

PRESENT: Cr M.L. Rush, Cr S.L. Bailey, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J.F. Eades, Cr J.P. Foy, Cr J.L. Ledlin, Cr G.T. McNeill, Cr R.W. Scholes, Cr S.J. Ward and Cr B.N. Woodruff.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms F. Plesman (General Manager), Mr D. Finnigan (Director - Community Infrastructure), Ms N. Cowley (Executive Manager – Officer of the Chief Financial Officer), Ms S. Pope (Assistant Director – Planning & Community Services), Mr M. Lysaught (Manager – Works, Property & Building Services), Mr J. Brown (Manager – Integrated Planning, Risk & Governance), Mr A. Mitreski (Policy Officer), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (PA to General Manager), Miss M. Meadows (PA to the Mayor).

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the General Manager.

2 CIVIC PRAYER

The Civic Prayer was read by the Mayor.

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

311 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and McNeill that:

The apologies for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr M. Green and Cr S.M. Reynolds, be ACCEPTED and the necessary Leave of Absence be GRANTED.

4 DISCLOSURE OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Cr S. Bailey – Declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 8.1. Cr Bailey advised Council that he is a Board Member of the Academy.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nil

6 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF THE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/20, REVENUE POLICY, BUDGET AND FEES AND CHARGES

312 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Bowditch that:

The Draft Operational Plan 2019/20 including the Revenue Policy, Budget and Fees and Charges be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days, with details of all public submissions, received by close of the exhibition period, reported to Council for consideration.

7 ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

313 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Bailey and Bowditch that:

Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

8.1 RICHARD GILL NATIONAL MUSIC ACADEMY

Item 8.1 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2)(c) of the local government act 1993, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

8 CLOSED COUNCIL

8.1 RICHARD GILL NATIONAL MUSIC ACADEMY

Disclosure of Interest

Cr Bailey declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Bailey advised Council that he is a Board Member of the Academy. At 06:00pm Cr Bailey left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

314 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McNeill and Rush that:

Council delegate the negotiation of the Commercial Arrangement between the Richard Gill National Music Academy (RGNMA) and Muswellbrook Shire Council to the General Manager.

At 06:03pm Cr Bailey returned to Council Chambers.

9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL

315 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Eades and Bowditch that:

The meeting return to Open Council.

10 CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 6.03pm.

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Ms F. Plesman
General Manager

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Cr M. Rush
Chairperson