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Mayor and Councillors

MAYORAL MINUTE

NAME OUR WHALE

Purpose:

To update Council in relation to the naming of the whale.

Description of Item:

Councillors may remember in a recommendation to Council in October this year a working party was being developed to go through the 42 submissions received by Council to name our whale. At this time Council resolved to have a report back on the working party's recommendation in relation to the whale name and also a festival calendar.

I am pleased to report that the working party comprising representatives from Council, Kororo Public School and the regional Youth Environment Council, with advice from the Coffs Harbour Aboriginal Land Council and an Indigenous representative of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, has chosen a name which will be revealed this Saturday.

The decision to embargo the chosen name of the whale was taken to enhance the air of celebration around this significant step forward in the community's commitment to whale conservation.

I am also pleased to be presiding over the ceremony on the beach at the mouth of Coffs Creek commencing at 10.00 am for anyone who would like to attend. The event coincides with a national political campaign to protest the resumption of whaling.

Our whale was adopted through the Humpback Whale Migration Icon Project. Which is a joint initiative of the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), Surfers for Cetaceans and The Oceania Project.

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Name Our Whale ... (Cont'd)

In July this year I delivered a letter to the Mayor of Sasebo, our Sister City, expressing the community's opposition to the Japanese Government's intention to resume whaling in the Southern Ocean. It was a message that I delivered and delivered strongly.

The adoption and naming of our whale will strengthen our voice in opposing whaling.

Recommendation:

That Council note that a report will not be submitted to Council regarding the whale name, only the festival calendar.

**KD Rhoades AFSM
Mayor**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

23 UPDATE ON CLIMATE CHANGE DEVELOPMENTS

Purpose:

To update Council regarding climate change developments and to recommend that two Council representatives attend the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Indonesia in December 2007, at minimal cost to Council.

Description of Item:

Councillors will be aware of the mounting evidence about climate change, and the implications for our City. Council has adopted a Greenhouse Action Strategy (2002) and has been active on many fronts to abate corporate and community greenhouse gas emissions.

Scientific evidence is gathering to indicate that climate change is occurring now, and that further climatic changes and sea level rises are inevitable. However the extent of changes are still uncertain and will depend largely on the efforts of global and local communities to curb fossil fuel emissions and move to renewable energy systems.

Council staff are currently working in collaboration with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI), the Australian Greenhouse Office and other agencies to develop a city wide Climate Change Strategy, which will address greenhouse gas abatement and adaptation to climate change. For that purpose, Council's GIS section is currently modelling sea level rise scenarios. The new Coffs Harbour City Climate Change Strategy will be vital to proactively guide future land use planning, infrastructure and services, development control, economic directions, environmental responses and measures to secure our citizens. It is anticipated that Grant Funding will be forthcoming for this project.

Working with ICLEI, Council has advanced through the Cities for Climate Program (CCP), having achieved Milestone 5 and CCPplus.

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23 Update on Climate Change Developments ...(Cont'd)

I am now in receipt of a formal letter from the Secretary General of ICLEI (attached) inviting Council to participate in the Local Government Climate Change Sessions of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia on 10-11 December 2007. No registration fees are applicable.

I am pleased to advise that Council's Executive Manager Strategy and Sustainability, Jeff Green and Council's Town Planning Officer, Lyn Green, have offered to attend this event, and represent Council and the City at their personal expense, with no travel costs being incurred by Council.

I support this proposal, and would like to seek Council's endorsement in this regard and further suggest that Council contribute to expenses by way of two nights accommodation and living expenses at a cost of around \$500, and that paid leave of absence be granted to attend.

Recommendation:

- 1. That Council's Executive Manager Strategy and Sustainability, Mr Jeff Green, and Council's Town Planning Officer, Mrs Lyn Green, represent Council and the City of Coffs Harbour at the Local Government Climate Change Sessions of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bali, Indonesia on 10-11 December 2007.**
- 2. That it be noted that the above officers have offered to personally meet all travel and accommodation expenses and that no registration fees are applicable.**
- 3. That Council elect to contribute financially to their attendance by way of two nights accommodation and associated living expenses, at an estimated total cost of \$500.00 and that paid leave of absence be granted to attend.**
- 4. That Council convey a letter of support to the Secretary General of ICLEI to wish ICLEI, and the United Nations a highly successful conference, and to voice Council's support for and commitment to climate change action.**

Attachments:



ICLEI's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions.

