

**ITEM NO:** 3

**SUBJECT:** NAMING OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS FIRE CONTROL CENTRE,  
KATOOMBA

**FILE NO:** C01774 – F01939

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**Recommendations:**

1. *That the Council support the naming of the Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre being part of the Katoomba Emergency Services Centre, “The Kevin Grady and Vince Ward Memorial Fire Control Centre” in honour of their services to the City of the Blue Mountains.*
  2. *That the District Office of the Rural Fire Service be advised of the resolution of the Council and be asked to proceed with the naming.*
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**Report by Acting Group Manager Community and Corporate**

**Introduction**

This report advises the Council on the outcome of the public exhibition process regarding the proposal to name the Rural Fire Service Fire Control Centre at the Katoomba Emergency Service Centre, “The Kevin Grady and Vince Ward Memorial Fire Control Centre”.

**Report**

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 22 August 2006 the Council resolved:

- “1. *That Council request the New South Wales Rural Fire Service to seek approval of the Minister for Emergency Services and provide the Ministers consent to the naming of the Centre.*
2. *That, subject to approval of the Minister for Emergency Services concurring with the proposal, the Council resolve to give public notice to the proposal of naming the Katoomba Emergency Services Centre “The Kevin Grady and Vince Ward Memorial Emergency Services Centre”, in honour of their services to the City of the Blue Mountains.*
3. *That at the conclusion of the public exhibition period of 28 days, a report be brought to the Council outlining any public submissions in order to make a final determination on the proposed naming of the centre.”*

(Minute No. 678, 22 August 2006)

Concerns were initially raised by members of the Blue Mountains Unit of the State Emergency Services regarding the naming of the Centre in recognition of previous Rural Fire Service members only, without any recognition given to the State Emergency Service. The District Office of the Rural Fire Service revised its submission for naming of the ‘Emergency

Services Centre' to naming of the Fire Control Centre only. This revised proposal was subsequently approved by the Minister for Emergency Services.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting of 26 June 2007 the Council resolved:

- “1. That the Council resolve to give public notice to the proposal of naming part of the Katoomba Emergency Services Centre, being the Fire Control Centre, “The Kevin Grady and Vince Ward Memorial Fire Control Centre” in honour of their Services to the City of the Blue Mountains.
  
2. That at the conclusion of the public exhibition period of 28 days, a report be brought to the Council outlining any public submissions in order to make a final determination on the proposed naming of the centre.”

(Minute No. 154, 26 June 2007)

The proposal was subsequently advertised in the local press in the City of Blue Mountains News and Public Information Section for four consecutive weeks. No submissions were received either during or following the advertising period.

There are no sustainability, financial, legal or risk management issues effecting the recommendations.

The Rural Fire Service will be asked to advise Council of any public ceremony in regard to the naming.

**Conclusion**

Consultation has taken place with the three agencies occupying the building including the Minister for Emergency Services, and the differences of opinion between the RFS and the SES over the naming of the centre have been resolved. The proposal has been considered and advertised in accordance with the Protocol for Naming of Council Owned Assets (adopted by the Council on 2 December 2003), and adoption of the recommendations heading this report is proposed.

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**ITEM NO: 4****SUBJECT: COMMITTEE RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS – BRAEMAR HOUSE AND GALLERY****FILE NO: F01268**

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**Recommendations:**

- 1 That the Council formally accepts the resignations of Keith Campbell, Elfreide Daniel, Jane Lennon, Rolf Pohl and Vonnie Russell from the Braemar House and Gallery Committee.*
  - 2 That the Council acknowledges Keith Campbell, Rolf Pohl, Vonnie Russell, Elfreide Daniel and Jane Lennon's service to the community with a letter of appreciation.*
  - 3 That the Council formally appoints Coralie Faye, Mardi Magree, Graham Watson, Patricia Jennings and Colin Jennings to the Braemar House and Gallery Committee.*
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**Report by Acting Group Manager, Community & Corporate:****Reason for report**

The Braemar Gallery is the only community managed visual arts gallery in the Blue Mountains. Recently, the Council received a number of resignations from the Braemar House and Gallery Committee. However, the Council has also received expressions of interest from a number of people wishing to fill the casual vacancies left by the resigning members.

**Background**

The names of the resigning committee members, the date of their resignation, their role on committee and length of service are as follows:

- Keith Campbell resigned 13 July 2007, Chairperson, approximately four years service;
- Rolf Pohl resigned 23 July 2007, committee member, three months service;
- Vonnie Russell resigned 24 July 2007, Co-director, six years service;
- Elfriede Daniel resigned 12 August 2007, Volunteer Co-ordinator, five years service;
- Jane Lennon resigned 22 September 2007, Co-director, five months service.

