

Memo

Planning Place & Community

To: All Councillors
From: David Kerr
General Manager Planning Place & Community
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Subject: Elanora Community Centre
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I refer to a request from Cr De Luca and provide the following response.

1. Why was the Committee disbanded, was it a S355 Committee and will it be re-established?

As a result of amalgamation all committees of the three former Councils were disbanded on 12 May 2016. As a result of this proclamation at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on 19 May, the Administrator resolved to dissolve all community committees and SRGs formerly of all three Councils. Following this resolution the committees were advised of this in writing by their former Council. In this communication the committees were also informed that the committees could continue to meet informally.

Prior to amalgamation the Elanora Heights Community Centre Committee was a S355 Committee of the former Pittwater Council.

The re-establishment of community committees is a matter for the elected Council to determine.

2. Why did Council seek to cancel the Anniversary celebrations of the Centre and what has/will be done by Council to mark this auspicious occasion and honour past volunteers?

The Elanora Heights Community Centre 50th Anniversary ceremony took place on Sunday 29 May, 2016 and was well attended by the community with an estimated 350 guests. Anniversary events do not occur at community centres annually.

3. Was there any money held by the Committee in an external account? If so how much and if Council took that money, will it be returned to the Committee for community use?

External accounts were held by all former Community Centre S355 Committee up until the introduction of the GST in 2002 when all monies went into Pittwater Council general funds. There was no money held by the S355 Committee in an external account at the time of the amalgamation.

Should you require any further information about matters raised in this memo please contact my office on 9942 2652.



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