



Vincent Street  
CESSNOCK 2325

28 May 2008

To All Councillors

*You are hereby notified that the next Meeting of the Corporate & Community Committee will be held in the Council Chambers, on Wednesday, 4 June 2008 immediately following the conclusion of the Infrastructure & Services Committee Meeting, for the purpose of transacting the undermentioned business.*

**B R MORTOMORE  
GENERAL MANAGER**

**AGENDA:**

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**(1) APOLOGIES.**

**(2) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

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**ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY**

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## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### **ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY REPORT NO. 45/2008**

**SUBJECT: 2008/09 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR FEES**

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Financial & Administrative Services Manager, Robert Maginnity, reports:-

The NSW Local Government Remuneration Tribunal has handed down its Determinations under the Local Government Act 1993, pursuant to Sections 239 (Categorisation of councils and mayoral offices) and 241 (Determination of fees). The Tribunal has determined an increase of 4% in the annual fees for Mayors and Councillors for 2008/09.

Council is classified as a category 3 with the minimum and maximum fees for 2008/09 being:

	Minimum Fee	Maximum Fee
Mayor	\$14,610	\$33,010
Councillor	\$6,870	\$15,120

Council needs to fix the remuneration level for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 for the Mayor and Councillors by way of resolution. Should Council not determine or fix an annual fee, then in accordance with Section 248 (4) and 249 (4) of the Local Government Act 1993 the minimum remuneration levels as determined by the Tribunal will apply.

The fees fixed by Council must be in the range determined by the Tribunal and it is mandatory for the fees to be paid to the Mayor and Councillors. However, where the payment of an annual fee adversely affects a Councillors entitlement to a pension, benefit or allowance, the Council may agree to the non-payment or reduction of the annual fee.

Council may pay the Deputy Mayor a fee determined by Council for such time as the Deputy Mayor acts in the office of the Mayor. The amount of such fees so paid must be deducted from the Mayor's annual fee.

The fees set by Council at its meeting of 23 May 2007 for the 2007/08 year were \$31,740 for the Mayor, \$14,540 for Councillors and a Deputy Mayoral allowance of \$800.

The Draft 2008/09 Budget provided for a 3% increase for Mayoral & Councillor allowances which are less than the increase determined by the Tribunal. If Council were to resolve to adopt the maximum fee then additional funding of \$2,170 would need to be provided.

**RECOMMENDATION** that Council determine and fix the annual fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors for the 2008/09 year and determine whether a fee is to be paid to the Deputy Mayor.

To: **The General Manager**  
Corporate & Community  
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**ACTING DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY  
REPORT NO. 46/2008**

**SUBJECT:     REQUEST FOR DONATION**

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Community Worker, Ms J Forbes, reports:-

On the 6 September 2006 Council resolved to adopt a Donations Policy. Since this time Council has funded various requests for donations. The Policy was amended at Council's meeting held on 16 April 2008.

Below is a further donation request that Council has received that meets the revised criteria set out in the Donations Policy.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL**

Correspondence received 14 May 2008 seeking a donation towards the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal.

St Vincent de Paul society assists many disadvantaged families throughout the year. It is estimated that 80-100 families in the Cessnock LGA receive assistance in the form of bedding, food vouchers and bill and fuel help during the winter period.

A copy of this request has been included with the Enclosure Documents and there is presently \$2,323 remaining in the Donations Budget for Council's consideration.

**RECOMMENDATION** that correspondence is submitted for determination.

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