

AGENDA

Extraordinary Meeting of Council

5 December 2023

Statement of Ethical Obligations

The Mayor and Councillors are reminded that they remain bound by the Oath/Affirmation of Office made at the start of the council term to undertake their civic duties in the best interests of the people of Eurobodalla Shire Council and to faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the *Local Government Act 1993* or any other Act, to the best of their skill and judgement. The Mayor and Councillors are also reminded of the requirement for disclosure of conflicts of interest in relation to items listed for consideration on the Agenda or which are considered at this meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Code of Meeting Practice.

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA

ON TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER 2023

COMMENCING AT 2.00PM

AGENDA

(Proceedings of this meeting will be recorded as per Eurobodalla Shire Council's Code of Meeting Practice)

| 1. | WELCOME | | | | |
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| 2. | ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY | | | | |
| 3. | APOLOGIES | | | | |
| 4. | DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item) | | | | |
| 5. | PUBLIC FORUM | | | | |
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WARWICK WINN GENERAL MANAGER

NOM23/005 RESCISSION OF MOTION 23/166 - SCULPTURE FOR CLYDE - EVENT FUNDING REQUEST

S026-TT00010

Responsible Officer: Councillors - Rob Pollock, Peter Diskon, Alison Worthington

Attachments: 1. Signed Notice of Motion of Rescission - GMR23/032 - Councillors Rob

Pollock, Peter Diskon and Alison Worthington

We the undersigned give notice that we intend to move a motion to rescind the following resolution (Minute Number 23/166) regarding GMR23/032 Sculpture for Clyde – Event Funding Request as resolved at the Council Meeting on 21 November 2023:

23/166 MOTION

THAT Council approve the funding request of \$20,000 for the 2024 Sculpture for Clyde event and waive venue hire fees associated with the event for 2024.

MOTION

THAT Council rescinds motion 23/166 Sculpture for Clyde – Event Funding Request.

GMR23/032

That GMR23/032 be rescinded.

Clr Rob Pollock

Clr Peter Diskon

Clr Alison Worthington

28 November 2023

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A GUIDING CHECKLIST FOR COUNCILLORS, OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEES

ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Government policy, Council's objectives and Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for you, your colleagues, the Council, anyone else?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Do you stand to gain personally at public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of public interest?
- Would it withstand public scrutiny?

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest is a clash between private interest and public duty. There are two types of conflict: Pecuniary – regulated by the *Local Government Act* and Department of Local Government; and Non-Pecuniary – regulated by Codes of Conduct and policy, ICAC, Ombudsman, Department of Local Government (advice only).

THE TEST FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Is it likely I could be influenced by personal interest in carrying out my public duty?
- Would a fair and reasonable person believe I could be so influenced?
- Conflict of interest is closely tied to the layperson's definition of "corruption" using public office for private gain.
- Important to consider public perceptions of whether you have a conflict of interest.

IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS

- **1st** Do I have private interests affected by a matter I am officially involved in?
- **2nd** Is my official role one of influence or perceived influence over the matter?
- **3rd** Do my private interests conflict with my official role?

Whilst seeking advice is generally useful, the ultimate decision rests with the person concerned.

AGENCY ADVICE

Officers of the following agencies are available during office hours to discuss the obligations placed on Councillors, Officers and Community Committee members by various pieces of legislation, regulation and Codes.

| CONTACT | PHONE | EMAIL | WEBSITE |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Eurobodalla Shire Council | | | |
| Public Officer | 4474-1000 | council@esc.nsw.gov.au | www.esc.nsw.gov.au |
| ICAC | 8281 5999 | icac@icac.nsw.gov.au | www.icac.nsw.gov.au |
| The Office of Local Government | 4428 4100 | dlg@dlg.nsw.gov.au | www.dlg.nsw.gov.au |
| NSW Ombudsman | 1800 451 524 | nswombo@ombo.nsw.gov.au | www.ombo.nsw.gov.au |

Reports to Committee are presented generally by 'exception' - that is, only those items that do not comply with legislation or policy, or are the subject of objection, are discussed in a report.

Reports address areas of business risk to assist decision making. Those areas include legal, policy, environment, asset, economic, strategic and financial.

Reports may also include key planning or assessment phrases such as:

| Setback | Council's planning controls establish preferred standards of setback (eg 7.5m front; 1m side and rear); |
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| Envelope | taking into account the slope of a lot, defines the width and height of a building with preferred standard of 8.5m high; |

Footprint the percentage of a lot taken up by a building on a site plan.