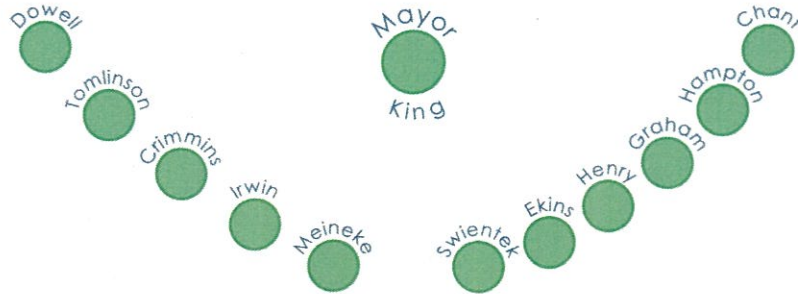


Notice of Council Meeting



Extraordinary Meeting

An EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of LISMORE CITY COUNCIL will be held at the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, Oliver Avenue, GOONELLABAH on **March 27, 2007** at 6.00pm and members of Council are requested to attend.

Paul G. O'Sullivan
General Manager

March 22, 2007

Agenda

Opening of Meeting and Prayer (Mayor)

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Strategic Plan Summary

Lismore regional city

STRATEGIC PRIORITY	AIMS	INITIATIVES
Economic Development	To build Lismore's reputation as a regional city for residents, businesses, education providers, health services and government.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Champion education ▶ Promote health facilities ▶ Support regional agriculture ▶ Promote cultural life ▶ Promote Lismore as a legal centre ▶ Support for sport
	To increase regional economic development, tourism and job-creating investments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Promote regional development ▶ Develop tourism ▶ Support businesses ▶ Pursue CBD revitalisation ▶ Assist in job creation ▶ Assist in creating new income opportunities
Quality of Life	To make Lismore a safe, healthy and caring community in which to live.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Increase social cohesion ▶ Support villages ▶ Provide community services ▶ Encourage sustainable development ▶ Promote recreation and leisure
Leadership by Innovation	To lead the region by demonstrating innovative practices in governance, customer service, communication, consultation, virtual amalgamation and financial management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Lead the region ▶ Increase revenue from grants ▶ Improve customer service ▶ Consult the community ▶ Update technology ▶ Provide user pays services ▶ Privatise selected services ▶ Share assets and resources
Natural Environment	To preserve and rehabilitate Lismore's natural environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Provide sustainable land use planning ▶ Improve catchment management ▶ Conserve and repair the environment
Infrastructure	To further enhance Lismore's transportation, parking and pedestrian networks.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Improve transport systems ▶ Improve roads, cycleways and footpaths ▶ Assist with public transport ▶ Assist airport operations ▶ Support fleet operations
Water and Waste Cycle	To educate our community and lead the state in water and waste-cycle management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Manage stormwater drainage systems ▶ Manage water and sewage ▶ Manage the waste stream and reduce waste

Mayoral Minute

Subject **37th New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League
Knockout Carnival**

That I Councillor Merv King, propose to move:

“That Council endorse my decision to advise the Organisers that Lismore City Council declines to host the 37th New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival over the October 2007 Labour Day weekend”.

Background

Following a request for the use of Oakes Oval and Crozier Oval for the purpose of conducting the 37th New South Wales Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival planned for the 2007 October Labour Day long weekend an invitation was extended to the organisers to present their proposal and answer questions.

Since then I have sought advice from staff and local service providers to ensure that a decision on this matter was given due consideration and all aspects of the proposal were thoroughly assessed.

As far as I am concerned, the key issues are accommodation for visitors, local travel arrangements for visitors and the cost to Lismore for hosting the event the Carnival. This would be the biggest multi-day event ever planned for the centre of Lismore. Up to 5,000 visitors are expected to attend the Carnival on each of the four days.

Having regard to these issues, the anticipated outcomes are such that I am unable to lend my support to the proposed Carnival in Lismore. I came to this decision primarily because Lismore is already booked as host to a large number of visitors in the week leading up to, and during, the October 2007 long weekend.

Lismore has the Lismore Masters Games, the Lismore Cup, a Southern Cross University Graduation Ceremony, a Regional Women’s Bowling Carnival and a major local soccer club reunion. These events will absorb most, if not all, of the available accommodation over an extended period, thus it is unrealistic to expect that Lismore could accommodate even a small number of the visitors expected for the knockout carnival.

Public transport, which is very limited in our area, also contributed to the decision making for the request. There is only a daytime town bus service and no public transport link between Lismore, its villages and other towns located nearby after hours. This would pose a real problem for visitors who are unable to stay in Lismore. It is likely that some of the visitors may need transport facilities beyond the four days of the Carnival.

Whilst there is potential for significant economic flow-ons to the business community, the request to waive hire charges and manage the waste generated at Council’s venues is estimated at more than \$40,000. This order of cost competes for priority with other established events in our City, and given the difficulties expected with accommodation and transport it would be irresponsible to agree to host the Carnival in Lismore when there will very clearly be consequences without a satisfactory remedy.

Having regard to the above matters I believe it is in the best interests of the City that this request be declined. This advice has been communicated both in writing and verbally with the organisers of the event. They have indicated that they would pursue other options.

Notice of Motion

I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of Council the following motion:

That Lismore Council advises Merritt-Patten Redfern RLFC that it has reconsidered its position and supports their application to hold the Annual Knockout Carnival in Lismore.

Councillor Irwin

Rescission Motion

I hereby give notice of my intention to move at the next meeting of Council the following rescission motion:

Councillor Irwin
Councillor Tomlinson
move:

Councillor Dowell
Date March 13, 2007

That the Council decision in regard to the link road between Snow and Cook Street be rescinded.

