

# ADDITIONAL ITEM

11 February 2015  
To the Ordinary Council Meeting

Director's Report  
Councillor

## 1.5 Mayoral Minute - Centenary of ANZAC Day Flags

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In July 2013 Council resolved to form the ANZAC Centenary Working Party to assist the community in the preparation of the upcoming 2015 ANZAC centenary commemorations, marking 100 years since the Gallipoli landings. The Working Party, (known as the Anzac Centenary Committee) was to develop an overview of possible activities and community events that would respectfully mark the commemoration for the residents of Wyong Shire.

Wyong Shire Council is supporting Anzac Day within Wyong Shire through the *2015 Anzac Centenary Program*. Council is working with RSL's, community groups, the NSW Police and RMS to ensure a comprehensive program is implemented and facilitated. Built around the work undertaken by the Anzac Day Centenary Committee, the program is divided into three areas; Anzac Day Events, Anzac Day 2015 Schools Program and the Centenary of Anzac Resources.

The ANZAC Centenary Committee has applied for funding for the Australian Government's Anzac Centenary Local Grants Program administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs to fund ANZAC flags to be purchased and installed on flag poles around the Shire at a cost of approximately \$27,300. The Grant is yet to be determined; however Council has been advised that lead times for the purchase and delivery of the flags are extensive. Accordingly it is prudent for the flags to be ordered as soon as possible.

It is proposed that in order to fund the purchase of the flags only, Council allocate the funding from the Councillors Community Improvement Grant (CCIG) fund with each Councillor making a one tenth allocation. Should the grant be successful the funds will be returned to the grant programme. The cost to purchase the flags is \$12,000.

If the grant application is unsuccessful the allocation from the CCIG fund will remain.

### *I formally move:*

- 1 That Council note the grant application submitted to Department of Veterans' Affairs to cover the cost for the purchase and installation of ANZAC flags to celebrate the ANZAC Centenary across the Shire.**
- 2 That Council note the advice received in relation to lead times for ordering of the flags.**
- 3 That Council authorise the use of \$12,000 of funding from the Councillor Community Improvement Grant Fund for the purchase of the flags in the interim.**
- 4 That Council allocate the funding in equal amounts from each Councillor's allocation.**
- 5 That Council note that should the grant application be successful the Councillors Community Improvement Grant Fund will be reimbursed.**

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil.