

## REPORTS THROUGH THE GENERAL MANAGER

### REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SERVICES

a3 [EC] Flag Raising Ceremony - 25 June 2005

#### ORIGIN:

Environment & Health Services

#### SUMMARY OF REPORT:

Council, at its meeting held 1 June 2005 considered recommendations from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Meeting of 6 May 2005 and confirmed a recommendation regarding a formal flag raising ceremony as follows:-

#### **"427 COUNCIL DECISION:**

***Administrator Boyd  
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At the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held 10 June 2005 a request was put forward, further to Council's decision at Minute Number 427 above.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That, with regard to the Flag Raising Ceremony, Council:-

1. Confirms its decision at Minute Number 427 of the meeting held 1 June 2005 being:-

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2. Conducts the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Tweed Heads Civic Centre on Saturday, 25 June 2005.
3. Agrees to an additional request from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee held 10 June 2005 that the prescribed hiring fee of \$219.40 for the use of the Tweed Heads Civic Centre Foyer area be waived.
4. Advises the Aboriginal Advisory Committee that it agrees that the Committee be given leave to invite two children, representing both the Indigenous Aboriginal and non-indigenous Aboriginal Community from Tweed Heads Schools.
5. Provides morning tea (tea, coffee, biscuits) at Council's expense.

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An extract from the Aboriginal Advisory Committee Minutes held 10 June 2005, relevant to the flag raising ceremony is as follows:-

*"Administrator Boyd requested that if possible, the Flag Raising Ceremony item from the last Minutes of 6 May 2005 be added as a late agenda item to the next Council meeting to be held on Wednesday, 15 June 2005 with the additional request that the prescribed hiring fee of \$219.40 be waived and Council to supply morning tea (tea, coffee, biscuits) for those attending."*

In consideration of the request for the waiving of the applicable hiring fee of \$219.40, it is considered that as the Aboriginal Advisory Committee is a Committee under the auspices of Council, that the waiving of the fee is appropriate.

In consideration of the request for the provision of morning tea for the benefit of attendees, it is likely that approximately 50 (fifty) attendees could be reasonably expected and that the provision of the morning tea can be satisfied within existing budget considerations.

**LEGAL/RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Should requests be approved for the waiving of fees for room hire, the income for the meeting room will be impacted by the amount of the fee reduction.

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**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

In considering this request, reference should be made to:-

Festivals Policy.

Donations Policy.

Guidelines for Fee Reduction, Auditoriums, Meeting Rooms and Halls.

**UNDER SEPARATE COVER/FURTHER INFORMATION:**

Nil.

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