
WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER
WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG
ON 23 March 2011
COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT

Councillors D J Eaton (Chairperson), G P Best, R L Graham, L A Matthews, E M McBride, J J McNamara, W R Symington, D P Vincent, L D Webster and S A Wynn.

IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager, Director Environment and Planning Services, Director Infrastructure Management, Director Corporate Services, Director Community and Recreation Services and General Counsel.

Manager Estuary Management, Manager Major Projects and two administration staff.

The Mayor, Councillor Eaton, declared the meeting open at 5.00 pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

Mr John Hardwick delivered the opening prayer and Councillor Matthews read an acknowledgment of country statement.

A moment of silence was given to honor the lives lost in the recent natural disasters in Japan.

Councillor McBride advised that some staff members and herself participated in the Masters Games at Lake Macquarie on the weekend.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

1.1 Disclosures of Interest

2.2 Mayoral Minute – Central Coast Mariners

Councillor Graham declared a non-pecuniary significant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that he is a member of the Central Coast Mariners Board of Directors left the chamber at 5.06pm, took no part in discussion, did not vote and returned to the chamber at 5.37pm.

5.1 Minutes of the Wyong Shire Grants Committee

Councillor Matthews declared a non-pecuniary insignificant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that her children attend Wyong Christian Community School and participated in consideration of this matter.

Councillor Matthews stated:

“I choose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced me in carrying out my public duty because I hold no positions on the school board.”

5.1 Minutes of the Wyong Shire Grants Committee

Councillor Vincent declared a non-pecuniary significant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that he is a member of the Budgewoi Scouts left the chamber at 7.55pm, took no part in discussion, did not vote and returned to the chamber at 7.56pm.

5.1 Minutes of the Wyong Shire Grants Committee

Councillor Vincent declared a non-pecuniary insignificant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that he is a volunteer of the GOATS and Gathering of the Clans Festivals and participated in consideration of this matter.

Councillor Vincent stated:

“I choose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced me in carrying out my public duty.”

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Councillor Wynn declared a non-pecuniary insignificant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that her husband works casually as a teacher at Gorokan High School on an intermittent basis and participated in consideration of this matter.

Councillor Wynn stated:

“I choose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced me in carrying out my public.”

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor MCNAMARA:

That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and note advice of disclosures.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

1.2 Proposed Inspections and Briefings

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor MCNAMARA:

That Council receive the report on Proposed Inspections and Briefings and endorse the recommended inspections and briefings.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

1.3 Address by Invited Speakers

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor VINCENT:

That Council receive the report on Invited Speakers.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

1.4 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor MCNAMARA and seconded by Councillor WEBSTER:

That Council confirm the minutes of the previous Ordinary Meeting held on 9 March 2011.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

Business Arising

There was no business arising.

2.1 Mayoral Minute - Joint Wyong - Gosford Delegation to Canberra to discuss Regional Development

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor EATON:

- 1 *That Council endorse the Mayor and the General Manager to travel to Canberra during April 2011 for discussions with the Minister for Regional Development Australia Department, Simon Crean and representatives of his department.***
- 2 *That Council pay expenses incurred by the Mayor on this visit in accordance with Council's Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors.***

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FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

2.2 Mayoral Minute - Central Coast Mariners

Councillor Graham declared a non-pecuniary significant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that he is a member of the Central Coast Mariners Board of Directors left the chamber at 5.06pm, took no part in discussion, did not vote and returned to the chamber at 5.37pm.

Councillor Best left the meeting at 5.16 pm and returned to the meeting at 5.17pm during consideration of this item.

