

Agenda

Special Meeting of Council

Tallangatta Council Office

Tuesday 18 October 2016

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| <p style="text-align: center;">AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD AT TOWONG SHIRE COUNCIL, TALLANGATTA OFFICE ON TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 1.30 PM.</p> |
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1 Opening Prayer

"Almighty God, we ask that you be present at this meeting to assist us in our service to the Community through Local Government.

We pray that our decisions will be wise and taken with goodwill and clear conscience.

Amen."

2 Councillor and Officer presence at the meeting

3 Apologies and granting of leave of absence

4 Declaration of pecuniary interest and/or conflict

For the purpose of this section, Councillors must disclose the nature of the conflict of interest in accordance with s79(2) of the Local Government Act.

5 Organisational improvement

5.1 2015/2016 Annual Report (10/13/0001-CEO)

Disclosure of Interests (S.80C):

This report was prepared by Ms Jo Shannon, Director Community and Corporate Services.

At the time of preparation and presentation of the report the officer did not have a direct or indirect interest in any matter to which the report advice relates.

Background/History:

The 2015/2016 Annual Report has been prepared and forwarded to the Minister for Local Government. The report has been prepared in accordance with Sections 131 of the *Local Government Act 1989* and the requirements of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

The Annual Report includes a report of operations, the audited performance statement and the audited financial statements and is attached at **Appendix 1**.

A public notice was placed in the Border Mail advising that the Annual Report had been prepared and was available for inspection at both Council Offices in accordance with section 131 of the Act. The report is also available on Council's website.

Under section 134 of the Act Council is required to consider and discuss the Annual Report at a meeting of the Council within one month of submitting the report to the Minister for Local Government or in the year of a general election prior to election day.

Impact on Council Policy:

Not applicable.

State Government Policy Impacts:

Council has complied with sections 131, 132 and 133 of the *Local Government Act 1989* as well as the requirements of the *Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014*.

Section 134 of the Act requires Council to consider the Annual Report at a meeting of the Council which is to be held as soon as practicable but within the time required by the regulations, after the Council has sent the Annual Report to the Minister. The meeting must be advertised at least 14 days before the meeting is held in a public notice that states:

- i. that the Annual Report will be discussed at the meeting, and
- ii. the place from which copies of the Annual Report can be obtained before the meeting.

Consideration of the Annual Report by the Council will ensure compliance with Section 134.

Budget Impact:

Council has continued to prepare the report in-house to minimise costs. It is available to the general public in an electronic format and only few printed copies are produced. Other costs associated with the production of the Annual Report are the front cover design, copying costs (using the in-house photocopier) and the cost of the Public Notice.

Risk Assessment:

Compliance with the Act will ensure that risk implications for Council are minimised.

Community Consultation/Responses:

Public Notice has been given and the Annual Report is now available on Council's website.

Discussion/Officers View:

In order to comply with the provisions of section 134 of the Local Government Act Council should consider and discuss the 2015/2016 Annual Report.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT COUNCIL CONSIDER AND DISCUSS THE 2015/2016 ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDING THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2016.