

ADDITIONAL ITEM

Item No: 1.5
Title: Mayoral Minute - Council Advisory Committees
Department: Councillor



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Summary

Proposal to establish Council Advisory Committees and Trust Committees.

I formally move:

- 1 That Council establish Council Advisory Committees and Trust Committees as listed below.**
- 2 That Council re-establish the three current Trust Committees of the former Gosford Council being:**
 - a. Gosford Protection of the Environment Trust**
 - b. Gosford Foundation Trust**
 - c. Gosford Affordable Housing Trust**
- 3 That Council invite stakeholder representation as appropriate and advertise for community representatives on the proposed Advisory Committees and Trust Committees.**
- 4 That Council invite Councillors to nominate which committees they wish to participate in.**
- 5 That Council request the first meeting of each Advisory Committee and Trust Committee review matters including:**
 - a Committee Terms of Reference**
 - b Additional stakeholder representation if required**
 - c Code of conduct**
 - d Frequency and timing of meetings**
- 6 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer identify appropriate staff to participate in each committee.**
- 7 That Council provide administration staff to take minutes at each committee meeting.**
- 8 That Council request the minutes of the Advisory and Trust Committees, including recommendations, are reported to Council meetings.**

- 9 *That Council investigate any assistance, such as parking, that can be provided to committee members to facilitate their participation.*

Proposed Council Advisory Committees:

	Committee	Committee purpose:
1.	Arts Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide advice and input re. Arts activities on the Central Coast • To provide advocacy support for the theatres and theatre programs and projects to the wider community
2.	Catchments & Coast Committee	<p>Principal role is to assist Council in the development and implementation of coastal management plans.</p> <p>However, the committee also assists in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that current community values are considered in the development of local coastal zone management planning • Promoting linkages and co-operation between the community, Council, State and federal Governments, and other key stakeholders in the development of coastal zone management studies and plans • Monitoring and assessing effectiveness of coastal risk management plans after implementation • Identify coastal and estuary health problem areas to be assessed and provide input into known hazard behaviour • In undertaking the Committee's duties, include sustainable climate change adaptation actions based upon widely accepted competent scientific opinion. In the implementation of this duty ensure consistency with Council's Climate Change Policy; • Reviewing and advising Council of appropriate development controls • Support and promote public education and other community focussed programs essential to the long-term viability of the flood and coastal zone risk management plans • Support, promote and liaise with relevant authorities in the development of emergency management and catchment management strategies • Assist Council in advocating on behalf of the community in relation to relevant government plants, strategies and legislation

3. Central Coast Waste Committee	Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review strategies for management of waste on the Central Coast • Consider and recommend strategies to minimise waste
4. COSS (Coastal Open Space System) Committee	Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop criteria and prioritise lands suitable for acquisition into COSS. • Provide input into the process to identify land for acquisition in the COSS and develop strategies to secure funding for acquisition of identified lands. • Examine opportunities to protect and secure identified Coastal Open Space lands other than acquisition through agreements to maintain the private land for the protection of native flora and fauna or encourage private landowners to donate their land to Council or the National Parks or other available mechanism. • Provide input into strategies to identify, formalise and fund the acquisition and or securing of corridor linkages between COSS reserves. • Review COSS boundaries. • Provide input into the development of strategies for funding the acquisition of outstanding lands identified for COSS. • Provide input into the process to review the acquisition priorities in existing COSS. • Provide input into the development of strategies to protect the natural values of land identified for acquisition before they are acquired. • Provide input into the development of strategies to obtain on-going funding for the management of the recreational and natural values of COSS and reserved lands. • Provide input into the development of strategies of promoting COSS and reserved lands. • Provide input into the development of strategies of maintaining COSS and reserved lands.
5. Employment & Economic Development Committee – Central Coast	Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input to Council for the planning, implementation and monitoring of strategies to promote jobs and economic development on the Central Coast with a focus on emerging and sustainable industries / jobs
6. Environment & Climate Change Committee	Purpose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input to Council's plans, strategies and activities relating to the environment of the Central Coast • Review sustainability indicators and initiatives and provide

