**PRESENT:** Cr M.L. Rush, Cr S.L. Bailey, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J.F. Eades, Cr J.P. Foy, Cr M.I.

Green, Cr J.L. Ledlin, Cr G.T. McNeill, Cr R.W. Scholes, Cr S.J. Ward and Cr

B.N. Woodruff.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr S.J. McDonald (General Manager), Mr N.W. Pope (Director, Community

Infrastructure), Ms F. Plesman (Acting Director, Planning, Community & Corporate Services), Mr P. Redan (Executive Manager, Water and Waste), Mr. D. Finnegan (Manager Works), Mr M. Lysaught (Manager, Property and Building Services), Ms O. Harris (Manager, Planning & Environmental Services), Mrs C. O'Brien (Manager, Community Services), Mr N. Alexander (Sustainability Officer – Landcare), Mrs D. Watson (Development Planner), Miss B. Wilton (Administration Officer), 30 people in the public gallery and 3 media

representatives.

# 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.

# ONE MINUTE'S SILENCE

Cr Martin Rush held a minute silence to pay respect to the late Malcolm Gordon Gill otherwise known as Tommy Gill who passed away on Monday 6 March, 2017 at the age of 85. Tommy Gill was the founder of the Muswellbrook Junior Cricket, a life member of the Muswellbrook District Cricket Association. He was also a lifetime volunteer at Victoria Park as the umpire and curator and up until his passing, he was the volunteer maintainer of Victoria Park Amenities.

#### 3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

240 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Scholes that:

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

# 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

241 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Foy and McNeill that:

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 February 2017, and the Extra Ordinary Meeting held on 16 February 2017, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

# 5 DISCLOSURE OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTEREST

# Cr Jacinta Ledlin

Cr Ledlin declared an Insignificant Non-Pecuniary interest in item 10.2 – Development Application 98/2016 – Free Range Poultry Egg Operations, Lot 9 DP 1012622, 68 Pretoria Row, Muswellbrook. Cr Ledlin advised that the applicant and her work together for the same employer and at the same work location.

### Cr Graeme McNeill

Cr McNeill declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item 10.1 – Development Application 95/2016 – Construction of a two storey vehicle sales premises. Cr McNeill advised that he has a close friends that are affected by the Development Application.

## Cr Janelle Eades

Cr Eades declared a Pecuniary interest in item 19.2 – New South Wales Land and Housing Corporation – Vacant Land. Cr Eades advised that she works in the Wollombi Road precinct Road, in which the vacant land is located.

#### Cr Michelle Green

Cr Green declared a Pecuniary interest in item 10.1– Development Application 95/2016 – Construction of a two storey vehicle sales premises. Cr Green advised that she is the joint owner of a property in Casuarina Close, affected by the Development Application.

Cr Green declared a Pecuniary interest in item 12.1 – transfer remaining funds from "Muscle Creek Stage 2". Cr Green advised that her husband owns a local rehabilitation business.

Cr Green declared a Pecuniary interest in item 12.2 – Landcare Major Projects Budget. Cr Green advised that her husband owns a local rehabilitation business.

Cr Green declared a Pecuniary interest in item 19.3 – Hunter Region Innovation precinct leases. Cr Green advised that her husband is leasing a space in the Innovation Hub.

# Cr Rod Scholes

Cr Scholes declared an Insignificant Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 10.2 – Development Application 98/2016 – Free Range Poultry Egg Operations, Lot 9 DP 1012622, 68 Pretoria Row, Muswellbrook. Cr Scholes advised that he is a friend of the complainant.

### Cr Jason Foy

Cr Foy declared a Significant Non-Pecuniary interest in item 12.2 - Landcare Major Projects Budget. Cr Foy advised that he works at Muswellbrook High School. Muswellbrook High School was mentioned in the discussion which took place.

# **6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

242 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Woodruff that:

Each public speaker be allocated 5 minutes to speak during public participation.

- **1. Ryan Falkermire from KDC** spoke in support of item 10.1 Development Application 95/2016 Construction Of Two Storey Vehicle Sales Premise.
- **2. Oliver Muller from Muller Acoustic Consulting** spoke in support of item 10.1 Development Application 95/2016 Construction Of Two Storey Vehicle Sales Premise.
- **3. Mark Landcaster** representing Muswellbrook Holden spoke in support of item 10.1 Development Application 95/2016 Construction Of Two Storey Vehicle Sales Premise.
- **4. Michelle Green** representing herself and residents of Casuarina Close spoke in objection to item 10.1 Development Application 95/2016 Construction Of Two Storey Vehicle Sales Premise.
- **5. Steven Moffitt** representing himself spoke in support of item 10.2 Free Range Poultry Operations.

- **6. Mark Slade** representing himself spoke in support of item 10.2 Free Range Poultry Operations.
- **7. Kerry McTaggart** representing himself spoke in objection to item 10.2 Free Range Poultry Operations. Mr Moffitt was requested to once again speak in public participation in relation to item 10.2.
- **8. Sally Flannery** representing Hunter Wine Services spoke in relation to item 10.4 Rearrangement of Tanks.

Cr Martin Rush thanked all the public speakers who spoke during public participation.

# 7 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

# 8 MAYORAL MINUTES

Nil

# 9 GENERAL BUSINESS

Nil

# 10 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

# 10.1 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 95/2016 - CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO STOREY VEHICLE SALES PREMISE

#### Disclosure of Interest

Cr Michelle Green disclosed a pecuniary interst in this item. Cr Green advised that she is a joing owner of a property in Casuarina Close affected by the proposed development. At 07:01 PM Cr Green left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

Cr Graeme McNeill disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item. Cr McNeill advised that he has a close friends that are affected by the Development Application At 7:01PM Cr McNeill left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

243 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Bailey and Foy that:

Development Application No. 95/2016 proposing the construction of a two storey vehicle sales premises at Lot 4 DP 1090457, 15 - 17 Rutherford Road, Muswellbrook be dealt with at the end of section 10.

At 07:03 PM Cr Graeme McNeill and Cr Michelle Green returned to Council Chambers and resumed their usual chairs at the meeting table.

# 10.2 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 98/2016 - FREE RANGE POULTRY EGG OPERATIONS, LOT 9 DP 1012622, 68 PRETORIA ROW, MUSWELLBROOK

#### Disclosure of Interest

Cr Jacinta Ledlin declared an insignificant non-pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Ledlin advised that the applicant and her work together for the same employer and at the same work location. At 07:04 PM Cr Ledlin left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

Cr Rod Scholes declared an insignificant non-pecuniary in this item. Cr Scholes advised that he is a friend of the complainant. At 07:04 PM Cr Scholes left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

### 244 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Bailey that:

- Development Application No. 98/2016 proposing a free range poultry egg operation at 68 Pretoria ROW Muswellbrook, Lot 9 DP 1012622 be approved subject the conditions in Appendix A to the report; and,
- 2. Condition five (5) (Screen Landscape Plantings) be added to the conditions in appendix

"A native vegetation screening and remediation plan to the satisfaction of Council be submitted for zone three (3), the northern boundary of zone one (1), The Northern Boundary of that part of zone four (4), that is west of zone three (3). Such area to be not less than 20 metres in width."

In Favour: Crs S. Bailey, M. Bowditch, J. Eades, J. Foy, M. Green, G. McNeill, M. Rush, S. Ward and B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

At 07:15 PM Cr Jacinta Ledlin and Cr Rod Scholes returned to Council Chambers and resumed their usual chairs at the meeting table.

# 10.3 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO. 85/2016 - MOBILE CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, 8440 NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY, MUSWELLBROOK

245 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Ward that:

The item be considered at the April Ordinary Council Meeting and that staff liaise with the applicant about lodging a modification to the existing development to consolidate the developments on the site.

In Favour: Crs S. Bailey, M. Bowditch, J. Eades, J. Foy, M. Green, J. Ledlin, G. McNeill, M. Rush, R. Scholes, S. Ward and B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

#### 10.4 DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION NO 256/2013 - SECTION 96 REARRANGEMENT OF TANKS

246 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Bailey that:

The item be considered at the April Ordinary Council Meeting and that staff liaise with the applicant about lodging a modification to the existing development to consolidate the developments on the site.

In Favour: Crs S. Bailey, M. Bowditch, J. Eades, M. Green, J. Ledlin, G. McNeill, M.

Rush, S. Ward and B. Woodruff.

Crs J. Foy and R. Scholes. Against:

#### 10.5 SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONES

247 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Ward and Woodruff that:

- Council suspend the Ogilvie Street section of the Denman Alcohol Free Zone on 1. Saturday 6 May, 2017, between the hours of 9am and 5pm for the Upper Hunter Wine and Food Affair.
- 2. The Ogilvie Street Alcohol Free Zone suspension is advertised in the Denman News.

Crs S. Bailey, M. Bowditch, J. Eades, J. Foy, M. Green, J. Ledlin, G. McNeill, M. Rush, R. Scholes, S. Ward and B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

#### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 112/2015 - SECTION 96 - SANDY HOLLOW MUSIC 10.6 **FESTIVAL**

- 248 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Foy that:
  - 1. Subject to 2, the decision be delegated to the General Manager; and,
  - 2. The application not be approved for more than 12 months.

Crs S. Bailey, M. Bowditch, J. Eades, J. Foy, M. Green, J. Ledlin, G. McNeill, M. Rush, R. Scholes, S. Ward and B. Woodruff.

Nil. Against:

#### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 95/2016 - CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO STOREY VEHICLE 10.1 SALES PREMISE

#### Disclosure of Interest

Cr Michelle Green disclosed a pecuniary interst in this item. Cr Green advised that she is a joing owner of a property in Casuarina Close affected by the proposed development. Cr Green left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

Cr Graeme McNeill disclosed a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item. Cr McNeill advised that he has a close friends that are affected by the Development Application. Cr McNeill left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

#### 249 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Woodruff that:

Development Application No. 95/2016 proposing the construction of a two storey vehicle sales premises at Lot 4 DP 1090457, 15 – 17 Rutherford Road, Muswellbrook be approved subject the conditions in Appendix A to the report and the following conditions being added to Annexure A:

# 8. Acoustic treatment, Noise and security management plans

- a) Prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate, the applicant shall provide Council with amended plans detailing the acoustic treatment for the building with particular attention to the workshop area.
- b) Prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate, the applicant shall prepare and submit to Councils satisfaction a Noise Management Plan to Council. The Noise Management Plan shall outline how noise generated by the development will be managed to comply with the criteria set out in conditions 65, 75 and 76.
- c) Prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate, the applicant shall prepare and submit a Security Management Plan to Council's satisfaction.

# 75B. Amendment of Noise Management Plan in certain circumstances

- The Applicant shall, where directed to do so by Council, amend from time to time the Noise Management Plan to Council's satisfaction where:
  - (a) Council has received a complaint from a neighbouring property and assesses such complaint to be reasonable; or
  - (b) There is evidence that the consent is not being complied with.

#### 61A. Security Management

The applicant shall ensure the development complies with the security management plan at all times.

In Favour: Crs S. Bailey, M. Bowditch, J. Eades, J. Foy, J. Ledlin, G. McNeill, M. Rush, S. Ward and B. Woodruff.

Against: Nil.

Cr Michelle Green and Cr Rod Scholes returned to the Council Chambers and resumed their usual chairs at the meeting table.

#### 11 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

# 11.1 QUARTERLY INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT FOR WATER AND WASTE SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER - 31 DECEMBER 2016

250 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Woodruff that:

Council accept the contents of this report.

#### 11.2 HEBDEN ROAD SHOULDER FAILURES

251 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Woodruff that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

# 12 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

### 12.1 TRANSFER REMAINING FUNDS FROM 'MUSCLE CREEK STAGE 2'

#### **Disclosure of Interest**

Cr Michelle Green declared a pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Green advised that her husband owns a local rehabilitation business. At 07:40 PM Cr Green left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

252 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Woodruff that:

Council to adopt the transfer of \$60,000 from 'Muscle Creek Stage 2' to the 'Muswellbrook Urban Riparian Master Plan'.

#### 12.2 LANDCARE MAJOR PROJECTS BUDGET

#### Disclosure of Interest

Cr Michelle Green declared a pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Green advised that her husband owns a local rehabilitation business. Cr Green remained absent from the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

Cr Jason Foy declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Foy advised that he works at Muswellbrook High School. Muswellbrook High School was mentioned in the discussion which took place. At 07:43 PM Cr Foy left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

- 253 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Scholes that:
  - 1. The allocations for 2016/2017 be made for the Muscle Creek Landcare, Martindale Creek Catchment Landcare and the Muswellbrook High School Landcare Group;
  - 2. The General Manager explore options for funding the projects from another source; and
  - 3. The balance of the report be considered at part of the 2017/18 budget.

At 07:46 PM Cr Michelle Green returned to Council Chambers and resumed her usual chair at the meeting table.

# 12.3 INVESTMENT REPORT - DECEMBER 2016

254 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Bailey and McNeill that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

#### 12.4 INVESTMENT REPORT - JANUARY 2017

255 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Ward that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

At 07:47PM Cr Jason Foy returned to Council Chambers and resumed his usual chair at the meeting table.

#### 12.5 RENEWABLE ENERGY TARGET

256 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Scholes that:

Council to approve the strategies detailed in this report and consider the budget bids in the preparation of the 2017/18 budget.

#### 12.6 HAZARDOUS TREES AND AMENITY TREE PROGRAM

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

#### Council:

- 1. Approve the Hazardous Trees and Amenity Tree Planting programs and the additional budget of \$30,000 funded from the Recreation Reserve; and
- 2. The Hazardous Trees and Amenity Tree Planting programs including the preferred species list be delegated to the General Manager.

#### 12.7 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

258 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Green that:

Council endorse the Draft 'Environmental Sustainability Policy for public exhibition.

# 12.8 REQUEST TO DEMOLISH EXISTING AMENITY BUILDING AT BOWMAN PARK

259 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs McNeill and Green that:

Council approve to demolish and remove the amenities building, a budget allocation of \$15,000 be funded from the Recreation Reserve.

## 12.9 DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PLANNING, COMMUNITY & CORPORATE SERVICES

260 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Eades that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

#### 12.10 SECTION 226 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT

261 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Bowditch and Green that:

Council note the information provided.

#### 12.11 CLASSIFICATION OF LAND

262 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Eades that:

Council give approval for Lot 55 in Deposited Plan 869289, 63 Palace Street, Denman to be classified as "Operational" land within the meaning of Division 1, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993 and to give public notice of the proposed classification.

#### 12.12 ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES

263 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Scholes that:

Cr Mark Bowditch be appointed to committees (1) Local Emergency Committee, (2) Muswellbrook Shire Bush Fire Management Committee, (5) Rural Fire Service – Service Level Agreement Liaison Committee and (6) SES Service Level Agreement Liaison Committee; and,

Cr Graeme McNeill be appointed as the alterative to be the Muswellbrook Shire Bush Fire Management Committee and the Rural Fire Service – Service Level Agreement Liaison Committee.

264 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Foy that:

Cr Steven Reynolds be appointed to Committee (4) Muswellbrook Shire Local Traffic Committee; and,

No Councillor be appointed to committee (3) Muswellbrook Shire Development Committee, as the committee is no longer needed.

# 12.13 SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - UPPER HUNTER WINE AND FOOD AFFAIR

265 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Ward and Woodruff that:

Council approve the request for an additional one-off \$10,000 for the 2017 Upper Hunter Wine and Food Affair and be approved subject to an allocation in the March Budget Review.

# 13 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

#### 13.1 LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE - 21/02/2017

266 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Green and Woodruff that:

The Minutes of the Local Traffic Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21 February 2017 be received and the recommendations contained therein ADOPTED.

# 14 NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION

Nil

# 15 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

# 16 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Nil

# 17 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

#### 17.1 ST JOSEPHS PUBLIC SCHOOL DENMAN

#### Cr Brett Woodruff

Cr Woodruff referred to an email from the Principal at St Joseph's Denman, regarding the safety lights and barriers around the school.

Mr Pope advised that the Principal has been notified of the answers by the Roads and Martine Services (RMS). The flashing lights are an RMS matter and Council are unable to deal with the issue.

