



NOTICE OF MEETING
Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the

STRATEGIC COMMITTEE

Will be held at the Council Chambers, Breese Parade, Forster on

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 9.30AM

The order of the business will be as detailed below (subject to variation by Council)

1. Apologies
2. Declarations of Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest
3. Confirmation of the Minutes from previously held meetings:
Strategic Committee Meeting 11 August 2009
4. Consideration of Officers' Reports:
Director Planning & Environmental Services
Director of Engineering Services
Director Corporate & Community Services.
9.30am - 11.00am Blackadder & Associates - process re: Community Strategic Plan
11.00am - 11.45am Swimming Pools - Council's position re: risk management - Presentation by Manager Parks & Recreation
11.45am - 12.45pm Presentation by Consultants Bennell & Assoc & Deicke Richards:
 - Amended Stroud Heritage DCP
 - Dwelling & Dual Occupancy DCP
- 12.45pm - 1.30pm LUNCH
- 1.30pm - 3.45pm Public Presentations on Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest and Pacific Palms DCP - issues raised to be workshopped by Consultants Bennell & Assoc & Deicke Richards.
- 4.00pm Inspection of Sunset Place, Tuncurry Development Application.
5. Urgent Business
6. Close of Meeting

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith O'Leary", written over a white background.

Keith O'Leary
General Manager

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL

COUNCIL STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Council has adopted a Vision, Mission and five Strategic Objectives to guide the overall direction of Great Lakes Council.

VISION

Great Lakes.....

A leader in the provision of infrastructure and services which sustain and enhance the natural environment and achieve a quality lifestyle for residents and visitors.

MISSION

Providing governance which is:

- *Effective*
- *Efficient*
- *Socially Just*
- *Transparent*
- *Visionary*

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. *Natural and Built Environment*

To plan for future growth while ensuring a healthy well managed natural environment.

2. *Community and Social Wellbeing*

To provide opportunities for recreation and culture for all and to foster a safe and caring community.

3. *Economic Development*

To plan for sustainable economic and tourism development.

4. *Infrastructure Management*

To plan and manage infrastructure and assets to meet community needs.

5. *Corporate Governance*

To ensure Council management and practices provide effective, efficient, socially just, transparent and visionary governance. To create long term financial viability while responding to the needs and demands of the community.

The following is extracted from Council's adopted Code of Conduct. The Code applies to Councillors, members of staff and delegates of Council and also includes contractors and volunteers

GREAT LAKES COUNCIL

CODE OF CONDUCT PRINCIPLES AND ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

- **Integrity** – You must not place yourself under any financial or other obligation to any individual or organisation that might reasonably be thought to influence you in the performance of your duties.
- **Leadership** – You have a duty to promote and support the key principles by leadership and example and to maintain and strengthen the public's trust and confidence in the integrity of Council. *This means promoting public duty to others in the council and outside, by your own ethical behaviour.*
- **Selflessness** – You have a duty to make decisions solely in the public interest. You must not act in order to gain financial or other benefits for yourself, your family, friends or business interests. *This means making decisions because they benefit the public, not because they benefit the decision maker.*
- **Objectivity** – You must make decisions solely on merit and in accordance with your statutory obligations when carrying out public business. This includes the making of appointments, awarding of contracts or recommending individuals for rewards or benefits. *This means fairness to all; impartial assessment; merit selection in recruitment and in purchase and sale of council's resources; considering only relevant matters.*
- **Accountability** – You are accountable to the public for your decisions and actions and must consider issues on their merits, taking into account the views of others. *This means recording reasons for decisions; submitting to scrutiny; keeping proper records; establishing audit trails.*
- **Openness** – You have a duty to be as open as possible about your decisions and actions, giving reasons for decisions and restricting information only when the wider public interest clearly demands. *This means recording, giving and revealing reasons for decisions; revealing other avenues available to the client or business; when authorised, offering all information; communicating clearly.*
- **Honesty** – You have a duty to act honestly. You must declare any private interests relating to your public duties and take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in such a way that protects the public interest. *This means obeying the law; following the letter and spirit of policies and procedures; observing the code of conduct; fully disclosing actual or potential conflict of interests and exercising any conferred power strictly for the purpose for which the power was conferred.*
- **Respect** – You must treat others with respect at all times. This means not using derogatory terms toward others, observing the rights of other people, treating people with courtesy and recognising the different roles others play in local government decision-making.

Ethical Decision Making

Consider the following points when assessing a potential action or decision.

- Is the decision or conduct legal?
- Is it consistent with Council policy, Council's objectives and Council's Code of Conduct?
- What will the outcome be for yourself, your colleagues, Council and other interested parties?
- Does it raise a conflict of interest?
- Do you stand to privately gain or lose at the public expense?
- Can the decision be justified in terms of the public interest?
- Would the decision withstand public scrutiny?

