

2016 COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION REQUEST REGISTER

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No.	Candidate Name	Date of Request	Information requested	Was Information Provided Yes/No	Date of Response	Information Provided
1.	Cr. Amy Johnson	3 October 2016	<p>Can you please explain why the Council Facebook promoted the Western Bulldog's Reception as including the opportunity to:</p> <p>"Come along to congratulate coach Luke Beveridge and players, and see the 2016 AFL Premiership Cup".</p> <p>Did our Communications staff simply assume players would be there and as a result added this to the media release and social media messaging?</p> <p>Did a Senior Staff member provide the communications staff with the information that the players would be present?</p> <p>Or perhaps the Western Bulldogs cancelled the appearance of their players at the last minute?</p>	Yes	4 October 2016	<p>Yesterday's event has meant it has been an incredibly busy 24 hours for the organisation.</p> <p>The event was a wonderful celebration of the Western Bulldogs' historic win and Ballarat's relationship with the Club. Around 1000 people turned out to the celebration, which was attended by Western Bulldogs Coach Luke Beveridge, President Peter Gordon, CEO Gary Kent, Director of Football Chris Grant and Ballarat Engagement Manager Brett Goodes. The 2016 AFL Premiership Season Cup was also there. The MC for the event was Nathan Brown. We were very excited when the Bulldogs confirmed late last week that coaches, support staff and some players would be able to attend a community celebration in Ballarat on Monday 3 October if they won the grand final.</p> <p>Details were prepared and following the Bulldogs' fantastic win they were approved by the Western Bulldogs and communicated to ensure maximum reach in a short period of time. Late yesterday morning the organisation was advised players wouldn't be able to attend; however, the previously mentioned representatives were confirmed. We immediately communicated the change in details to manage the community's expectations. Coach Luke Beveridge also issued a heartfelt apology to the crowd and major media outlets while he was on stage and assured the community that players would visit Ballarat at a later date.</p> <p>In summary, while the organisation would have loved to welcome players to Ballarat, we understand why they couldn't make it and felt incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to host the Bulldogs in any capacity within 48 hours of their win.</p>
3.	Cr. Belinda Coates	23 September 2016	<p>Do we have an easily accessible list of the projects completed as part of our annual recurrent cycling funding for the past four years? Can I also confirm the amount is it \$250,000 per year? Do we have a ballpark estimate of annual expenditure on cycling infrastructure as part of general and ongoing road maintenance works?</p>	No	4 October 2016	<p>Unfortunately it is not easy to access a list of projects completed for the cycling budget over recent years, nor on cycling expenditure from general and ongoing road maintenance works. The cycling and other infrastructure funding streams have been closely integrated, with the cycling budget often contributing to cycling specific elements (such as bike lanes, wider safer shoulders etc) as standard upgrades are made to the road network. This has resulted in a significant expansion of the network of bike lanes right across the municipality - and ongoing improvement to conditions for cycling over recent years.</p>

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4.	Merle Hathaway	25 September 2016	Some time back I looked at Live Music policy online. Perhaps the draft one. Was this adopted? If so, could you please email me a link or file for it? I cannot find it on the Council website.	Yes	5 October 2016	Please note that the design of the document is currently being finalised without change to content. After which it will be made available fully on the Council website, in the meantime it is available by the following link (refer to page 94): http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/media/3985058/retained_final_-_public_attachments_agenda_redacted.pdf
5.	Grant Tillett	6 October 2016	Can the Council deal with application of planning subdivision PLP/2014/861 during Caretaker period.	Yes	7 October 2016	Following on from Wednesday's Council Assembly, Officers received a call in form for Lot 1 Cummins Road Miners Rest (PLP/2014/861), 134 Howe Street, Miners Rest (PLP/2016/119) and 104 Howe Street, Miners Rest (PLP/2014/364A). Officers were able to complete PLP/2014/861 and PLP/2016/119 however they have been unable to complete the assessment of PLP/2014/364A to enable this application to be heard at the next Council meeting scheduled for 12 October 2016. CEO has reviewed the processes required to have these matters heard at the next Council meeting and to ensure procedural fairness for all parties (objectors and applicants). CEO has determined that given the short timeframe in relation to advising all parties of the future processing of these applications, that the matter be deferred to a future Council meeting once the new Council is formed. This will ensure that all parties have ample time to prepare their verbal submissions to Council on the night and make the necessary arrangements to attend the meeting. The applications will not be determined under Officer delegation and the delay in processing will ensure that all three of the Miners Rest applications can be considered at one Council meeting in a holistic manner. All parties will be advised of the future processing of these applications this afternoon.
6.	Cr. Innes	22 September 2016	There were two mediation meetings regarding childcare centres in Buninyong, could I get an update on how these meetings went?	Yes	10 October 2016	309 Learmonth Street (Former Shire of Buninyong offices) – Application is for a 100 place child care centre with a car parking dispensation. Five objections were received, based on car parking, amenity impacts and the CFA who are located next door have objected on the grounds of access to their property. Mediation meeting was held and no resolution to the issues was made, we are currently considering the application and hope to have a decision made by the end of the week. 211 Palmerston Street – application is for a 100 place child care centre (all parking provided on site). Two objections received based on amenity, car parking / traffic and generally not supportive of the use. Mediation meeting held and no

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						resolutions made during the meeting. We are waiting on a Cultural Heritage Management Plan to be completed, Once we have this Plan approved we will be able to make a decision.
7.	Merle Hathaway	11 October 2016	Requested updated map of Council boundaries.	Yes	11 October 2016	Copy of updated map provided as on Council website: http://www.ballarat.vic.gov.au/ac/councillors-and-wards/ward-maps.aspx
8.	Cr. McIntosh	13 October 2016	Requested a list of submitters and copies of all the objections to PLP/2016/585 109 Webster Street, Lake Wendouree.	Yes	13 October 2016	A list of all objections and submitters to application PLP/2016/585 109 Webster Street, Lake Wendouree was provided.

Certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 55D of the Local Government Act 1989


Justine Linley
Chief Executive Officer