To the
Mayors, Presidents and Chief Executives
of all ICLEI Member Local Governments
and Associations

Toronto, 22 October 2007

**Invitation to Local Government Climate Sessions
at the United Nations Climate Change Conference
in Bali, Indonesia, 10-11 December 2007**

Dear Mayor, President or CEO,

ICLEI is organising, in cooperation with local government and United Nations partners, the 'Local Government Climate Sessions' as parallel events to the United Nations Climate Change Conference 2007 (3-14 December).

The purpose of this gathering is to form a visible Local Government delegation at the climate conference, and to share with the international community how local governments are contributing to global efforts addressing climate change, and that we are willing to contribute to the debate on a post-Kyoto global climate regime.

The two-day event will include a range of thematic sessions on climate change mitigation, adaptation, renewable energy and more. It will be held at the Grand Hyatt Bali Hotel, the venue for all official side events to the UN conference. We invite you to consult the tentative programme of the event at <www.iclei.org/bali2007>.

As an ICLEI Member, we would be pleased if you or another representative of your organization could join us at this important event. It is a unique opportunity for you to meet like-minded colleagues from the all parts of the world and to gather further information on how to prepare your city to deal with the challenges of, and solutions to, climate change.

We invite you to register for the Delegation before 29 October 2007, using the registration form attached. This early deadline is necessary to ensure that you receive full accreditation to attend the official UN Conference. Registration is free of charge. Please note that the organizers are not in the position to offer funding support for your travel and participation.

We look forward to welcoming you in Bali.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Zimmermann', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Konrad Otto-Zimmermann
Secretary-General

Kindly send your registration form to <bali2007@iclei.org> or
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1990 as the International Council
for Local Environmental Initiatives

Purpose:

To advise Council on the distribution of funds from the Visual & Performing Arts Budget to the community through the Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program 2007/2008.

Description of Item:

Council received 17 applications in the Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program 2007/2008 of which 16 were funded. The total monies requested were \$32,745.00, the proposed projects to be funded totalled \$23,780 plus GST of \$2,378.00. (See attached Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program 2007/2008 compliance, consideration and recommendation sheet).

The Visual & Performing Arts budget has an allocation of \$40,000 from the Council's 2007/2008 budget. Also from the Visual & Performing Arts budget \$11,616.30 was Council's contribution to Arts Mid North Coast, this contribution increases each year in line with LGA population growth. This leaves \$2,225.70 in the Visual & Performing Arts budget to facilitate visual and performing arts for the remainder of the financial year.

Sustainability Assessment:

- **Environment**

There are no environmental implications

- **Social**

This is in keeping with Council's Strategic Direction to *Enrich our Society through Community and Cultural Development* and of promoting and generating leverage from Council's donations and Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program.

- **Economic**

Broader Economic Implications

The indicative return to the community through Council's Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program is ten times the outlay budget allocation from Council.

Management Plan Implications

There are no management plan implications.

Consultation:

At the request of Council's Internal Auditor and the Chairperson of the Arts & Cultural Development Advisory Committee a small team of staff reviewed all the applications.

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Related Policy and / or Precedents:

The allocation of these small grants is outlined by the management plan and included in Council's Cultural Development Plan.

Issues:

Through Council's funding of the Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program a great many projects have been developed. Some of the projects initiated in the LGA include: the Woolgoolga Curry Festival, the National awarding winning Festival of Japanese Children's Day, the annual Cultural Program for the North Coast Regional Botanic Gardens and the You Got Served Hip Hop Battle for local schools competing for the best Hip Hop dance school in the LGA.

The funding of 16 projects through the Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program 2007/2008 has the potential to return to the community ten times the budget outlay from Council.

The community is constantly requesting financial support from Council to develop Arts, Cultural and Creative Industries in the LGA. The current Visual & Performing Arts budget does not allow for all the worthwhile projects to be financed or financed to their full potential.

Implementation Date / Priority:

Distribution of funds through the Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program 2007/2008 is proposed to take place at a ceremony officiated by the Mayor on Monday, 5 November 2007.

Recommendation:

That Council endorse the proposed distribution of funds in the Arts & Cultural Community Development Small Grants Program 2007/2008

**Stephen Sawtell
General Manager**