Cr Rush requested that the General Manager provide a copy of the letter from RMS to Councillors.

The General Manager, Steve McDonald advised that this correspondence would be sent out to Councillors.

#### 17.2 NOISE ABATEMENT WALL ALONG RAIL CORRIDOR

### Cr Martin Rush

Cr Rush advised he had received an email from a local resident regarding the Noise Abatement Wall along the Rail Corridor. Cr Rush requested that this latter be replied to.

The General Manager, Steve McDonald advised that he had tried to make contact with the resident today. The letter regarding the residents' concerns will be attend to.

# 17.3 WOLLOMBI ROAD STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Cr Graeme McNeill

Cr McNeill questioned where is the Wollombi Strategic Plan up to?

Cr Rush advised that this is a State Government Issue and the matter will need to be confirmed with the new Secretary of the Hunter.

# 18 ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

## 267 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Foy and Ledlin 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:

#### 19.1 BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PRECINCT

Item 19.1 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section10A(2)(d)(ii) of the local government act 1993, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

#### 19.2 NEW SOUTH WALES LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION - VACANT LAND

Item 19.2 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section10A(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.

#### 19.3 HUNTER REGION INNOVATION PRECINCT - LEASES

Item 19.3 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section10A(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.

#### 19.4 FUNDING THE INFORMATION SERVICES STRATEGY

Item 19.4 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section10A(2)(d)(I) and 10A(2)(d)(iii) of the local government act 1993, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret, and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

#### S.1 FUTURE FUND ACQUISITION

Item S.1 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section10A(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.

Members of the media and public gallery left the meeting at this stage.

At 08:04 PM Councillor Mark Bowditch left the Council Chambers.

# 19 CLOSED COUNCIL

#### 19.1 BUSINESS AND EDUCATION PRECINCT

268 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Eades that:

Council approve the strategy outlined in the report.

#### 19.2 NEW SOUTH WALES LAND AND HOUSING CORPORATION - VACANT LAND

#### Disclosure of Interest

Cr Janelle Eades declared a pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Eades advised that she works in the Wollombi Road precinct Road, in which the vacant land is located. At 08:09 PM Cr Eades left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

- 269 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and McNeill that:
  - 1. Council proceed with the purchase of the subject property at the price identified in the report;
  - Council authorise, if necessary, the Council Seal to be affixed to the Contract of Sale and Transfer document relating to the purchase by Council of the property situated at 58 Anzac Parade, Muswellbrook being Lot 88 in Deposited Plan 237872 from the Vendor;
  - 3. Council authorise the General Manager to execute all relevant documentation relating to the purchase of the subject property by Council; and
  - 4. The subject property be classified as "Operational" land within the meaning of Division 1, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 1993.

At 08:10 PM Cr Janelle Eades returned to Council Chambers and resumed her usual chair at the meeting table.

#### 19.3 HUNTER REGION INNOVATION PRECINCT - LEASES

#### Disclosure of Interest

Cr Michelle Green declared a pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Green advised that her husband is leasing a space in the Innovation Hub. At 08:10 PM Cr Green left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussions or voting on this matter.

270 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Scholes that:

The information contained in this report be noted.

At 08:10 PM Councillor Michelle Green returned to Council Chambers and resumed her usual chair at the meeting table.

#### 19.4 FUNDING THE INFORMATION SERVICES STRATEGY

- 271 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Woodruff that:
  - The authority advancement plan be approved and funded in the manner set out in the report; and,
  - 2. The balance of the report be considered as part of the 2017/18 budget.

#### S.1 FUTURE FUND ACQUISITION

- 272 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Foy that:
  - 1. Council proceed with a second offer on the property identified in the report; and,
  - 2. Subject to the second offer being acceptable, an Extra Ordinary Council meeting be held.

# 20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL

273 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Foy and Eades that:

The meeting return to Open Council.

# 21 CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 8.44 pm.

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING (PAGES 1 TO 13) WERE CONFIRMED AT THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11 APRIL, 2017 AND ARE A FULL AND ACCURATE RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 MARCH, 2017

| General Manager | Chairperson |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Mr S. McDonald  | Cr M. Rush  |
|                 |             |