

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 October 2015

10.6 NOMINATION - YASS VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

FILE: C.02.4.14 - CC

SYNOPSIS

Presenting a nomination for the membership of the Yass Valley Youth Council.

RESOLVED that this matter be moved to closed council as it deals with personal information.

(Frost/Ware) 285

11. General Manager Reports

11.1 DONATION REQUEST - ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

FILE: D.01.00.00 - CC

SYNOPSIS

Council has received a donation request from the St Vincent de Paul Society to pack and distribute Christmas Hampers to residents in need that live in the Yass Valley Local Government Area.

RESOLVED that the donations of non-perishable food items received from the "Feast for Fines" library program be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

(Daniel/Jones) 286

11.2 FIT FOR THE FUTURE - RESPONSE TO IPART

FILE: C.11.01.00 - DR

SYNOPSIS

Yass Valley Council along with 60% of 152 Councils across NSW have been declared unfit in IPART Assessment of Council's Fit for the Future Proposals that were submitted at 30 June 2015.

All Councils have until 18 November 2015 to provide a response to IPART findings. Council needs to determine a preferred direction in relation to the response.

RESOLVED that -

- 1. Council note the findings for Yass Valley of the IPART Assessment of Council Fit for the Future Proposals;**
- 2. Council note IPART's comment in the assessment for Yass Valley that as a result of delaying any Special Rate Variation (SRV) "This unexpected change in approach by the council to the key improvement strategy suggests the council may not be able to return to the operating balance of surplus in the required timeframe";**
- 3. Yass Valley Council remains as a standalone Council;**
- 4. Council provide feedback on the IPART assessment by advising NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet as follows:**
 - a) Yass Valley Council acknowledges that it met all Fit for the Future criteria with the exception of the sustainability criterion which showed a negative operating performance ratio in 2024/25;**
 - b) Yass Valley Council should remain a standalone Council in accordance with the recommendation of the Independent Local Government Review Panel in their report released in October 2013;**
 - c) Yass Valley Council will apply to IPART in February 2016 for a Special Rate Variation from 2016/17 as identified in its June 2015 Fit for the Future submission, with the objective of ensuring a positive operating performance ratio in 2024/25;**

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General Manager

- d) *Yass Valley Council does not endorse a merger with any neighbouring Council, but would accept appropriate boundary adjustments to the Local Government Area (LGA) involving portions of the existing Palerang and Upper Lachlan LGA's which have a common community interest with Yass Valley LGA;*

5. *Council endorses the project plan for an SRV application in February 2016, including community engagement activities.*

(Needham/Daniel) 287

13. Questions with Notice

Nil

14. Confidential Matters

14.1 NOMINATION - YASS VALLEY YOUTH COUNCIL

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At 7:02pm Councillor Jones left the Chambers.

SYNOPSIS

Presenting a nomination for the membership of the Yass Valley Youth Council.

RESOLVED that Southerly Jones' nomination on the Youth Council be accepted.

(Frost/Burgess) 288

At 7:05pm Councillor Jones returned to the Chambers.

RESOLVED that all future nominations involving personal details for any council committee be discussed in closed council.

(Frost/Burgess) 289

Open Council resumed at 7:05pm.

RESOLVED that the recommendations in Closed Council be adopted.

(Ware/Daniel) 290

The meeting closed at 7:06pm.

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Mayor

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General Manager