



Hay Shire
COUNCIL

Supplementary Mayoral Minute Ordinary Council Meeting 26 March 2013

The Mayor is entitled to put to a meeting without notice any matter or topic that is within the jurisdiction of the Council or of which the Council has official knowledge.

Such a minute takes precedence over all other business on the agenda for the meeting.

The Mayor may move the adoption of the minute without the motion being seconded.

(Clause 16 of Local Government [Meetings] Regulation 1999)

Supplementary Agenda

1. Assistance with Film Launch
2. Request for Assistance from Can Assist
3. Model Code of Conduct 2013 – Commencement & Key Resources
4. Hay Gym Club
5. Hay Park Netball Courts
6. Vehicle Replacement

26 March 2013

Supplementary 1 - Assistance with film launch

REPORTING OFFICER	Jack Terblanche – Economic Development & Tourism Manager
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INTRODUCTION

A short film, “Child Lost – Goolumbulla!” was recently filmed in the Hay Shire. The producer, Andrew Furphy, has requested financial assistance from Hay Shire Council for the launch of the film on 11 May at Shear Outback.

COMMENTARY

Mr Furphy has recently completed the film at a cost of \$60,000, with the launch to be held at Shear Outback on 11 May, with the approximate cost being \$3,000. He has requested a donation by Council of \$1,000, which would cover the food for the event.

There will be a significant media contingent present at the launch of the event, and a movie featuring the cultural and natural environment of Hay can greatly benefit the tourism potential of Hay LGA. The success of the launch can also contribute to the perception of Hay.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council donate \$1,000 to the launch of the film “Child Lost – Goolumbulla!”

MEDIA RELEASE

Furphy film pays tribute to *Such is Life*

April 2012

A bold venture seeking to rekindle interest in the Australian classic novel *Such is Life* has taken shape in a short film to premiere in the Riverina town of Hay next month.

Child Lost on Goolumbulla is a poignant depiction of a quintessential Australian story of a helpless child lost in the bush, and the flurry of fear, hope and energy in the ensuing search. It is a forlorn but absorbing excerpt from *Such is Life*, written by Joseph Furphy in the 1890s and first published in 1903.

Furphy's novel houses a series of tales told by a bullocky about bullockies, private contractors harried and despised by the capitalist pastoralists in colonial Australia. It was the country's first avowedly socialist tract, penned by Furphy under the light of a kerosene lamp and long nights in the Mechanics Institute in Shepparton.

Colonial Australians forging a living on the land lived in constant fear of their children being lost in the wild, and Furphy was himself involved in two searches; none of the four children he searched for was found alive. These experiences were inevitably woven into his writings.

Now they find their way into a film. It's the creation of Andrew Furphy of Shepparton, a great-grandnephew of Joseph, who regularly journeys with family and friends to the Riverina and further north in bullocky Joseph's footsteps. Andrew says he wanted to make the film as a tribute to Joseph's literature, to *Such is Life* in particular, and in the hope that audiences might be inspired to take up the book.

For a time Joseph was a well-loved and respected literary figure, but in modern times his popularity has dwindled. Few young people today know anything about him; and fewer still have read his work. This film might just change all that.

Says Andrew Furphy in his forebear's defence: "I love *Such Is Life* because of its striking recall of the bush. It's not an easy read, but it's a highly chewable book. It can be tasted randomly and digested slowly."

"I can only hope that this depiction of one small story within one chapter will whet literary appetites – from the most rustic to the academic," he says.

To this end an audio edition bringing to life chapter five of *Such is Life* – the one on which *Child Lost on Goolumbulla* is based - will also be launched at the film premiere.

After the Riverina floods in early 2012 caused a postponement, *Child Lost on Goolumbulla* was finally filmed during February this year in the bush weaving along the Lachlan River and on the serene saltbush plains around Hay. Its small cast is led by stage, film and television actor, John Derum (*The Aunty Jack Show, Mad Dog Morgan, The Trespassers*), playing Thompson the yarn's narrator, a laconic bushman proud of his ability to tell yarns and who thinks himself a cut above other bush folk in his learning. Nicky Pummeroy, Clem Furphy (another relative) and Katie Schiller were other cast members with previous stage performances.

