

Sandra Bailey

From: Paul Hickey
Sent: Friday, 17 May 2013 12:01 PM
To: Sandra Bailey
Subject: RE: Request for Waiver of Fees for Club Lennox when Fund Raisers are held at the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

From: Graham Shaw [mailto:Graham_Shaw@directgroup.com.au]
Sent: Friday, 26 April 2013 5:30 PM
To: Paul Hickey
Subject: Request for Waiver of Fees for Club Lennox when Fund Raisers are held at the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre

Hi Paul,

Thank you for the constructive conversation this morning. It was most useful in obtaining clearer direction on a number of matters.

On the issue of fund raising to re-open Club Lennox, please could I ask that when Fund Raising events are held at the Lennox Cultural and Community, that you waive the fees. This would be of substantial assistance to our fundraising drive in that it would decrease our outgoings and improve the value of funds contributed toward re-opening the Club.

I look forward to your favourable response to this request.

Best regards,
Graham Shaw
Co-ordinator, Marketing and Fundraising, Club Lennox

Deputation to Ballina Shire Council for its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 30 May Supporting the Motion to Dispense with Fees Payable to the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre when It is Used by Club Lennox

1. Introduction

It is a well Known fact that the Lennox Head Community was highly disappointed by Ramsgate's closure of the Bowls and Sporting Club in Stewart Street. This is Lennox Head's only recreational club and is valued by the community.

Subsequent to the closure a Steering Committee was established and supported by substantial community interest an Interim Board was inducted and a Business Plan and Marketing/Fundraising Plans prepared. The ensuing Budget illustrated that a sum of \$184000.00 was required to set up the various licenses, the legal charter and associated fees. In addition a Cash Flow analysis indicated that working capital of approximately \$35K was necessary.

This information was relayed to a number of Public meetings which voted to continue to save the Club. In addition to the Interim Board, Committees comprising Marketing and Fundraising and Operations were immediately established.

The Marketing and Fund Raising Committee was charged with the responsibility of raising the necessary funds.

2. Next Steps

The Fundraising Committee immediately embarked on a programme of events designed to deliver the required principal sum of \$184000.00.

The programme revolved around the theme of 'Be a Star for the Community Club' and consists of Raffles, Discos, Masked Formal Ball, Trivia Nights, Home Grown Music events, Meet the Stars Cocktail Function , a Bookfes and Movie Nights. In addition the membership and those in the village have received requests for pledges. Since January we have achieved a total of \$37000.00 towards our goal.

10.3 Community Donations.DOC

3. An Invitation

It is clearly recognised that the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre is the hub of the village community and the events which we are running are in the most part focussed on this amenity. The staff at the Community Centre has been outstanding and we have established what must be regarded as a very cordial relationship. I cannot commend their co-operation and enthusiasm more highly.

In this context with at least 8 events over the rest of the year and our need to eke out as much funding from each event, it was agreed to request that Council rescinds Club Lennox fees for the events it is holding at the community centre.

4. Conclusion

It is requested that Council consider this request, to rescind fees for the use of the Lennox Head Cultural and Community Centre, favourably. The Lennox Head community strongly support the re-opening of the now named Club Lennox. Council, by acceding to this request to optimise financial outcomes from the events at the Lennox Centre, would be associating itself with a powerful community need to achieve the targeted funding requirement and the ultimate attainment of re-opening Club Lennox.

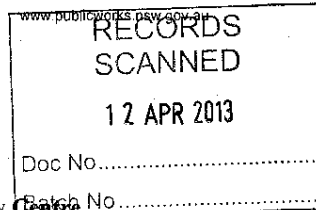


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Mr Paul Wilson
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Ref: DA 2011/359 – Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre

Dear Mr Wilson,

I am writing on behalf of the Department of Human Services (now Department of Family and Community Services), the proponent of DA 2011/359.

It is requested that Ballina Shire Council re-consider the Section 64 contributions levied on this development, as listed in DA 2011/359 for water and sewer charges. It is believed that the contributions listed in DA2011/358 are not warranted due to the following documents:

- Developer Charges for Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater Guidelines", DLWC, Dec 2002 (see Page 12, Section 2.7) which stated "Crown developments for community services [eg education, health, community services and law and order) are exempt from general developer charges. Water utilities may charge these developments only for the portion of the direct connection relating to Crown developments. Note, the project has paid Council for the construction of the water lead in costs.
- Section 306 (3)(c) of the *Water Management Act 2000* states "consideration is to be given to any guidelines issued for the time being for the purposes of this section by the Minister."
- Section 2.6 of the Developer Charges for Water Supply, Sewerage and Stormwater 2012 (draft) page 9 illustrates Crown exemptions from developer charges for essential community services. It is difficult to see how Council have considered this guideline in regard to the contribution charges.

The Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre is a part of the National Partnership Agreement, crown development project providing community facilities to the local region. This project will support local Aboriginal families to not miss out on early childhood services. This project also enables integrated service delivery advocated by early childhood experts and will see the integrated delivery of services, including antenatal services, child and maternal health services, parenting and family support services, and early learning and child care. This is a best practice delivery platform to ensure families actually receive the support they need¹. Hence, this development falls under the listed exemptions.

It is therefore considered prudent that Ballina Shire Council exempt this development from any contribution requirements to ensure compliance with their internal policy. A Section 96 application is also attached to this letter to formally request changes to the referenced Development Approval.

¹ *Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (2004) Indigenous Parenting Project, P 13.*
A division of the Department of Finance & Services

Could you please confirm at your earliest convenience that the water and sewer contributions do not apply to this development?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Luigi Molinari', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Luigi Molinari
Project Manager