



# **BOGAN SHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Minutes Special Meeting**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2011**





**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Bogan Shire Council held in the Council Chambers  
on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 8.30am**

**PRESENT:** Councillors RL Donald, JL Douglas, LH Dutton, HJ Griffiths, JE Hampstead OAM, AM Kennedy, EM McLaughlin, GRJ Neill and KM Ryan.

Also present were Ms Theresa Haley (Manager of Corporate Services), and Mr Michael Ryan (Acting Manager of Engineering Services).

**Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** Nil

## **MANAGER OF CORPORATE SERVICES' REPORT**

### **1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **1.1 Introduction**

The Financial Reports for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 have been completed. The Council's Auditors conducted their final audit and we have received their Audit Report. A full set of the Financial Reports including the Auditor's Report is available at the Council Office should any Councillor require a copy for review.

#### **1.2 Background**

The Financial Reports for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 have been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* and the Regulations made there under, the Australian Accounting Standards and Professional Pronouncements and the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

#### **1.3 Issues**

Section 418 to Section 421 of the *Local Government Act 1993* outlines the procedures that Council must follow with regards to the Presentation of its Financial Reports.

In accordance with Section 418 Council is required to hold a public meeting in order to present the Financial Reports. Notification of the meeting was advertised in the local newspaper and the presentation is to be scheduled at a meeting of Council to be convened on or before Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

In accordance with section 420 "any person may make a submission to the Council with respect to the Council's audited financial statements". *As at Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 no submissions have been received.*

Council's Auditors have stated in their report that Council's overall financial position was in their opinion sound. A copy of their report has been attached for your information. The report is comprehensive and self-explanatory.



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#### 1.4 Assessment

**1.4.1 Strategic Implications Nil**

#### 1.4.2 Statutory & Policy

Consideration of this report means that Council is complying with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

#### 1.4.3 Consultation

**Internal** - Nil

**External** - In accordance with section 420 “any person may make submission to the Council with respect to the Council’s audited financial statements”.

**1.4.4 Financial Implications Nil**

#### 1.5 Conclusion

Council’s overall financial position is sound.

#### 1.6 Recommendation

That the Financial Reports and Auditor’s Report for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 be received and noted.

**1/2011 RESOLVED** that the Financial Reports and Auditor’s Report for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2010 be received and noted. (**Griffiths / Dutton**)

As no submissions had been received from the community for the financial reports and auditor’s report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 no action by Council was required.

**2/2011 RESOLVED** that the Special Meeting close and open the Ordinary Meeting of Council. (**Hampstead/Kennedy**)

#### Discussion:

- **Toowoomba Floods**

**3/2011 RESOLVED** that Council donate \$10,000 to the Salvation Army towards the Toowoomba Flood Appeal. (**Ryan/McLaughlin**) **Unanimous**



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- **RFS**

Increased payments for Quarter 3 relating to the “Volunteer & Statewide Support” proportion of the overall charges.

Payments increased by \$33,343 from \$20,440 in Quarter 2 to \$53,783 in Quarter 3.

The increase over 12 months is \$66,687 from the original budget of \$81,761 to the revised budget of \$148,447.

**4/2011 RESOLVED** that Council not pay the increase for Quarter 3, and the payment to remain at the same value as Quarter 2. **(Ryan/Dutton)**

Letters be sent to the Commissioner of the RFS and the Minister of Emergency Services given Bogan Shire has one of the largest increases of all local Councils and is now requesting information on what percentage of the increase is to be spent in the Bogan Shire and on what.

- **Solar Power**

The State's first commercial Solar Farm has been given planning approval, the \$300 million farm is to be built on 200ha in South Nyngan.

During construction it will offer 55 part time jobs with 5 full time jobs on completion. The farm itself will have a life span of 50 years.

- **DOCS (Department of Community Services)**

Nyngan local DOCS office has reopened after closing earlier in 2010.

A full time receptionist and case worker are to be employed.

- **Australia Day**

Bogan Shire's Ambassador is Mr Craig Goozee. Arrangements will basically be the same as last year.

- **Road Tour**

Scheduled for 9.00am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2011 or Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2011 weather pending.



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**MANAGER OF ENGINEERING SERVICES REPORT**

Discussion:

- **Levy Bank**

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Flood Gates on Railway line

- **Airport Upgrade**

Resealing of landing strip – Manager of Engineering Services to obtain quote for the Council February 2011 meeting.

Councillors all agreed that the landing strip needs to be maintained for potential use as discussions to bring services back to Nyngan are still ongoing. (Mines/Solar Farm)

- **Race Course**

Track currently holding water, need to remove top sand, reshape course and re-sand.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00am.

These Minutes were confirmed by resolution at a meeting held on .....and were signed as a true record.

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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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**MAYOR**

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