



SNOWY MONARO
REGIONAL COUNCIL

BUSINESS PAPER

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**Extraordinary Council Meeting
14 December 2016**

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

A conflict of interest arises when the Administrator or Council staff are influenced, or are seen to be influenced, in carrying out their duties by personal interests. Conflicts of interest can be pecuniary or non-pecuniary in nature.

A pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of a financial gain or loss.

A non-pecuniary interest can arise as a result of a private or personal interest, which does not relate to money. Examples include friendship, membership of an association or involvement or interest in an activity.

The Administrator or staff member who considers they may have a conflict of interest should read Council Policy.

The responsibility of determining whether or not the Administrator or Council employee has a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in a matter, is the responsibility of that individual. It is not the role of the Administrator or General Manager, or another Council employee to determine whether or not a person may have a conflict of interest.

Should you be unsure as to whether or not you have a conflict of interest you should err on the side of caution and either declare a conflict of interest or, you should seek the advice of the Director General of Local Government.

The contact number for the Director General of Local Government is 4428 4100.

COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council Code of Conduct is a requirement of Section 440 of the Local Government Act 1993, which requires all councils to have a code of conduct to be observed by the Administrator, members of staff and delegates of the Council attending a Council meeting or a meeting of a committee of Council.

The code of conduct sets out the responsibilities of the Administrator and Council employees attending a Council meeting or a meeting of a committee of Council. The code also sets out how complaints against a Council employee, the Administrator or General Manager are to be made.

COUNCIL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

The Council Code of Meeting Practice is a requirement of Section 360(3) of the Local Government Act 1993, which requires all councils to have a code of meeting practice. The code of meeting practice is to be observed by the Administrator, members of staff, delegates of the Council and members of the public attending a Council or a meeting of a committee of Council.

Acknowledgement of Owners of Land

Council wishes to show our respect to the First Custodians of this land the Ngarigo people and their Ancestors past and present who pass on this duty of custodianship of the land to us the current custodians. We are proud to be Australian and celebrate the diverse backgrounds and cultures that make up our Nation – our Land.

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
TO BE HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 81 COMMISSIONER STREET, COOMA NSW
2630**

**ON WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016
COMMENCING AT 1.00PM**

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- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**
- 2. PUBLIC FORUM**
- 3. APOLOGIES/REQUESTS OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE**
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
(Declarations also to be made prior to discussions on each item)
- 5. CORPORATE BUSINESS - KEY DIRECTION 7. PROVIDING EFFECTIVE CIVIC LEADERSHIP AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**
 - 5.1 Presentation of General Purpose Financial Statements 2
- 6. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**
Nil

5.1 PRESENTATION OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Record No:

Responsible Officer:	Director Service Support
Author:	Finance Manager
Key Direction:	7. Providing Effective Civic Leadership and Citizen Participation
Delivery Plan Strategy:	DP7.1 Ensure that legislative obligations are met throughout all Council departments.
Operational Plan Action:	OP7.3 Completion of Financial statutory and regulatory reports in accordance with specified requirements.
Attachments:	Nil
Cost Centre	4010 – Financial Services
Project	Financial Statements
Further Operational Plan Actions:	OP7.2 Completion of reporting requirements in accordance with legislation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To present the Auditor's Report and the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the former Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and Bombala Council in accordance with Section 419 of the Local Government Act (1993).

The following officer's recommendation is submitted for Council's consideration.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council

- A. Receive the Auditor's Report and the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the period ended 12 May 2016 for the former Cooma-Monaro Shire Council
- B. Receive the Auditor's Report and the General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the period ended 12 May 2016 for the former Bombala Council

BACKGROUND

The General Purpose and Special Purpose Financial Statements for the former Cooma-Monaro Shire Council and Bombala Council have been audited and on public exhibition for 7 days as required under Section 418 of the Local Government Act (1993). As per Section 419 of the Act, Council is now required to present the Statements.

QUADRUPLE BOTTOM LINE REPORTING

1. Social

The presentation of the Council's General and Special Purpose Financial Statements and accounting policies for the partial year end 12 May 2016 will provide assurance of equity within and between generations.

2. Environmental

No direct environmental impacts.

3. Economic

The preparation, compilation and audit of Council's Financial Statements has been provided for in Council's annual budget in the Financial Services Program.

4. Civic Leadership

The audit of Council's General and Special Purpose Financial Statements and accounting policies for the partial year ended 12 May 2016 will approve the accountability of decision makers and comply with regulations.

Notice has been given that Council proposes to present the audited Financial Statements and the auditor's report to the public.

Submissions will be accepted up to 7 days after presentation of the Statements.

Following is a summary of the audited 12 May 2016 results:

The former Cooma-Monaro Shire Council:

	2016	2015
Income Statement	\$'000	\$'000
Total Income from Continuing Operations	29,526	27,134
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	<u>25,577</u>	<u>29,275</u>
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	<u>3,949</u>	<u>(2,141)</u>
Net Operating Result before Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	837	(4,360)
Balance Sheet		
Total Current Assets	22,816	19,166
Total Current Liabilities	(6,293)	(5,704)
Total Non Current Assets	446,009	444,915
Total Non Current Liabilities	<u>(829)</u>	<u>(945)</u>
Total Equity	<u>461,703</u>	<u>457,432</u>
Other Financial Information		
Operating Performance Ratio (%)	4.0%	-16.8%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio (%)	60.9%	65.4%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	5.1x	6.8x
Debt Service Cover Ratio	48.6x	26.9x
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio (%)	20.4%	6.6%
Cash Expense Cover Ratio (months)	12.8	8.6

The former Bombala Council:

	2016	2015
Income Statement	\$'000	\$'000
Total Income from Continuing Operations	10,996	10,860
Total Expenses from Continuing Operations	<u>9,306</u>	<u>11,599</u>
Operating Result from Continuing Operations	<u>1,690</u>	<u>(739)</u>
Net Operating Result before Grants & Contributions provided for Capital Purposes	759	(1,311)
Balance Sheet		
Total Current Assets	13,816	12,129
Total Current Liabilities	(1,885)	(2,054)
Total Non Current Assets	267,855	267,643
Total Non Current Liabilities	<u>(238)</u>	<u>(227)</u>
Total Equity	<u>279,548</u>	<u>277,491</u>
Other Financial Information		
Operating Performance Ratio (%)	7.6%	-11.8%
Own Source Operating Revenue Ratio (%)	50.4%	60.3%
Unrestricted Current Ratio	10.3x	6.7x
Debt Service Cover Ratio	334x	150x
Rates & Annual Charges Outstanding Ratio (%)	21.4%	11.0%
Cash Expense Cover Ratio (months)	18.5	14.0