It was MOVED by Councillor EATON:

- 1 *That Council hold a Civic Reception for the Central Coast Mariners.*
- 2 *That Council congratulate the Central Coast Mariners on their achievements for this current season and indicate its support to enter into negotiations for continuation of its sponsorship for 2011/12.*
- 3 *That Council request Central Coast Tourism Inc to investigate tourism opportunities arising from the Central Coast Mariner's involvement in next year's Asian Champion League.*

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor SYMINGTON:

- 1 *That Council hold a Civic Reception for the Central Coast Mariners.*
- 2 *That Council congratulate the Central Coast Mariners on their achievements for this current season.*
- 3 *That Council request Central Coast Tourism Inc to investigate tourism opportunities arising from the Central Coast Mariner's involvement in next year's Asian Champion League.*

FOR: COUNCILLORS MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, SYMINGTON, VINCENT AND WYNN

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, MCNAMARA AND WEBSTER

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

The AMENDMENT became the MOTION.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor SYMINGTON:

- 1 That Council hold a Civic Reception for the Central Coast Mariners.**
- 2 That Council congratulate the Central Coast Mariners on their achievements for this current season.**
- 3 That Council request Central Coast Tourism Inc to investigate tourism opportunities arising from the Central Coast Mariner's involvement in next years Asian Champion League.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

2.3 Mayoral Minute - Warnervale Town Centre Roadworks

Councillor Graham returned to the meeting at 5.37pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor EATON:

- 1 That Council reject the enhancement to the design prepared by GHD Pty Ltd and recently lodged by the Road and Traffic Authority for the Warnervale Town Centre intersection and associated road works leading to an estimate of \$12m with no funding to be contributed by the Road and Traffic Authority, no design approval and no timeframe for design approval.**
- 2 That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager to lead a delegation to the Roads Minister in the new State Government as a matter of urgency to request delivery of the intersection in a timely and cost effective manner.**
- 3 That Council ratifies the submission to Regional Development Australia for road and storm water infrastructure in Warnervale Town Centre.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR VINCENT

3.1 University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus - Proposed Extension of Lease for Playing Fields Part Lot 1 DP 837937 Chittaway Road, Ourimbah

Councillor McBride left the meeting at 6.14pm and returned to the meeting at 6.15pm during consideration of this item.

It was MOVED by Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor MCNAMARA:

- 1 That Council negotiate with the university and other stake holders to fund/ provide new amenities block/s on these grounds.**

- 2 That Council agree to lease from the Minister for Education and Training part of Lot 1 DP 837937 Chittaway Road Ourimbah, being part of the University of Newcastle Ourimbah Campus for a period of fifty (50) years at nominal rent for the purpose of community playing fields.
- 3 That Council authorise the Mayor and General Manager, to execute all documents, including the affixation of the Council Seal (as required), relating to the lease between the Wyong Shire Council and the Minister for Education and Training.

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WEBSTER:

- 1 That Council defer this item for further negotiations between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and the University to come to a mutual agreement.
- 2 That Council update the various stake holders on the progress of point 1 of the recommendation.

FOR: COUNCILLORS GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, VINCENT AND WEBSTER

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, SYMINGTON AND WYNN

The AMENDMENT was put to the vote and declared CARRIED.

The AMENDMENT became the MOTION.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WEBSTER:

- 1 That Council defer this item for further negotiations between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and the University to come to a mutual agreement.
- 2 That Council update the various stake holders on the progress of recommendation 1.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

3.2 Notice to obtain access arrangement on Council land for Mandalang South Exploration Drilling Program

Councillor Vincent left the meeting at 6.48pm and returned to the meeting at 6.49pm during consideration of this item .

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

- 1 That Council defer the decision for Centennial Mandalong Pty to obtain an access arrangement in respect of Council land for the Mandalang South exploration drilling program until after 26 March 2011 State Election.

- 2 That Council staff then contact the new Minister for Mineral Resources plus the Member for Wyong and Lake Macquarie to inform them of Council's view.
- 3 That Council reject the negotiation and execution of agreement with Centennial Coal for access to Council land for the Mandalong South Exploration Drilling Program.
- 4 That Council request that the Buttonderry Waste Management Facility site be excised from the exploration program by Centennial Coal in the event of any exploration being executed on Council land.
- 5 That Council consider that the Buttonderry Waste Management Facility is a significant improvement for the purpose of Section 31 of the Mining Act 1992.
- 6 That Council request the Director of Environment and Planning obtain the Centennial Mandalong Pty environmental impact Study for the Mandalong South Exploration program and submit a report to Council for consideration.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

4.1 Review of the Impacts of Council's Local Preference Policy

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor MATTHEWS and seconded by Councillor MCBRIDE :

- 1 That Council receive the report on the impact of Council's Local Preference Policy.
- 2 That Council adopt Option 1 for the continuation of the Local Preference Policy.
- 3 That Council consider a further report in 6 months.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

4.2 Proposal to Extend Lifeguard Service at Soldiers Beach and Shelly Beach to May 2011

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor SYMINGTON:

- 1 That Council receive the report on Proposal to Extend Lifeguard Service at Soldiers Beach and Shelly Beach to May 2011.
- 2 That Council extend the 2010/ 2011 Lifeguard patrol season at Soldiers Beach and Shelly Beach to 1 May 2011.
- 3 That Council note Surf Life Saving Central Coast's offer to provide volunteer lifesavers to patrolled beaches throughout the May 2011 trial on Saturdays and Sundays.

- 4 That Council staff collect data on the utilisation of Councils beaches during May 2011 to inform Council when deciding on the date of the 2011/12 season.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

PROCEDURAL MOTION

SUSPENSION OF MEETING PRACTICE

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor MCNAMARA :

- 1 That Council allow meeting practice to be varied.**
- 2 That Council use the exception method to deal with the balance of the Agenda.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That with the exception of report numbers 4.4, 4.5, 4.6, 4.7, 4.8, 4.9, 4.10, 4.11, 5.1, 6.2, 8.1 and 8.2, Council adopt the recommendations contained in the remaining reports.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

4.3 National General Assembly of Local Government 2011

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

- 1 That Councillors note motions are to be endorsed by Council and submitted to the National General Assembly of Local Government prior to 22 April 2011.**
- 2 That Council authorise interested Councillors and the General Manager or his delegate to attend the 2011 National General Assembly of Local Government between 19 and 22 June 2011.**
- 3 That Council authorise payment of expenses incurred by Councillors attending the Assembly in accordance with Council's Facilities and Expenses Policy for Councillors.**
- 4 That Council determine the voting delegate should the Mayor not attend.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

4.4 Financial Recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution

Councillor Best left the meeting at 7.16pm and returned to the meeting at 7.20pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor GRAHAM:

- 1 That Council strongly endorse ALGA proposals for the financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution.***
- 2 That Council request the Federal Government to have the power to fund local government directly and to include Local Government in any new "Preamble" to the Constitution.***
- 3 That Council call on all political parties to support a referendum by 2013 to change the Constitution to achieve this recognition.***
- 4 That Council formally advise the Prime Minister, Leader of the Opposition and Local Federal Members of Parliament, of Council's support for the financial recognition of Local Government in the Australian Constitution.***

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

4.5 Works on Private Land as part of the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan

Councillor McNamara left the meeting at 7.27pm and returned to the meeting at 7.30pm and as a result took no part in voting.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

- 1 That Council approve the works detailed in Table A to be carried out on the following properties under the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan at no cost to the property owner:***
 - Lot 8 DP 543157 Cedar Brush Creek***
 - Lot 9 DP 543157 Cedar Brush Creek***
 - Lot 44 DP 755224 Palm Grove***
- 2 That Council highlight, as part of its continuing education and media program around the Tuggerah Lakes Estuary Management Plan, this work and its benefit to the Tuggerah Lakes system.***

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, SYMINGTON,
VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

4.6 Feasibility of Establishing a Community Panel

Councillor McNamara returned to the meeting at 7.30pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WEBSTER and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

- 1 That Council receive the report on the Feasibility of Establishing a Community Panel.**
- 2 That Council review the establishment of a community panel as part of the overall online engagement methodology to be included in the Engagement Strategy.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

