



Ordinary Council

MAYORAL MINUTES

Business Paper

date of meeting: Wednesday 19 September 2018

location: Council Chambers
17 Burrawan Street
Port Macquarie

time: 5.30pm

Community Vision

A sustainable high quality of life for all

Community Mission

Building the future together
People Place Health Education Technology

Council's Corporate Values

- ★ Sustainability
- ★ Excellence in Service Delivery
- ★ Consultation and Communication
- ★ Openness and Accountability
- ★ Community Advocacy

Community Themes

- ★ Leadership and Governance
- ★ Your Community Life
- ★ Your Business and Industry
- ★ Your Natural and Built Environment

How Members of the Public Can Have Their Say at Council Meetings

Council has a commitment to providing members of the public with an input into Council's decision making. The Council's Code of Meeting Practice provides two (2) avenues for members of the public to address Council on issues of interest or concern at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

These are:

- Addressing Council on an Agenda Item (if the matter **is** listed in the Council Business Paper)
- Addressing Council in the Public Forum (if the matter **is not** listed in the Council Business Paper)

You can request to address Council by completing the:

- 'Request to Speak on an Agenda Item' form
- 'Request to Speak in the Public Forum' form

These can be obtained from Council's Offices at Laurieton, Port Macquarie and Wauchope or by downloading it from Council's website.

Requests can also be lodged on-line at:

<http://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/How-Council-Works/Council-Committee-Meetings/Request-to-speak-on-an-Agenda-Item>

<http://www.pmhc.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/How-Council-Works/Council-and-Committee-Meetings/Request-to-speak-in-a-Public-Forum>

Your request to address Council must be received by Council no later than 4:30pm on the day prior to the Council Meeting.

- Council will permit no more than two (2) speakers 'in support of' and two (2) speakers 'in opposition to' the recommendation on any one (1) Agenda Item.
- A maximum of five (5) speakers will be heard in the Public Forum.
- There is no automatic right under legislation for the public to participate in a Meeting of Council or a Committee of Council.
- For a member of the public to be considered to address Council they must agree to strictly adhere to all relevant adopted Council Codes, Policies and Procedures at all times.
- Consideration of items for which requests to address the Council Meeting have been received will commence at 5:30pm.
- When your name is called, please proceed to the Council Table and address Council.
- Each speaker will be allocated a maximum of five (5) minutes to address Council. This time is strictly enforced.
- Councillors may ask questions of a speaker following an address. Each answer, by the speaker to a question, is limited to two (2) minutes. A speaker cannot ask questions of Council.
- An Agenda Item will be debated by Council following the address.
- Council will not determine any matter raised in the Public Forum session, however Council may resolve to call for a future report.
- If you have any documentation to support your presentation, provide two (2) copies to Council by 12 noon on the day of the Meeting.
- If a speaker has an audio visual presentation, a copy of the presentation is to be provided to Council by 12 noon on the day of the Meeting.
- The following will **not** be considered in the Public Forum (in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice, clause 2.14.14):
 - Proposed or current development and rezoning applications and related matters.
 - A third (3rd) or subsequent application by a single member of the public to address Council on the same issue in the same calendar year. Council, at its discretion, may elect to exempt representatives or members of community groups from this restriction.
 - Any formal procurement process, contract negotiation or dispute resolution being undertaken.
 - Any matter the General Manager (or their delegate) considers inappropriate for discussion in the Public Forum.
- Council accepts no responsibility for any defamatory statements made by speakers.
- Members of the public may quietly enter and leave the Meeting at any time.

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Item: 06.02

**Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION'S NATIONAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN**

Mayor, Peta Pinson

RECOMMENDATION

That Council confirm its support of the Australian Local Government Association's National Advocacy Campaign to restore Financial Assistance Grants funding to a level of at least 1% and delegate the Mayor to complete the application process.