The film's authenticity is embedded in the balance of the cast - local horsemen, drovers and sheep station owners and managers – and reflects their collective feel for and understanding of the bush. Joseph Furphy, a bullocky himself while he lived in Hay, changed the names of properties to disguise his characters, so viewers will be free to imagine the story's setting.

The cinematic adaptation for the 25-minute film was written by Melbourne author and *The Age* columnist Anson Cameron, a great, great grand-nephew of Joseph Furphy. The co-director was filmmaker Steve Ramsey [*Australian Dynasties, Shellshocked, Deadly Rivals, Oops Wrong Planet*] and the musical score was written and performed by accomplished composer, performer and actor, Kate Reid.

Child Lost on Goolumbulla will premiere at a launch at the Shear Outback museum, corner of Sturt and Cobb Highways, Hay, NSW on 11 May 2013.

For further information please contact:

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For background, please visit:

<http://www.theage.com.au/entertainment/books/such-is-filmmaking-20120420-1xbxl.html>

CHILD LOST ON GOOLUMBULLA.

A short film depicting an excerpt from Joseph Furphy's

SUCH IS LIFE

The production crew and cast of CHILD LOST ON GOOLUMBULLA would like you to join them at the WORLD PREMIER of this short film on Saturday 11 May at 6:30 pm

At: SHEAR OUTBACK, Corner Sturt + Cobb Highways, Gay, NSW, 2711

Add entertainment by John Derum and Anson Cameron

Please contact Andrew Furphy

goolumbshepparton.net.au

0419 134 367 or 03 58 219200

With your acceptance

"CHILD LOST - GOOLUMBULLA!"

A SHORT FILM DEPICTING AN EXCERPT FROM JOSEPH FURPHY'S

"SUCH IS LIFE".

MISSION STATEMENT.

The aim of the short film is, in essence, to act as an advertisement for the classic Australian novel *SUCH IS LIFE*, written by Joseph Furphy and first published in 1903.

The book was hailed on publication, and has been since, for the avant-garde style of its writing and the level of profundity and universality it brought to the Australian bush yarn.

The film will stand as a whole and independent story and cinematic work. (Otherwise who will watch it? its *raison d'être* is as an entrée, an anticement to intrigue viewers and lead them to become readers of the original work.

Thus it will strive to encapsulate the idiosyncratic magic of Joseph Furphy's language and ethos in the simple, culturally resonant story, of a child lost in the Australian scrub.

Joseph Furphy - or Tom Collins, to use his pseudonym - was the bullock driver who wrote *Such is Life* in the 1890s. As a novel of the bush and the outback it is a tour de force of originality and genius. Its characters are unforgettable, but as a work of philosophy it is just as interesting.

Furphy is among the wittiest and most learned writer in the English language. While *Such is Life* is one of the greatest treasures of Australian literature.

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Supplementary. 2 - Request for Assistance from Can Assist

REPORTING OFFICER	Allen Dwyer – General Manager
ATTACHMENTS	

INTRODUCTION

The attached correspondence refers to the “Hell of a Walk” organized by Can Assist for the 6th April 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council determine whether it will sponsor the event and, if so, to what extent.

HAY SHIRE COUNCIL

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Dear Hay Shire Council,

26.2.2013

Our "Hell of a Walk" is back after having a year off. Once again we have made a few changes to this year's event. We hope to raise much needed funds to continue assisting local cancer patients and their families. We are holding the event this year on the 6th of April 2013, and we are hoping for the continuing support of our wonderful sponsors and participants.

This year the walk will be in the town limits which will entail individuals, families or teams walking approximately 13 km starting and finishing at Pocock Park in South Hay. Alternatively bike riders will also start and finish also from Pocock Park. The distance depends on the individual the route chosen can be from 23km to 50 km. Maps will be available closer to the date.

The entry fee will remain the same as previous years with an individual rate of \$15, and family/Team rate of \$30 (this fee includes bottled water, Juice & fresh fruit).

In addition to the walk/ride this year we have also having a Marquee at Pocock Park for the kids. There will be art & craft activities, face painting as well as games & of course a jumping castle. There will also be healthy snacks provided for the children too; entry will be \$5 / child. The children will be fully supervised by registered carers and volunteers. A BBQ, Entertainment & Continuous raffles will start at 5pm back at the south Hay Hotel which will be suitable for families. The BBQ will be a gold coin donation.

Early bird registrations will be in the draw for a push bike, all children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be support vehicles along the route for anyone who needs to be picked up.

We would really appreciate either sponsorship or team participation from businesses and sporting organisations in Hay and local area, if you could help in any way it would be most appreciated. We are supporting many people with cancer in our town and district, and we need to ensure that we have the funds to continue doing so. All cancer patients have to travel out of town for treatment, very often having to stay away from home for extended periods of time, and the cost of this can cause much hardship and anxiety. This is where Can Assist can provide assistance, and at least help in this very practical way, but we need to fund raise to be able to continue our high level of support. In the past 12 months we have paid out over \$ 64,529.00 in patient care including travel and accommodation, pharmaceuticals, special dietary requirements etc.

We look forward to your support, for what should be once again a fun day for everyone.

Yours Sincerely

Wayne Wooding
President

26th March 2013

Supplementary.3 - Model Code of Conduct 2013 – Commencement and Key Resources

REPORTING OFFICER	Allen Dwyer – General Manager
ATTACHMENTS	

INTRODUCTION

The new Model Code of Conduct commenced on the 1st March 2013.

COMMENTARY

The Division of Local Government has requested the information be tabled at Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the provision of the new Model Code of Conduct.



Circular No. 13-06
Date 1 March 2013
Doc ID. A313805

Contact Council Governance Team
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MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT 2013 – COMMENCEMENT AND KEY RESOURCES

Purpose

The purpose of this Circular is to:

- remind councils that the new Model Code Framework commences on 1 March 2013;
- promote the Model Code Summary as a simple guide to the standards of behaviour required by council officials; and
- inform councils of the availability of the Division of Local Government's Model Code of Conduct 2013 webpage, featuring key resources to support implementation of the new code.

Issue

- The new Model Code of Conduct framework commences on 1 March 2013.
- To assist councils with the implementation of the new code the Division has developed a series of resources that are available on the Division's web site. These resources include:
 - FAQs on the implementation of the new framework
 - The Model Code of Conduct, Model Code summary and Model Code Procedures
 - Standalone versions of the Model Code targeted at different types of council officials containing only those standards relevant to those officials
 - Guides to Model Code procedures for general managers, Mayors and complaints coordinators, containing easy to understand summaries of their roles in the complaints management process
 - Guides to Model Code procedures for complainants and people the subject of investigation. The prescribed procedures require that persons being investigated be provided with information about the investigation process.
- Additional resources and information will be added to the webpage over time.
- The Model Code of Conduct 2013 webpage may be accessed from the Division's website at www.dlg.nsw.gov.au.

- A copy of the Model Code summary is attached to this Circular (Attachment A). Councils officials are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this and the new Model Code.

Action

General Managers should ensure that a copy of this Circular is tabled at the next council meeting, including the Model Code Summary. The assistance of General Managers in promoting the Model Code 2013 webpage and its resources to all council officials would be appreciated.



Ross Woodward
Chief Executive, Local Government
A Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet



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Division of Local Government

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL OFFICIALS

Council officials play a vital role in serving local communities

To do this effectively, you will want to uphold the highest standards of behaviour to ensure communities have trust and confidence in local government.

What are the expected standards of behaviour?

The standards of behaviour are described in detail in the Model Code of Conduct. The Code is a legal document that all officials are obliged to understand and follow. The Model Code forms the basis of each council's code of conduct. Highlighted below are the expected standards of behaviour for all council officials.