4.7 Expansion of the Tuggerah Lakes Ecological Response Project

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor BEST:

That Council approve the engagement of the NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water to undertake further study into the Tuggerah Lakes Ecological Response Project, under contract, for an amount totalling \$450,000.00 excl GST.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

4.8 Proposed Councillors' Community Improvement Grants

Councillor Wynn left the meeting at 7.44pm and returned to the meeting at 7.47pm and as a result took no part in voting.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor VINCENT and seconded by Councillor MATTHEWS:

That Council allocate an amount of \$2,275 from the 2010-11 Councillors' Community Improvement Grants as outlined in the report.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT AND WEBSTER
AGAINST: NIL

4.9 QLD Disaster Relief Appeal - Funds Raised by WSC Staff

Councillor Wynn returned to the meeting at 7.47pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor WEBSTER:

- 1 That Council note that the WSC staff raised a total of \$11,573 to assist the communities affected by the disaster in Qld.**
- 2 That Council donate an amount of \$12,427 to match the funds raised by staff, rounded up to the nearest thousand.**
- 3 That Council allocate the funding from the Councillor Community Improvement Grant program.**
- 4 That Council note that the total amount of \$24,000 will be forwarded to the QLD Government Premier's Disaster Relief Appeal, the Salvation Army QLD and NSW Flood Appeal and the Salvation Army Victorian Flood Appeal.**
- 5 That Council congratulate the WSC staff for their fundraising efforts.**
- 6 That Council request the General Manager to speak to the Social Club about a donating to a specific target group and Council be advised of the outcome.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

4.10 Transfer of Unexpended WaSIP 2010/11 Funds

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor BEST:

- 1 That Council receive the report on the transfer of unexpended WaSIP 2010/11 funds.**
- 2 That Council endorse the transfer of these unexpended funds.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

4.11 Transfer of Hitchcock's Lane Bridge to Private Ownership

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor GRAHAM:

- 1 That Council receive the report on the Transfer of Hitchcock's Lane Bridge to Private Ownership.**
- 2 That Council prepare all acts necessary to reflect that transfer.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

PROCEDURAL MOTION

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor VINCENT and seconded by Councillor BEST:

- 1 That Council allow meeting practice to be varied.**
- 2 That Council deal with the Budgewoi Scouts grant allocation, within this item, as a separate matter to allow Councillor Vincent to leave the chamber for only this part of the item.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

5.1 Minutes - Wyong Shire Grants Committee Meetings - 16 March 2011

Councillor Vincent declared a non-pecuniary significant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that he is a member of the Budgewoi Scouts left the chamber at 7.55pm, took no part in discussion, did not vote and returned to the chamber at 7.56pm

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor MATTHEWS:

That Council adopt the recommendation contained within the Wyong Shire Grants Committee Meeting minutes relating to the Budgewoi Scouts.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

Councillor Matthews declared a non-pecuniary insignificant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that her children attend Wyong Christian Community School and participated in consideration of this matter.

Councillor Matthews stated:

"I choose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced me in carrying out my public duty because I hold no positions on the school board."

Councillor Vincent declared a non-pecuniary insignificant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason he is a volunteer of the GOATS and Gathering of the Clans Festivals and participated in consideration of this matter.

Councillor Vincent stated:

"I choose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced me in carrying out my public duty."

Councillor Wynn declared a non-pecuniary insignificant conflict of interest in the matter for the reason that her husband works casually as a teacher at Gorokan High School on an intermittent basis and participated in consideration of this matter.

Councillor Wynn stated:

"I choose to remain in the chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced me in carrying out my public."

Councillor Graham left the meeting at 7.57pm and returned to the meeting at 7.58pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor MATTHEWS and seconded by Councillor VINCENT:

That Council receive the minutes of the Wyong Shire Grants Committee Meeting held on 16 March 2011 and adopt the recommendations contained therein with the exclusion of the Budgewoi Scouts application.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

6.1 Information Reports

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council deal with the following Information Reports by the Exception Method.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN
AGAINST: NIL

6.2 Mardi to Mangrove Link Project Status

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council receive the report on Mardi to Mangrove Link Project Status.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

6.3 General Works in Progress

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council receive the report on General Works in Progress.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

6.4 Investments For February 2011

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council receive the report on Investments For February 2011.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

6.5 Works in Progress - Water Supply and Sewerage

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council receive the report on Works in Progress - Water Supply and Sewerage.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

6.6 Activities of the Development Assessment Unit

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council receive the report on Activities of the Development Assessment Unit.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

6.7 Results on Water Quality Testing for Beaches and Lake Swimming Locations

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council receive the report on Results on Water Quality Testing for Beaches and Lake Swimming Locations.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

6.8 Outstanding Questions without Notice and Notice of Motions

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor GRAHAM and seconded by Councillor WYNN:

That Council receive the report on Outstanding Questions without Notice and Notice of Motions.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

8.1 Notice of Motion - Coal Gas Seam Strategy

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor WYNN and seconded by Councillor BEST:

That Council write a submission on the proposed Coal and Coal Gas Seam Strategy being prepared by the Department of Planning, given Wyong Shire Council's clear opposition to further coal mining in our Shire.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA,
SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

8.2 Notice of Motion - Doubling and Promoting Council's \$10,000 Vandalism Reward

Councillor Wynn left the meeting at 8.15pm and returned to the meeting at 8.16pm during consideration of this item.

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor BEST and seconded by Councillor MCNAMARA:

- 1 That, with ratepayers now funding \$1,474,825.00 for vandalism repairs over the term of a Council, Council support the good work of the community and Police through a public awareness campaign promoting the existing \$10,000.00 Council Vandalism Reward Program.**
- 2 That Council now double the vandalism reward to \$20,000.00 for a conviction for selected major and repeat malicious damage attacks.**
- 3 That Council make any such reward also available where repeat offences compromise public safety, such as the current deliberate glassing of The Entrance Baths.**
- 4 That having regard to the above, staff report to Council where necessary, vandalism events for Council's consideration and inclusion in the Vandalism Rewards Program.**
- 5 That Council urgently consider further initiatives that may be available to minimize the continuing vandalism attacks at The Entrance Ocean Baths at its meeting on 27 April 2011.**

FOR: COUNCILLORS BEST, EATON, GRAHAM, MATTHEWS, MCBRIDE, MCNAMARA, SYMINGTON, VINCENT, WEBSTER AND WYNN

AGAINST: NIL

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Q3/11 The Entrance Town Centre
Councillor Greg Best
F2004/07414

"Mr General Manager,

Again apologies for being so positive however I feel it only appropriate that this Council give the well deserved encouragement to the Management of the Board of The Entrance Town Centre for their tremendous efforts in recently hosting a range of highly successful events. In particular, I was most impressed with the recent Country Music Festival attending it with my family and a number of friends. The day was clearly an outstanding event and well managed. It showcased The Entrance and received strong attendances. Could you please formally pass on this Council's appreciation to the Town Centre Management for their outstanding efforts?"

Q4/11 Call Centre Congratulations
Councillor Greg Best
F2004/05338

"I have raised this in the past and there appears to be a recurring theme with regards to Council's Call Centre. This was highlighted in media recently outlining the outstanding efficiencies that this Unit is able to deliver. I understand that we are now the number one call centre for responses in Australia. The recurring theme is that I am continually getting extremely positive and encouraging feedback from our residents with regard to the professionalism and understanding that our Call Centre Unit is providing. As the Call Centre is often the face of Council the efficiencies of this Unit are critical and I am sure my Council colleagues will join with me in formally requesting you advise the front line staff of Council's appreciation of this their efforts?"

THE MEETING closed at 8.21pm.