At the Committee meetings of 5 November and 10 December 2007 of the Braemar House and Gallery expressions of interest to join the Committee were received from Coralie Faye, Mardi Magree, Graham Watson, and Patricia and Colin Jennings.

Under the constitution of the Braemar House Committee casual committee vacancies may be filled by Council resolution on the recommendation of the committee. Committee members so appointed shall be a member for the remaining term of the committee, which extends until the Annual General Meeting in the year following the ordinary election of Councillors.

The nominees’ details are as follows:

- Coralie Faye is a local resident who loves art. Ms. Faye has been a “Friend of Braemar Gallery” for the past four years and previously worked as a volunteer with the Gallery for two and a half years. Ms Faye is currently employed as a Client Liaison Officer with Blue Mountains Tourism and has experience in marketing, sales and running a small business. Ms. Faye has completed courses in conflict resolution and communication and believes her love of art and previous support of the Braemar Gallery would be a help to the future success of the Braemar Gallery.
- Mardi Magree is a local resident who has a life long interest in art and crafts. Ms. Magree has been a volunteer with the Braemar Gallery for eleven years and has been involved with the National Gallery of Australia and Friends of Lewers Gallery. Ms. Magree has also served as secretary and treasurer on other committees.
- Graham Watson has been a local resident of twenty years. Mr. Watson is a retired school teacher who although he does not have any expertise in art work or running a gallery would like to contribute in some way to the running of a local gallery and meet new people.
- Patricia Jennings is a retired school teacher and local resident with a lifelong interest of art and art appreciation and has been involved in the Women’s Room activities and Blue Fringe Arts Committee. Mrs Jennings has experience at executive and committee levels and feels she will be able to contribute substantially to the support of those who are passionate about furthering art and other crafts in the Springwood community.
- Colin Jennings is a local resident and a retiree with a background in graphic art and oil painting. He has taught oil painting techniques and for four years taught art as a form of therapy to people with mental illness disorders. Mr. Jennings has been a manager and has many years of committee experience. He has also completed a small business course and feels he can bring to the committee some real expertise in people skills and conflict resolution. Since retirement in the year 2000 Mr. Jennings has been a committee member of Blue Fringe Arts and a volunteer member of Braemar Gallery for four years.

**Sustainability Assessment (Triple Bottom Line Reporting):**

<b>Effects</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<a href="#"><u>Environmental</u></a>	Nil	Nil
<a href="#"><u>Social</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports creative and cultural expression.</li> <li>• Strengthens sense of local identity and place.</li> <li>• Supports access of the community to cultural opportunities.</li> </ul>	Nil
<a href="#"><u>Economic</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports existing visual arts gallery in the lower mountains</li> </ul>	Nil

**Financial implications for the Council**

Nil

**Legal and risk management issues for the Council**

Nil

**External consultation**

Not required

**Conclusion**

That the Council formally accepts the resignations of Keith Campbell, Elfreide Daniel, Jane Lennon, Rolf Pohl and Vonnie Russell from the Braemar House and Gallery Committee and acknowledges their service to the community with a letter of appreciation.

That the Council formally appoints Coralie Faye, Mardi Magree, Graham Watson, Patricia Jennings and Colin Jennings to the Braemar House and Gallery Committee.

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**ITEM NO:** 5

**SUBJECT:** RESIGNATION FROM THE MOUNT WILSON VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

**FILE NO:** F00902

**Recommendations:**

1. *That the Council formally accept the resignation of Mr Ellis Reynolds from the Mount Wilson Village Hall Committee*
2. *That the Council acknowledges Mr Reynolds' service to the community with a letter of appreciation.*

**Report by Acting Group Manager, Community and Corporate:**

**Introduction**

At the October 2007 meeting of the Mount Wilson Village Hall Committee Mr Ellis Reynolds tendered his resignation from the committee.

**Background**

Mr Reynolds has been a most conscientious member of the committee and has brought a wealth of experience relating to the hall. He has however decided to reduce his work load and take things a little easier.

Under the Constitution of the Mount Wilson Village Hall Committee, membership shall consist of not more than twelve and a minimum of four members approved and appointed by Council. The Mount Wilson Village Hall Committee consists of eight active members therefore it is not necessary to replace Mr. Reynolds at this point in time.

**Sustainability Assessment (Triple Bottom Line Reporting):**

<b>Effects</b>	<b>Positive</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<a href="#">Environmental</a>	Nil	Nil
<a href="#">Social</a>	Nil	Nil
<a href="#">Economic</a>	Nil	Nil

**Financial Implications**

Nil

**Legal and Risk Management Issues**

Nil

**External Consultation**

Nil

**Conclusion**

That the Council formally accept the resignation of Mr Ellis Reynolds from the Mount Wilson Village Hall Committee.

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**ITEM NO:** 6

**SUBJECT:** APPOINTMENT TO MID MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE

**FILE NO:** F01041

**Recommendation:**

*That the Council formally appoint Ms Sue Peel to the committee of the Mid Mountains Community Centre.*

**Report by Acting Group Manager, Community & Corporate:**

**Reason for report**

At the August 2007 committee meeting of the Mid Mountains Community Centre the Committee moved that Ms. Sue Peel be appointed as a member. Ms. Peel has resided in the Blue Mountains for twenty-five years and has worked for Home Care Service NSW – Blue Mountains for the past twelve years and is the Service Co-ordinator. Ms. Peel is also part of Home Care’s Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

**Background**

The Mid Mountains Community Centre is a multi purpose centre consisting of the Mavis Wood Communal and School Hall, Joy Anderson Meeting Room, Grace Tooth Dining Room and Kitchen all of which are available for hire by the public for social, educational, cultural, recreational and sporting activities. The centre also includes the offices of the Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre, the Home Care Service NSW – Blue Mountains Office and is also the mid mountains base of the Blue Mountains Food Services. Each service has an Agreement with Council regarding their occupation and use of the premises.

Under the constitution of the Mid Mountains Community Centre Committee casual committee vacancies may be filled by Council resolution on the recommendation of the committee. Committee members so appointed shall be a member for the remaining term of the committee, which extends until the Annual General Meeting in the year following the ordinary election of Councillors.

The committee comprises of a representative from the School, Neighbourhood Centre and Food Services. The appointment of Ms. Peel from Home Care will mean that all the community groups tenanted within the centre are equally represented.

**Sustainability Assessment (Triple Bottom Line Reporting):**

Effects	Positive	Negative
<a href="#">Environmental</a>	Nil	Nil
<a href="#">Social</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the utilisation of existing services and facilities.</li> <li>• Strengthens sense of local identity and place.</li> </ul>	Nil
<a href="#">Economic</a>	Nil	Nil

**Financial implications for the Council**

Nil

**Legal and risk management issues for the Council**

Nil

**External consultation**

Not required

**Conclusion**

That the Council formally appoint Ms Sue Peel to the Committee of the Mid Mountains Community Centre.

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ITEM NO: 7

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE / DONATIONS – RECOMMENDATIONS  
BY COUNCILLORS

FILE NO: C00944

**Recommendation:**

*That the Council approve the following donations from the Councillors' Minor Local Projects*  
*Vote:*

<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<i>Blackheath Phoenix Choir Inc.</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Springwood Ministers Association</i>	<i>\$200.00</i>
<i>Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
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<i>Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>GROW</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
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<i>GROW</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>GROW</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Health Harmony</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Health Harmony</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Health Harmony</i>	<i>\$ 50.00</i>
<i>Blue Mountains SES</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Valley Heights RFS</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Springwood Lions Club</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>Warrimoo RFS</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Winmalee RFS</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<i>Faulconbridge RFS</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>

**Report by General Manager:**

On 11 July 2000 the Council adopted a revised Policy for Councillors' Minor Local Projects allocations for the provision of community assistance/donations. The following recommendations for donation, which appear to fall within the ambit of the Policy, have been received and are submitted for approval.

**Minor Local Projects**

<u>Recommending Councillor</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cr Hamilton	Blackheath Phoenix Choir Inc.	Purchase music scores	\$200.00
Cr McInnes	Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre	Vale Street Social	\$100.00
Cr O'Grady	Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre	Vale Street Social	\$100.00

Cr Trindall	Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre	Vale Street Social	\$100.00
Cr McInnes	GROW	Mental illness support group meeting	\$100.00
Cr Trindall	GROW	Mental illness support group meeting	\$100.00
Cr McLaren	GROW	Mental illness support group meeting	\$100.00
Cr O'Grady	GROW	Mental illness support group meeting	\$100.00
Cr Searle	GROW	Mental illness support group meeting	\$100.00
Cr Vanderkley	GROW	Mental illness support group meeting	\$50.00
Cr Trindall	Health Harmony	To provide natural healing at Community events	\$50.00
Cr Myles	Health Harmony	To provide natural healing at Community events	\$50.00
Cr McLaren	Health Harmony	To provide natural healing at Community events	\$50.00
Cr Myles	Blue Mountains SES	Admin costs	\$100.00
Cr Myles	Valley Heights RFS	Admin costs	\$100.00
Cr Myles	Springwood Lions Club	Admin costs	\$500.00
Cr Myles	Warrimoo RFS	Admin costs	\$100.00
Cr Myles	Winmalee RFS	Admin costs	\$100.00
Cr Myles	Faulconbridge RFS	Admin costs	\$100.00
Cr Angel	Springwood Ministers Association	Springwood Carols	\$200.00

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