Discussion

The Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) headline election advocacy priority will be to secure a better deal on federal funding for Local Government from the next Federal Government. In doing this, ALGA will be calling for "1% plus partnership programs" – this calls for the next Federal Government to restore core Local Government funding of Financial Assistance Grants to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue and add funding for partnership programs where agreed. More information about this election priority is available in the attached letter from ALGA President, Mayor David O'Loughlin.

ALGA outlined the reasons why Councils should support ALGA's call for a better funding deal:

- Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) are untied when managed by Council and can be used to address our local priorities.
- FAGs will be used for diverse Council projects like roads bridges, parks, pools and halls, as well as providing services to the young, the elderly and local community and sporting groups.
- In 1996, FAGs funding was equal to around 1% of Commonwealth Taxation Revenue (CTR). Today the figure has fallen to just under 0.55%
- FAGs funding has not kept pace with the CTR growth or with the increased demand for services or infrastructure in our local communities.
- The above indicators result in pressure on rates and the Council's budget making it hard to maintain community services and infrastructure.

Attachments

1 [View](#). ALGA Request for Support for National Advocacy



9 August 2018

Dear Colleagues,

RE: URGING YOU TO GET BEHIND ALGA'S NATIONAL ADVOCACY

ALGA will soon begin its federal election advocacy. Although we are technically still in a pre-election period, this is the best time for us to advance our priorities while still catching politicians in election mode.

ALGA's headline election advocacy priority will be to secure a better deal on federal funding for local government from the next federal government.

In doing this, ALGA will be calling for '1% plus partnership programs' – this calls for the next federal government to restore core local government funding of Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue and add funding for partnership programs where agreed.

In 1996 the funding provided under the FAGs program was equal to around 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue. Today the figure has fallen to just under 0.55%. Over the same period the demands on councils have increased substantially.

To make matters worse, the financial sustainability of councils is further destabilised by state-imposed constraints such as rate-capping and cost shifting.

While we will always strive to do the very best for our communities with the resources we have, there is no denying that our capacity to raise revenue has never been so compromised. And with our share of the national tax pool eroded by successive governments of both persuasions, it should be no surprise that our sector has a vast and growing infrastructure renewal gap which partnership programs alone cannot fill.

This is why, on your behalf, ALGA will call upon all parties at the next federal election to commit to restoring a more sustainable approach to federal FAGs funding for local government.

For our best chance to get this across the line, it is imperative for us to demonstrate the sector's support for our call to urgently repair this important funding assistance to local government – and we need your help.

All you need to do is confirm your council's support by completing this form, which will take 5 minutes or less: <http://bit.ly/SupportALGAAdvocacy>

Here is why your council should get behind this – <http://bit.ly/ALGAFedElectionInfographic>

Your support via completing this form will be used by ALGA in its advocacy activities to make a strong case to the current Federal Government, Opposition and federal election candidates to regard this as a top priority in the next election.

If we are successful in getting a commitment to '1% plus partnership programs', every single council across the country will benefit so it is worth our while to get behind this 100%.

I have personally completed the form and I hope you do too.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "David O'Loughlin", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor David O'Loughlin
President, Australian Local Government Association

Item: 06.03

Subject: MAYORAL MINUTE - RECOGNITION OF THE LATE RON WALESBY

Mayor, Peta Pinson

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the contribution to the local community by the late Ron Walesby.

Discussion

Recently, Ron Walesby, who turned 100 in February this year and who was a long-time resident of Port Macquarie, passed away.

Mr Walesby, who captained the first commercial plane to arrive on the opening day of the Port Macquarie Airport in 1955, was also a member of Rotary for over 60 years, joining in 1956. He also served in the Royal Australian Air Force, was also a skilled pilot, an accomplished Aviation Manager, author, Christian and family man.

When Mr Walesby retired from the aviation industry, he was instrumental in the formation of Rotary Lodge and was the Committee Chair for the first seven years. This contribution was marked recently, with a newly opened wing at Rotary Lodged named in his honour.

On behalf of Council, condolences are extended to his family and friends.

Attachments

Nil