		<p>advice to Council as applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and evaluate emerging local and global issues that impact upon the Central Coast. • Assist Council in the development and implementation of strategies to mitigate climate change • Assist Council in the development and implementation of strategies to adapt to the predicted impacts of climate change • Effectively communicate Council's achievements to stakeholder groups and the wider community
7.	Floodplain Management Committee	<p>Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the Council in the development and implementation of a floodplain risk management plan. • Assist in formulating objectives (in accordance with ecological sustainable development principles), strategies and outcomes sought in the local floodplain risk management process. • Provide a link between the local community and Council. • Review and advise Council of appropriate development controls for use until the management plan is completed, approved and implemented. • Supervise studies being undertaken in the various stages of the management plan. While a local flood plan or drainage study is being conducted for a specific area, invite two (2) local representatives from resident groups and/or the Chambers of Commerce from the respective catchment to assist in the development of the plan or study. • Identify strategies for the implementation of the floodplain risk management plan. • Monitor and assess effectiveness of the floodplain risk management plan after its implementation. • Liaise and monitor public education programs essential to the long-term viability of the floodplain risk management plan.
8.	Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a forum for stakeholder and community engagement and input regarding the future planning of Gosford CBD, including the Gosford Waterfront.
9.	Heritage Advisory Committee	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide a forum for community consultation on heritage matters • To support Council to achieve its heritage objectives • To promote an integrated approach towards heritage

		<p>management including Gosford's Indigenous, natural, cultural and historic heritage to achieve the highest standards of conservation, urban design and interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To assist in the preparation and monitoring of a Heritage Strategy • To encourage community awareness and pride in Gosford's Heritage through various means including publications, seminars, public displays, annual awards and digital media including the Council website • To assist in the promotion of the values of heritage and heritage related tourism within, and to, the City • To make recommendations on the collection and recording of local heritage material and artefacts • To assist with the development of community heritage resources including a register of local heritage suppliers and heritage consultants • To provide input into the formulation of policies and policy instruments which impact on heritage, including tourism, arts and culture, indigenous issues, asset management, environment and urban design • Make recommendations to Council on the nomination and deletion of items on the heritage schedules and about further work required to document and protect Gosford's' heritage. • Provide advice and recommendations on proposals related to listed heritage places, sites and objects when referred to the Committee
10.	Social Inclusion Committee	<p>Purpose: To consider plans, priorities and actions on diversity and equity issues for the Central Coast with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Employment Opportunity • Culturally and Linguistically Diverse People • People with Disabilities • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People • Older People.
11.	Status of Women Committee	Established through Council resolution on 23 October, 2017
12.	Water & Sewer Advisory Committee	<p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input to Council for the planning, implementation and monitoring of strategies to provide sustainable water and sewer services to a growing Central Coast population

Council Trust Committees:

13.	Gosford Affordable Housing Trust Management Committee	<p>The Council is Trustee of the Gosford Affordable Housing Trust and has appointed a management committee to recommend to the Trustee (the Council) how the Trustee should deal with Trust assets.</p> <p>The Committee recommends to the Trustee (the Council) on the acceptance of gifts of cash, property and real property. The committee recommends to the Trustee (The Council) on the distribution of cash and disposal including leasing of property and real property. The committee may recommend to the Trustee other things, as provided in the Trust deed.</p>
14.	Gosford City Council Protection of the Environment Trust Management Committee	<p>The Council is Trustee of the Trust and has appointed a management committee to recommend to the Trustee (the Council) how the Trustee should deal with Trust assets.</p> <p>The committee recommends to the Trustee (The Council) on the acceptance of gifts of cash, property and real property. The committee recommends to the Trust on the distribution of cash and disposal of property and real property. The committee may recommend to the Trustee other things, as provided in the Trust deed.</p>
15.	Gosford Foundation Trust	<p>The Council is Trustee of the Foundation and has appointed a management committee to recommend to the Trustee (the Council) how the Trustee should deal with Foundation assets.</p> <p>The committee recommends to the Trustee (the Council) on the distribution of cash and disposal of property and real property. The committee may recommend to the Trustee other things as provided by the Trust deed.</p>

Attachments

Nil.