

EUROBODALLA SHIRE COUNCIL

PUBLIC FORUM

All members of the community who have registered have been advised that they have a **maximum of five minutes** to put their case.

Ordinary Meeting of Council on 10 November 2015

Name	Subject/Comments
Agenda Items – 10.00am	
Peter Hickman	QON15/003 Sea Level Rise Policy and Planning Framework
Bernard Wonder	PSR15/051 Tern Inn - modification to operating hours
Nicholas Walton	PSR15/051 Tern Inn - modification to operating hours
Andrew Lyristakis	PSR15/051 Tern Inn - modification to operating hours

Councillors

In effect you are the Board of Directors of a \$100M dollar organisation. Your organisation is meant to serve your shareholders who are the residents and property owners of this local government area.

As Directors/Councillors;

You establish vision, mission and values;

- Determine the company's vision and mission to guide and set the pace for its current operations and future development.
- Determine the values to be promoted throughout the company.
- Determine and review company goals.
- Determine company policies

You review strategy or develop vision, mission and values statements.

- Set strategy and structure
- Review and evaluate present and future opportunities, threats and risks in the external environment and current and future strengths, weaknesses and risks relating to the company.
- Determine strategic options, select those to be pursued, and decide the means to implement and support them.
- Determine the business strategies and plans that underpin the corporate strategy.
- Ensure that the company's organisational structure and capability are appropriate for implementing the chosen strategies.

I don't agree that these requirements are being met by accepting the answers to the questions posed by Councillor Pollock to cite "cherry – picked" examples, rather than reasoned argument based on good data. The terminology used in secondary school debating is "Arguing from the particular to the general". The logic being followed is "All Oranges are coloured orange, this fruit is orange therefore it is an orange." When, in fact, it might be a pumpkin. Simply the examples of real estate values being cited in the answers would have been affected by the sale of just 2 properties on Bay Road at Long Beach, which indeed, happened.

A recent written reply to a query regarding Sea Level Rise to a resident of Surfside contained an example of a measured SLR of 3.2mm in a year, as measured at Port Kembla! No mention was made of the fact that this was an isolated measurement; in the middle of a 1:100 storm, at the peak of a La Nina with ships passing by in the immediate area. This is why Shoalhaven picked the logical and long term recording at Fort Denison which shows a long term increase in sea level of 0.9mm per year.

Put simply the answers to the four questions are;

1. The consultants do not own property in Eurobodalla and therefore, as they say, are not concerned about property values.
2. The policy does not identify the future Capital Works Budget required to address Council's assets affected by SLR. However this does not mean there is not a need for future Capital Works to replace bridges, roads, open space and pipes affected by SLR.

3. All the other Aged Care Facilities are affected by the policy, lots of them. All future required Aged Care Facilities are subject to the policy.
4. The data has selected 5 suburbs across the whole of Shoalhaven and Eurobodalla for only month to month comparisons. When obtaining a valuation for your property, you generally get at least a couple of opinions. The graph presented in November 2014 was for the whole of the LGA's over a 10 year period.

Councillors, I have 5 minutes and in that time I cannot detail any further how poor I feel the answers supplied to Councillor Pollock are. However, I believe that what is shown is a culture that does not serve the community by supplying good hard data and policy.

You, as the Board of Directors should be asking, do I agree that this is a satisfactory situation and: how did the present state come about?

I have asked the Mayor what sort of framework was employed to ensure the Blackadder report was implemented and progress monitored and it appears that no such reporting, implementation planning and reporting was ever put in place. This is not good management practice. This is the reason why our Forum is frustrated. Many of our members have worked in high performing organisations. Please consider the relevance of following recent Wiley cartoons.



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Attention : Carol Hodges

Dear Sir

Modification Application 7313/02 –Amended Trading Hours, The Tern Inn, Tuross Head

I am writing in response to Council's letter of 29 October inviting submissions to inform Council's discussion of Modification Application 7313/02 to be discussed on 10 November.


My partner and I have given overall support to this application, particularly the extended operating hours during the daylight saving period and on Friday and Saturday nights outside daylight saving, trading until midnight for 10 days per year and the opportunity to clean up and prepare food outside trading hours. However, we opposed the proposal to trade until 2am on New Year's Day on the basis that, by itself, it will do little to assist the viability of the Tern Inn business but will generate significant noise in a residential area consisting mainly of elderly retirees who retire well before midnight (including on New Year's Eve).

In short, the proposal fails any reasonable cost-benefit test as it won't secure the future of the business even if trading is busy on the night, while at the same time it can be expected to be disruptive to neighbours as a result of the party atmosphere (fuelled by many hours of serving alcohol) and departing vehicles sometime after 2am. We are concerned about the damage this proposal will do to relations between the business owners and nearby residents, all for the minimal gains generated by a single night's trading to 2am.

In a spirit of compromise and support for the owners, we would like to suggest they modify their proposal to finish trading at 12:30am. This would enable guests to see in the New Year but still leave the premises at a reasonable (albeit still very late) hour. This would go some way towards addressing our concerns while still facilitating trade on the evening of concern.

One of us will be available to speak to our submission on 10 November.

Yours Sincerely



Bernard Wonder and Rhonda Treadwell

9 November 2015