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ADDENDUM ITEMS FOR ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, 24 MAY 2017

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Clause 7(1) of Council's Code of Meeting Practice that an **Ordinary Council Meeting** will be held in the Council Chambers, Tenterfield Shire Council, on **Wednesday 24 May 2017** commencing at **9.30 am**.

David Walker
Actg Chief Executive

AGENDA

10. URGENT, LATE & SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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15. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

(ITEM GOV31/17) DEED OF RELEASE

That above item be considered in Closed Session to the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with Section 10A(2) (a) (e) (f) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as the matter involves personnel matters concerning particular individuals; AND information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law; AND matters affecting the security of the Council, Councillors, Council staff or Council property.

Department:	Chief Executive Office
Submitted by:	Acting Chief Executive
Reference:	ITEM GOV30/17
Subject:	NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2017

LINKAGE TO INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK	
Goal:	Council achieves excellence in corporate governance.
Strategy:	Develop strategies, policies and practices to enable Council to achieve excellence in corporate governance.
Action:	Continue to monitor policies, practices and processes with the aim of continuous improvement.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the attendance of an alternate delegate to the National General Assembly of Local Government 2017 in Canberra, 18-21 June 2017.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the attendance of Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer at the National General Assembly of Local Government 2017 in lieu of the Chief Executive.

BACKGROUND

Each year Council budgets for the attendance of the Mayor and Chief Executive at this very important Local Government event. The Mayor is Council's voting delegate.

In addition to attending the National General Assembly (NGA), the opportunity is taken to meet with our local Federal Member and Deputy Prime Minister, The Hon Barnaby Joyce MP and other Federal politicians, to discuss issues of importance to our Shire and to lobby for funding where appropriate.

REPORT:

Arrangements are well in hand for attendance at the NGA, apart from the booking of airline flights.

As Chief Executive, Damien Connor will no longer be attending, the issue of whether to send a replacement has arisen. Acting Chief Executive, David Walker has declined to attend in Mr Connor's place.

Registration for Mr Connor has been paid with no ability to recoup the fees as the cancellation date of 5 May 2017 has passed. Substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

Mayor Peter Petty and Acting Chief Executive David Walker have recommended the attendance of Deputy Mayor Greg Sauer due to the important matters which will be discussed at the NGA and in meetings with Federal politicians.

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COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS:**1. Community Engagement / Communication (per engagement strategy)**

N/A

2. Policy and Regulation

- Council's Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy 1.160

3. Financial (Annual Budget & LTFFP)

- Additional amount of \$240.00 to be paid to allow for attendance at NGA events which Chief Executive Damien Connor was not attending.
- Accommodation cost of \$1,083.00 for four (4) nights
- Return Airfare of approximately \$380.00

4. Asset Management (AMS)

N/A

5. Workforce (WMS)

N/A

6. Legal and Risk Management

N/A

7. Performance Measures

N/A

8. Project Management

N/A

David Walker
Actg Chief Executive

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Approved/Reviewed by Manager: David Walker, Acting Chief Executive
Department: Chief Executive Office
Attachments: There are no attachments for this report.

MAYORAL MINUTE**(ITEM MM2/17) FIT FOR THE FUTURE INNOVATION FUND****SUMMARY**

The NSW Government has allocated \$4 million in Innovation grants aimed at helping rural councils with populations of less than 10,000 explore new ways of working. The fund is a targeted program that supports small councils in regional NSW to develop new ideas and innovative ways of working to improve their performance to benefit their communities.

RECOMMENDATION

- (1) That Council endorse an application submission to Round 2 of the Innovation Fund to the value of \$150,000; and**
- (2) That a project be developed, within the adopted Resourcing Strategy, supporting the objectives contained in Council's Integrated Planning Framework; and**
- (3) Final signoff of the project design be delegated to the Chief Executive.**

REPORT

At its meeting of 24 February 2016 Council resolved to make an application to the value of \$140,000 to the "Fit for the Future Innovation Fund" to support a project titled "Staff Capacity Development". This project was included under the first round of the program funding with the application being successfully funded to the value of \$140,000 with a Council co-contribution of 30%.

Round 1 provided funding to 13 projects across 19 communities in rural NSW.

Round 2 of the NSW Government funding is now open with a further \$2 million in funding available under the Innovation Fund, to Councils with populations of less than 10,000. The one-off grants are available to develop new solutions for their communities to help address the unique issues and challenges they face. Applications for Innovation Fund Round 2 close on **9 June 2017** with eligible councils able to apply for one-off grants up to \$150,000 for individual projects or up to \$400,000 for projects involving more than one council.

For each grant, a co-contribution of at least 30% is required from Council. This co-contribution can be either cash or in-kind such as labour, equipment, facilities, land/property or other resources.

To participate in the application process a resolution of Council is required. To date no project has been identified or detailed plan developed to support an application under Round 2.

I would ask Council to consider providing a resolution to support an application under Round 2 of the Innovation Funding Guidelines with a view to support existing directions contained in the Resourcing Strategy adopted by Council on 12 April 2017.