



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, 26 March 2018

MAYORAL MINUTES

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Mayoral Minute

Item: MM003-18 St George Lions Annual Charity Golf Day 2018

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

The purpose of this Minute is to provide an update on two charity Golf Days supported by Council and to support the St George Lions Charity Golf Day to be held on the 6 April 2018.

1. 2017 Wayne Riley Georges River Council ‘Legends’ Pro-Am Golf Day

On 24 November 2017, Council held its annual fundraiser for the Cancer Care Centre at St George Hospital the “2017 Wayne Riley Georges River Council Legends Pro-AM”. This event was organised by a committee of volunteers and supported by Council staff. The event raised \$13,250.00 for the Cancer Care Centre of St George Hospital.

2. 2017 Georges River Council Charity Golf Day

For approximately 15 years, the former Hurstville Council assisted in the delivery of the “Mayoral Golf Day”.

Now known as the ‘Georges River Council Golf Day’ it was scheduled at Hurstville Golf Course on Friday 9 March 2018 with 190 players participating. The proceeds of this fundraiser \$25,000.00 will also go to the Cancer Care Centre of St George Hospital.

Lugarno and St George Lions Club are heavily involved in both the Legends Pro-Am and the Georges River Council Charity Golf Day providing support in all areas in the conduct of the events. Both fundraisers are generously supported by the local business community through sponsorship and participation.

The organising committee comprises:

- Mr Phil Bates
- Mr Brian Anson (Lugarno Lions)
- Mr Todd McHardy (Bluefit)
- Mr Peter de Meur (St George Lions)

3. St George Annual Charity Golf Day 2018

Council has received an invitation from the St George Lions Club to attend and sponsor the St George Charity Golf Day on 6 April 2018. This year the event will be held at Beverley Park Golf Club.

The Lions Club advised that funds raised will go to such charities as the Children’s Mobility Foundation, Camp Quality, Australian Lions Foundation and Lions Save Sight Foundation. Both the former Kogarah and Hurstville City Council supported the event with sponsorship over a number of years.

Last year, Georges River Council provided \$250 hole sponsorship for the St George Annual Charity Golf Day.

MOTION:

1. THAT Council thank the organising committee, Lugarno Lions Club and St George Lions Club for their contributions to the success of the Legends Pro-Am Golf Day and support for Georges River Council Charity Golf Day.
2. THAT as provided under Section 356 of the Local Government Act, Council provide \$250 hole sponsorship for the St George Annual Charity Golf Day, 2018 to promote a Council service.

Item: MM004-18 Tathra Fire

Mayor: The Mayor, Councillor Greene

Background

On the afternoon of Sunday 18 March 2018, with temperatures reaching 40 degrees a bush and grass fire broke out in the Tarranganda area, south-east of Bega. Fanned by strong gusty north-westerly winds, the fire quickly crossed the Bega River, placing the town of Tathra directly in its path.

Some residents managed to flee the area, however given little time to evacuate remaining residents were advised to stay and take refuge from the heat.

The aftermath of the fire saw 69 homes and 30 caravans or cabins destroyed, with a further 39 houses damaged. Fortunately no lives were lost and fire fighters managed to save nearly 400 houses.

The Insurance Council of Australia has declared the fire ‘catastrophe’, meaning claims by those affected by the blaze will be given priority.

Everyone has been impressed with how the local community has rallied together from emergency and community services, to local business and governments departments in order to assist the Tathra Community. It's in difficult times like these that you see the true spirit of Australians.

I wish to convey my sincerest sympathies to the community and offer on behalf on Council any assistance that we can provide to the community as they begin to rebuild.

MOTION:

THAT Council write to the Mayor of Bega Valley Shire Council, Councillor Kristy McBain, expressing our support for the community during these difficult times and to offer assistance to Council.