

MINUTES
20 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 9:00 AM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS



Attendance – Cr Clarence Haydon returned to the meeting at 10.24am.

2.01.04 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION COMMISSION

Background – The Local Government Remuneration Commission is commencing the annual remuneration review process to determine the remuneration to be paid to Mayors, Deputy Mayors and Councillors from 01 July 2023. The Commission is inviting email submissions in relation to remuneration for Councillors of local governments to inform the Commission's deliberations.

The Commission will also be available during the LGAQ 126th Annual Conference for a meeting with Council on Monday 17 October 2022 only, for deputations.

Officer's Recommendation – For Council discussion.

Resolution No: 3573

Moved Cr Kelly Carter

Seconded Cr Trevor Mitchell

That Council note the invitation received from the Local Government Remuneration Commission, and no further action is required.

CARRIED 7/0

2.01.05 LETTER FROM HAZEL KLEINAU – COMMONWEALTH POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

Background – Letter received seeking Council's support in relation to the establishment of a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank.

Officer's Recommendation – For Council discussion.

Resolution No: 3574

Moved Cr Arthur Bode

Seconded Cr Kelly Carter

That Council write a letter of support for the proposed project and await further information on the matter.

CARRIED 7/0

2.01.06 HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM POLICY

Background – The Housing Grant Program Policy will be presented at Council Meeting for consideration by Council.

Officer's Recommendation – For Council discussion.

Resolution No: 3575

Moved Cr Kim Middleton

Seconded Cr Trevor Mitchell

That Council adopt the Housing Grant Program Policy as presented.

CARRIED 7/0

Attendance – Cr Kelly Carter left the meeting for personal reasons at 10.38am and returned to the meeting at 10.42am.

28 August 2022: Flinders Shire Council

Dear Mayor McNamara,

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THIS PROPOSAL FOR A NEW BANK?

Enclosed please find a flyer about the proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank. The flyer fleshes out some details of the key points about this proposed new Bank.

Herewith too, a summary of the 4 key points (a half-minute read):

1. The Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank Act 2021, (to be tabled by Bob Katter in Federal Parliament) would be a permanent solution to secure the long term viability of the LPOs (Licensed Post Offices). It would be good for the LPOs to be free of having to negotiate payment contracts for services rendered to the big four banks. (Since Christine Holgate left, those contracts are not as good a deal as they should be for the LPOs.) This new entity would provide all financial products and banking services, including short and long-term loans and including long-term financing of infrastructure projects to support business, economic growth and increased productivity, especially in Regional Australia. The Post Offices would no longer simply be agents facilitating deposits and withdrawals for the big four banks.
2. The government-backed Postal Savings Bank would fill the vacuum being left by the never-ending bank closures all over the country.
3. There are seven main reasons to establish a public post office bank.
4. Are you able to pass a Council resolution in support of the establishment of a Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank? If so, please forward that resolution to your federal representative, to your Qld State Representative/s and to all Queensland Senators of all parties.

Regards,

Hazel Kleinau



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P.S. We look forward to seeing the re-vamped Flinders Discovery Centre on our next trip to Hughenden. We also particularly enjoyed the Holden Cafe on our last trip in May!

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29 September 2022

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Dear Robbie

RE: COMMONWEALTH POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

Council recently received the attached letter and flyer from Hazel Kleinau in relation to the proposed Commonwealth Postal Savings Bank.

The letter was presented at Council meeting held on 20 September 2022 for information. At this meeting Council resolved to write to you in support of the establishment of this bank to provide basic banking opportunities for the residents of our Shire, as a solution to the many banking and financial problems confronting rural and remote communities at present with the ongoing closure of many of the big bank's branches in the smaller communities and Australia wide.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Boppudi', is positioned above the printed name and title.

Hari Boppudi
Chief Executive Officer