You must:

- conduct yourself in a manner that will not bring council into disrepute
- act lawfully and honestly, and exercise due care
- treat others with respect and not harass or discriminate against them, or support others who do so
- consider issues consistently, promptly and fairly
- ensure development decisions are properly made and deal fairly with all parties involved
- disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interests including, in the case of councillors, from reportable political donations
- use and secure information appropriately and not disclose confidential information
- use council resources ethically, effectively and efficiently.

In addition, staff must ensure the efficient and effective operation of council's organisation and implement decisions of council without delay.

You must not:

- accept money or gifts of value and avoid situations that may appear to secure favourable treatment
- make complaints improperly, take detrimental action in response to complaints, or disclose information about code of conduct matters.

In addition, councillors must not:

- direct or influence council staff in the exercise of their role
- participate in binding caucus votes, except for nominations.

What happens if the standards are not met?

The small number of cases where a council official fails to follow the Code will be dealt with in accordance with the Model Code Procedures.

Breaches of these standards may be reported to the general manager or, in the case of a breach by the general manager, to the Mayor. Serious complaints that cannot be resolved informally may be investigated by an independent conduct reviewer.

Councillors

Breaches by councillors may result in:

- censure
- requirement for training
- counselling
- requirement to apologise
- findings of inappropriate conduct being made public
- referral to the Division of Local Government for disciplinary action, including suspension for up to three months
- referral by the Division to the Pecuniary Interest and Disciplinary Tribunal for suspension for up to six months or disqualification from holding civic office.

General managers

Breaches by general managers may result in:

- requirement for training
- counselling
- requirement to apologise
- findings of inappropriate conduct being made public
- other actions specified under the general manager's contract.

Council staff

Breaches by council staff may result in disciplinary action, termination or, in the case of non-senior staff, other penalties permitted under the relevant industrial award.

Delegates or council committee members

Breaches by delegates or council committee members may result in:

- censure
- requirement to apologise
- prosecution
- removal or restriction of delegations.

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Supplementary.4 – Gymnastics Club

REPORTING OFFICER	Allen Dwyer – General Manager
ATTACHMENTS	

INTRODUCTION

Correspondence has been received from the Hay Gym Club and is attached for perusal.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council offer the Club assistance by way of a contribution of \$2080 to the landlord representing 6 months rental on the property.

Hay Gymnastics Club
 77 -79 Lachlan St
 Hay NSW 2711

General Manager
 Hay Shire Council
 134 Lachlan St.
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 Hay NSW 2711



Hay Gymnastics Club -2013 Operation

24th March 2013

Dear Mr Dwyer,

Firstly, on behalf of the Hay Gymnastics Club, may I extend my thanks to you, your staff and Hay Shire Councillors for inspecting our current site on Tuesday 19th 2013. Some practical suggestions and insights were offered of which we are grateful.

I have compiled some data that may be of assistance to you and your staff. It details gym programs, patronage and current outstanding accounts.

Hay Gymnastics Club programs schedule:

PROGRAM TYPE	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	PARTICIPANTS 2011/2012
<i>KindyGym</i>	A daytime gymnastics program designed for children 2-5 years. Stimulating gross and fine motor skills, develops self confidence and self esteem through movement based activities.	15 – 25
<i>Juniors</i>	Designed for children 5-12 years. Provides basic foundations of the sport in a fun, dynamic atmosphere. Participants learn to swing, jump, roll, balance, somersault, bounce, hop and flip.	10 -15
<i>Seniors</i>	Classes provide the opportunity to improve basic skills and develop skills such as handstands and cartwheels, as well as working towards competitive level skills such as somersaults, flips and walkovers.	8-12
<i>School Based Gym</i>	An introductory program of gymnastics designed to create an awareness of the sport to students. Movement opportunities and basic skills developed whilst providing a fun, safe environment for participants to explore spatial awareness and challenge development.	Previously students from Hay War Memorial High School attended as part of their P/E classes.

