach Community.

Riana Community Centre –

There are occupational health and safety issues with the current kitchen together with capacity and service issues. The Council has recognised the need for a more modern kitchen at ground level and allocated monies to assist the Riana Community Centre Committee in undertaking the necessary upgrade. Plans have been drawn up and the use of funding from the LCIP program would enable the work to

be completed now. This project is not included in the current works program.

Penguin Main Beach sea wall and path –

This will enable the completion of the missing link between Johnsons Beach Road Bridge and the end of the Main Street Makeover path.

Playground equipment (Anzac/Fairway Parks) –

Replacement of existing playground equipment has been underfunded for some time and items listed in the 2005 audit have not all been attended to with some of the equipment no longer complying with relevant Australian Standards. While a number of non-complying pieces have been removed they have not been replaced and LCIP funds would enable this program to be brought forward.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is not applicable in respect of this report.

IMPACT ON RESOURCES

There will be some impact on council resources in managing and administering the projects.

CORPORATE COMPLIANCE

The Central Coast Strategic Plan 2004–2009 includes the following objectives:

- . Provide transparent accountable public policy and decision making; and
- . Plan for and develop a sustainable community.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the Council approve the following projects for funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2008–2009:

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The report is supported.”

■ Cr Robertson moved and Cr (J) Bonde seconded, “That the Council approve the following projects for funding under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program 2008–2009:

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Carried unanimously

Closure

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 7.09pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2009.

Chairperson

(sn:dil)

QUALIFIED PERSON'S ADVICE

The *Local Government Act 1993* provides (in part) as follows:

- . A general manager must ensure that any advice, information or recommendation given to the council is given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation.
- . A council is not to decide on any matter which requires the advice of a qualified person without considering such advice unless the general manager certifies in writing that such advice was obtained and taken into account in providing general advice to the council.

I therefore certify that with respect to all advice, information or recommendation provided to the Council within these minutes:

- (i) the advice, information or recommendation was given by a person who has the qualifications or experience necessary to give such advice, information or recommendation; and
- (ii) where any advice was directly given by a person who did not have the required qualifications or experience that person has obtained and taken into account in that person's general advice the advice from an appropriately qualified or experienced person.

Michael Stretton
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER