



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

23 June 2015

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2015

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**MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MORUYA
ON TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2015
COMMENCING AT 10.05AM**

PRESENT: Councillor Lindsay Brown, Mayor (in the Chair)
Councillors Danielle Brice, Neil Burnside, Liz Innes, Milton Leslight and Peter Schwarz

Staff: Dr Catherine Dale, General Manager
Mr L Usher, Director, Planning and Sustainability Services
Mr W Sharpe OAM, Director, Infrastructure Services
Mr A O'Reilly, Director, Finance and Business Development
Mrs K Arthur, Director, Community, Arts and Recreation
Mrs C Hodges, Minute Secretary
Mrs K Green, Minute Secretary

1. WELCOME AND EVACUATION MESSAGE

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting, acknowledged the Traditional Owners and advised of the Evacuation Procedure.

2. APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

15/102 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Brice

THAT apologies be received from Councillors Thomson, Pollock and Harding and leave of absence be granted.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

15/103 MOTION Councillor Brown/Councillor Brice

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to alter the meeting agenda, bring forward consideration of item GMR15/012 Audit Committee Annual Report and hear an address from the Audit Committee Chair, Mr Ken Mitchell.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

15/104 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

THAT the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 9 June 2015 be confirmed.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

15/105 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 9 June 2015 be confirmed.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Councillor Brice advised that requests by two residents to speak at the Extraordinary Council meeting held on 9 June 2015 were not received by Council prior to the meeting due to a problem with Council's email system over the June long weekend. These people were therefore not invited to speak in Public Forum. Councillor Brice asked that their submissions be included on Council's website.

The Mayor advised that he had not been informed by the two residents of their request to speak, however the two submissions would be made available on Council's website.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

E15.9143; E87.6800

Councillor Burnside declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in PSR15/024 Request for Tender No. 2015/PLS040 Provision of On-Hire Employee Services and stated that he would leave the Chamber during discussion and voting on the matter.

Reason: Councillor Burnside declared an interest as a family member is employed in the industry.

E15.9191; E00.4896; E87.6800

Councillor Innes declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in PSR15/021 Grey-headed Flying-foxes – Water Gardens, Batemans Bay and stated that she would leave the Chamber during discussion and voting on the matter.

Reason: Councillor Innes declared an interest as her mother lives in the affected area.

5. MAYORAL REPORTS

Nil

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

**NOM15/004 OFFICE OF THE NSW SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONER - REGIONAL
ACTIVATION PROGRAM**

File Ref: E88.0056

15/106 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

THAT Council accepts the offer from the NSW Small Business Commissioner to take part in their Regional Activation Program.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

7. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE FROM COUNCILLORS

Nil

8. PETITIONS

Nil

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

GMR15/012 AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

File Ref: E05.9354

The Mayor invited Mr Ken Mitchell, Chair of Council's Audit Committee to address Council in relation to the Audit Committee's Annual Report to Council.

Mr Mitchell addressed his report and outlined the functions of the Audit Committee and various reviews that had been undertaken over the past year. He thanked his fellow Committee members, Councillors and staff for their support and advised he would be stepping down from the Committee at the end of this year.

The Mayor congratulated Mr Mitchell on his contribution over several years as a member and lately as Chair of the Audit Committee and thanked the Committee for their ongoing work and contributions.

Councillors Burnside and Schwarz, as members of the Audit Committee, endorsed the Mayor's comments.

15/107 MOTION Councillor Schwarz/Councillor Burnside

THAT the Audit Committee annual report be received and noted.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

10. QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC GALLERY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

(Minutes of Questions from the Public Gallery are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings.)

PF15/008 FIT FOR THE FUTURE

E15.9042; E12.6443

Mr Paul Bradstreet addressed Council in relation to item GMR15/014 Fit for the Future – Council's Improvement Proposal. A copy of Mr Bradstreet's submission is available on Council's website.

EXTENSION OF TIME

15/108 MOTION Councillor Leslight/Councillor Innes

THAT Mr Bradstreet be granted an extension of three minutes to complete his presentation.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC GALLERY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) (contd)

(Minutes of Questions from the Public Gallery are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings.)

PF15/009 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Ms Linda Chapman addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Ms Chapman's submission is available on Council's website.

PF15/010 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Ms Michelle Mitchell addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Ms Mitchell's submission is available on Council's website.

PF15/011 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Mr Ross Hayward addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Mr Hayward's submission is available on Council's website.

EXTENSION OF TIME

15/109 MOTION Councillor Leslight/Councillor Burnside

THAT Mr Hayward be granted an extension of three minutes to complete his presentation.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

PF15/012 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Mr Andrew Bain addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Mr Bain's submission is available on Council's website.

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC GALLERY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) (contd)

(Minutes of Questions from the Public Gallery are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings.)

PF15/013 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE

E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Mr Daniel Lloyd Jones addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Mr Lloyd Jones' submission is available on Council's website.

EXTENSION OF TIME

15/110 MOTION Councillor Leslight/Councillor Brice

THAT Mr Lloyd Jones be granted an extension of three minutes to complete his presentation.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

PF15/014 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE

E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Ms Liza Lloyd Jones addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Ms Lloyd Jones' submission is available on Council's website.

PF15/015 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE

E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Mr Anthony Knobel addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Mr Knobel's submission is available on Council's website.

PF15/016 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE

E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Mr Anthony Mayne addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Mr Mayne's submission is available on Council's website.

EXTENSION OF TIME

15/111 MOTION Councillor Leslight/Councillor Brice

THAT Mr Mayne be granted an extension of three minutes to complete his presentation.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

QUESTIONS FROM PUBLIC GALLERY (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY) (contd)

(Minutes of Questions from the Public Gallery are a summary only and do not purport to be a complete transcript of the proceedings.)

PF15/017 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE

E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Mr Martin Tye addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Mr Tye's submission is available on Council's website.

EXTENSION OF TIME

15/112 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Leslight

THAT Mr Tye be granted an extension of three minutes to complete his presentation.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

PF15/018 PLANNING PROPOSAL - BROULEE

E15.9042; E15.9218.R

Ms Suzanne Gillan addressed Council in relation to item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee. A copy of Ms Gillan's submission is available on Council's website.

ADJOURNMENT

15/113 MOTION Councillor Brown/Councillor Burnside

THAT the Ordinary Council Meeting be adjourned.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

At 12.20pm the Mayor adjourned the meeting for a short break.

At 12.30pm the meeting resumed.

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

15/114 MOTION Councillor Innes/Councillor Leslight

That Standing Orders be suspended in order to allow debate in the Committee of the Whole on item PSR15/019 Planning Proposal and Development Control Plan Amendments for Land at Broulee.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

At 12.35pm Council moved into Committee of the Whole.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

15/115 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

That Standing Orders be resumed.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

At 12.50pm the Ordinary meeting of Council resumed.

**PSR15/019 PLANNING PROPOSAL AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN AMENDMENTS FOR
LAND AT BROULEE**

File Ref: E15.9218.R

15/116 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the attached Planning Proposal to amend Eurobodalla Local Environmental Plan 2012 pursuant to Section 55 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to rezone land at Broulee from the R2 Low Density Residential zone to the E2 Environmental Conservation zone and the R3 Medium Density Residential zone and to amend the Lot Size Map and Height of Buildings Map accordingly.
2. Endorse the amendments to the Residential Zones Development Control Plan contained in the attachment to the Planning Proposal.
3. Forward the Planning Proposal to the Minister for Planning for a Gateway Determination pursuant to Section 56 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.
4. Conduct information sessions with the Broulee community and the Broulee Mossy Point Community Association in tandem with seeking the Gateway Determination, to obtain their views preceding the seeking of submissions through community consultation.
5. Following the receipt of a Gateway Determination, consult with the community and relevant government agencies for a period of 42 days as required by the Gateway Determination.
5. Consult with the community on the proposed DCP amendments concurrently with the consultation of the Planning Proposal.
6. Receive a report back on the Planning Proposal if a written objection is received during consultation with the community as per the requirements of Section 57 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

Division

For the Motion: Councillors Brice, Brown, Burnside, Innes, Leslight and Schwarz.

Against the Motion: Nil.

**GMR15/013 ADOPTION OF REVISED DELIVERY PROGRAM 2013-17 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN
2015-16**

File Ref: E12.6254

15/117 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

THAT:

1. Council makes the annual Ordinary Rates for 2015-16 in accordance with the special rate variation limit set by IPART which is 6.37%, being a 6.5% increase in ordinary rates and 2.4% increase in the Environmental levy, as contained in the table in the report.
2. Council make each annual charge for water, sewer, waste, stormwater and liquid trade waste for 2015-16 in accordance with the exhibited Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges as contained in the tables in the report.
3. Council make each fee and charge for 2015-2016 in accordance with the exhibited Revenue Policy and Fees and Charges as attached to the report.
4. Council adopt the revised Delivery Program 2013-17 and Operational Plan 2015-16 attached to the report as per the statutory requirements and implement them from 1 July 2015.
5. Council create an internally restricted fund to account for and monitor the use of the rate variation funds.
6. Council thank the community members who made a submission and provide them with a response.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

GMR15/014 FIT FOR THE FUTURE - COUNCIL'S IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL

File Ref: E12.6443

15/118 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

THAT Council:

1. Endorse Council's Fit for the Future Improvement Proposal, including any further formatting or minor editorial changes as a result of the requirement for the submission to now go into a template, for submission to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART).
2. Approve the creation of an internally restricted Infrastructure renewal fund.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**

Councillor Leslight voted against the Motion.)

The Mayor commended the General Manager and her staff, and in particular the project team, for their excellent work on the Fit for the Future proposal. He was aware of other councils that had employed consultants at considerable expense to undertake this work. He expressed his appreciation to the hard working staff, who had put in many late nights, in bringing this together.

11. PLANNING AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTS

PSR15/020 RURAL LANDS STRATEGY TIMEFRAME AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

File Ref: E12.6191

15/119 MOTION Councillor Innes/Councillor Burnside

THAT Council:

1. Endorse the Community Engagement Plan for the Rural Lands Strategy, as attached to report PSR15/020.
2. Note that the timetable proposes the presentation of a final Strategy for adoption at the final Ordinary Council Meeting of 2015 to be held on 8 December 2015.
3. Note the following key changes to the project in order to achieve the amended timeframe:
 - reduction in planned Steering Committee meetings from five to four
 - a maximum five week public exhibition period and a reduction in the number of planned engagement activities from eight to six.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

PSR15/021 GREY-HEADED FLYING-FOXES - WATER GARDENS, BATEMANS BAY

File Ref: E15.9191; E00.4896
E87.6800

Councillor Innes declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in PSR15/021 Grey-headed Flying-foxes – Water Gardens, Batemans Bay and stated that she would leave the Chamber during discussion and voting on the matter.

Reason: Councillor Innes declared an interest as her mother lives in the affected area.

At 1.15pm Councillor Innes left the Chambers.

15/120 MOTION Councillor Schwarz/Councillor Burnside

THAT:

1. Council undertake emergency management actions subject to the consent of landowners up to a total budget of \$36,000.
2. Council appoint a consultant to prepare a Water Gardens Grey Headed Flying-fox Camp Management Plan for the Water Gardens with a projected budget of \$50 000.
3. Council allocate a budget \$8,600 for staff support to manage and oversee the emergency management actions and a Water Gardens Flying-fox Camp Management Plan.
4. A budget variation of \$84,600 be processed as part of the September quarterly review, based upon identified savings or reallocation of resources.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

At 1.22pm Councillor Innes returned to the Chambers.

PSR15/022 ANNUAL HERITAGE REPORT 2014-2015

File Ref: E07.1407

15/121 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Schwarz

THAT:

1. Council endorse the Eurobodalla Annual Heritage Report 2014-15.
2. The Eurobodalla Annual Heritage Report 2014-15 be forwarded to the Heritage Division in accordance with the conditions of the funding agreements.
3. Council thank the members of the 2012-15 Heritage Advisory Committee for their contribution to heritage management in the Eurobodalla Shire.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

**PSR15/023 SUBMISSION TO NSW ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY (EPA) ON
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL GUIDELINES SOLID WASTE LANDFILLS**

File Ref: E98.2417

15/122 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Burnside

THAT Council lodge the submission attached to report PSR15/023 on the draft Environmental Guidelines Solid Waste Landfills (Second edition, 2015) with the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

PSR15/024 REQUEST FOR TENDER NO: 2015/PLS040 PROVISION OF ON-HIRE EMPLOYEE SERVICES

File Ref: E15.9143; E87.6800

Councillor Burnside declared a significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest in PSR15/024 Request for Tender No. 2015/PLS040 Provision of On-Hire Employee Services and stated that he would leave the Chamber during discussion and voting on the matter.

Reason: Councillor Burnside declared an interest as a family member is employed in the industry.

At 1.23pm Councillor Burnside left the Chambers.

15/123 MOTION Councillor Schwarz/Councillor Innes

THAT a Deed of Agreement be completed that confirms Campbell Page (Recruitflex) to be the provider to Council for on-hire employee services for a three year period commencing on 1 July 2015.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

At 1.25pm Councillor Burnside returned to the Chambers.

**PSR15/025 APPOINT SOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO COAST AND ENVIRONMENT
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

File Ref: E09.3092

15/124 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Burnside

THAT:

1. Council not accept the nominations for an Expression of Interest for representation as a South area representative to the Coast and Environment Management Advisory Committee, as there were only two Expressions of Interest received, one being lodged after the closing date, the other from a resident who resides outside of the South area (Dalmeny to Akolele).
2. Council readvertise as a matter of urgency, calling for an Expression of Interest in accordance with the Terms of Reference for a community representative from within the South area (Dalmeny to Akolele).
3. Council write to each party thanking them for their interest and advising of Council's decision.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

12. INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

IR15/027 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING NO 8 FOR 2014-15

File Ref: E15.9002

15/125 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Burnside

THAT:

1. The minutes of the Eurobodalla Local Traffic Committee Meeting No 8 of 2014-15 held on 14 May 2015 be received and noted.
2. Council Plan No 5156 Set H Sheet 01 showing the proposed timed 'No Stopping' signage on Campbell Street, Moruya be approved.
3. Council Plan No 5156 Set S Sheet 01 showing the proposed extension to 'No Parking' signage on Annett Street, Mogo be approved.
4. Council Plan No 4135 Set D Sheet 7 showing the proposed signage and linemarking associated with the shared path, linking Korner's Park in Wharf Road and Old Punt Road, North Batemans Bay be approved.
5. Council Plan No 5073 Set B Sheet 4 showing the proposed signage and linemarking associated with the traffic signals at the intersection of North and Perry Streets, Batemans Bay be approved with the addition of right and left pavement arrows on the north bound lane in Perry Street.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

IR15/028 TENDER 2015-ISD-035 - BRIDGE PERFORMANCE TESTING

File Ref: E12.6366

15/126 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Burnside

THAT the tender from Sterling Group Consultants be accepted for bridge performance testing for:

1. Six bridges on regional roads being Tomaga River Bridge, Candlagan Creek Bridge, Garlandtown Bridge, Malabar Weir, Short Beach Creek Bridge and Kianga Creek Bridge;
2. Four timber bridges in the Eurobodalla Road area being Crapps Bridge (Bumbo Road), Tyrone Bridge (Tuross River), Cemetery Bridge (Eurobodalla Road) and Silo Farm Bridge (Comerang Forest Road).

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

IR15/029 TENDER 2015-ISD-045 - CONSTRUCTION OF CONCRETE BRIDGE AT CANDLAGAN CREEK, BROULEE

File Ref: E15.9220

15/127 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Burnside

THAT the tender from NELMAC Pty Ltd be accepted for construction of a concrete bridge at Candlagan Creek, Broulee.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

**IR15/030 TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROSEDALE SEWAGE PUMPING STATION
AND TOMAKIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT BALANCE TANK**

File Ref: E15.9154

15/128 MOTION Councillor Schwarz/Councillor Burnside

THAT:

1. Subject to State Government approval to proceed, Council accepts the tender from Precision Civil Infrastructure Pty Ltd for the Construction of Rosedale Sewage Pumping Station and Tomakin Balance Tank (RFT 1400306).
2. Council authorise the General Manager to approve variations of up to 5% of the Contract Price.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

13. FINANCE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

FBD15/047 LICENCE FOR KAYAKING ACTIVITIES

File Ref: E07.1579; E07.1580

15/129 MOTION Councillor Schwarz/Councillor Burnside

THAT :

1. Council, as Trust Manager for the Eurobodalla (North) Reserve Trust, consent to the granting of a temporary licence to Burley Griffin Canoe Club Inc, in accordance with Section 108 of the Crown Lands Act 1989, for kayaking activities from Crown Reserve R61866 Nelligen and Crown Reserve R85999 Batemans Bay with a fee of \$464.00 plus GST per annum commencing 1 July 2015 and expiring on 30 June 2016.
2. A twelve month licence be granted to Burley Griffin Canoe Club Inc to undertake kayaking activities from Lot 112 DP 211965 Tomakin and Lot 4 DP 1090948 Moruya with a fee of \$464 plus GST per annum commencing 1 July 2015 and expiring on 30 June 2016.
3. A donation in the amount of the licence fees be made to Burley Griffin Canoe Club Inc in accordance with Council's "Financial Assistance (Donations and Grants)" Policy.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

FBD15/048 OUTDOOR DINING LICENCES

File Ref: E88.0056

15/130 MOTION Councillor Burnside/Councillor Innes

THAT:

1. Council waive the initial licence set up fee of \$127 for new outdoor dining licences taken out between 1 September and 30 November 2015.
2. Council waive the rental fees for all outdoor dining licences during this period. This waiver is applicable only to licences where all existing payments are up to date.
3. A report be presented to Council at the conclusion of the 'payment holiday' on the results of this trial period.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

14. COMMUNITY, ARTS AND RECREATION REPORTS

CAR15/007 SELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

File Ref: E12.6216

15/131 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Innes

THAT:

1. Susan Poke, Noal Annabel and Sarah Leaver be appointed to the Disability Advisory Committee for the remainder of Council's current term to September 2016.
2. Council thank the outgoing members of the Disability Advisory Committee for their work as members of the Committee.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

CAR15/008 CANCER INSTITUTE OF NSW SHADE GRANT FUNDING ACCEPTANCE

File Ref: E96.0291

15/132 MOTION Councillor Brice/Councillor Innes

THAT Council endorse the use of the Mayor's executive powers under Section 226 of the Local Government Act to approve acceptance of \$20,889.00 Shade Cover Funding from the Cancer Institute of NSW.

(The Motion on being put was declared **CARRIED**)

15. DELEGATE REPORT

Nil

16. QUESTIONS/URGENT BUSINESS

15/008 COUNCILLOR FERGUS THOMSON OAM

E15.9041; E96.0044

Councillor Peter Schwarz advised that Councillor Thomson is seriously ill and on behalf of the Council and the Community asked that a message be sent to Councillor Thomson and his family expressing our best wishes to them.

The Mayor endorsed these sentiments and will pass our thoughts on to Councillor Thomson and his family.

16. QUESTIONS/URGENT BUSINESS (contd)

15/009 POTATO POINT BUSHFIRE COMMUNITY PROTECTION PLAN E15.9041; E04.8878

Councillor Danielle Brice expressed concern that with the July Council break, Council will not have an opportunity to discuss the Potato Point Bushfire Community Plan and provide comments to the Rural Fire Services before the Plan goes back to the Eurobodalla Bush Fire Management Committee meeting on 9 July.

Director Infrastructure Services advised that Councillors were briefed on the Plan on 16 June. At that time they decided to defer consideration of the Plan in the knowledge that Council would be on a break and that the Committee was meeting on 9 July. The Director advised he had contacted the office of Superintendent John Cullen of the RFS to explain Council's position. He will follow up with Mr Cullen but is sure that the RFS will consider Council's response.

17. DEALING WITH MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION

Nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 1.45PM

CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28 July 2015 at which meeting the signature hereon was subscribed.