ACCOUNTS	AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING	DETAILS
Gymnastics NSW Affiliation Fee	\$805	Due annually at the commencement of each year. <i>Hay Gymnastics Club cannot operate without payment of these fees.</i>
Public Liability Insurance	\$700	
Rent	\$381.34 per month \$1,145 per quarter	Rent has been paid up to Jan 31 st 2013.
Electricity	\$ 165	Account due early April.
Level One Coaching Course	\$230	Kristy Davies will be coaching gymnastics in 2013. She has recently completed her Level One Coaching Certificate with Gymnastics NSW and is in the process of attaining 40hrs experience under the guidance of a Qualified Level 2 Coach. <i>Hay Gymnastics Club cannot operate and be affiliated with Gymnastics NSW without a Level One Coach delivering the programs.</i> Hay Gymnastics Club has been invoiced for this course.
Pollards Pest Control	\$350	Maintenance treatment for spider control due March 2013.

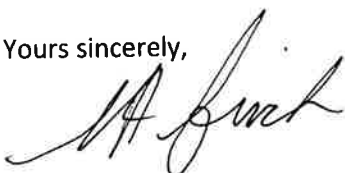
It is the intention of the Hay Gymnastics Club to have the Gymnasium operational as soon as practically possible. We understand that there may be little option other than to continue operating from our current premises. Therefore, we are seeking the financial support of Hay Shire Council.

We would also appreciate some practical help with cleaning our current facility. This would involve packing away gymnastics equipment and cleaning the internal shell of the complex, including toilet block to remove dust, debris and animal faeces. Then unpacking and setting up equipment again. At committee level we have previously discussed this matter and all members are agreeable to attending a working bee.

I am also currently in negotiations with PCYC Griffith looking into a possible amalgamation which would alleviate the burden of some of our financial costs. I.e. Affiliation and Public Liability Fees.

We look forward to your response in anticipation of this matter. I am available to either meet with you or discuss further options over the telephone. My home phone number is detailed below.

Yours sincerely,



Michelle Finch (Publicity Officer) Ph: 6993 4258

26th March 2013

Supplementary.5 - Hay Park Netball Courts

REPORTING OFFICER	Allen Dwyer – General Manager
ATTACHMENTS	

INTRODUCTION

It has been drawn to my attention that an issue with the standard of the netball courts will be raised without notice at the next Council meeting.

COMMENTARY

In order to appraise the recently elected Councillors with the facts of the matter and to remind the longer serving Councillors of the involvement of Council, details of the history on the refurbishment are attached for perusal.

In summary the process commenced in August 2008 with correspondence from the Club.

An inspection with Works and Planning Committee members and Jill Chapman took place on 16th February 2010 where certain works of improvement were recommended to Council.

Council resolved to spend \$54,000 on these improvements and subsequently received a grant of \$10,000. Total expenditure on the project was \$63,700.27.

An offer of an interest free loan of \$5000 was made to the Club to help it match a grant of \$5000 to meet the cost of the new surface on the concrete court. This offer was not taken up.

The last communication from Council to the netball committee reflected the decision of Council of 14th February 2012 which was: *“That Council encourage the organizations that use the courts to apply for grant funding to undertake further improvement works.”*

This decision of Council was made in the light of a report from the Director of Technical Services who recommended:-

“That Council:-

- 1. Provide additional earthworks and surfacing to the west side of the courts if and when the netball club decide to raise or reconstruct their existing buildings; and*
- 2. Consider the provision of coloured surfacing to the two courts in the 2012/13 budget.”*

As stated above this recommendation was not adopted by Council.

Funding provided in the 2012/13 budget for sealing the road from the netball court area to the football area in the sum of \$30,000 were reallocated by Council the Bidgee Cultural Trail Project.

There is an allocation of \$20,000 in the current budget to construct a concrete path from Pine Street through by the duck pond to the grandstand area. Council has a responsibility to ensure the courts are safe and minor maintenance works such as gravelling run-off areas will be carried out as required.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the information.