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Summerland Way Promotional Committee
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24 November 2016

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Dear

Summerland Way Promotional Committee

Kyogle Council at its Ordinary Meeting on Monday 14 November 2016 resolved the following:

"That Council re-establish the Summerland Way Promotional Committee (SWPC) with the same membership as when it was disbanded."

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The SWPC was established in 1976 and played a vital role in securing State and Federal funding for the upgrade of the Summerland Way. The committee was wound up in June 2014 because the Pacific Highway duplication project was a higher priority into the foreseeable future. That situation has now changed.

The Pacific Highway upgrade is fully funded and is scheduled for completion in 2020. This will free up a huge amount of civil works construction capacity. It is also likely that continued infrastructure spending will be required to support and stimulate the economy.

Further development of the inland Grafton to Brisbane corridor is now underway with the \$240m second crossing of the Clarence River at the Grafton end, and the Beaudesert bypass on the northern side of the Queensland-New South Wales border. To realise the potential of the Summerland Way as a viable alternative to the Pacific Highway for heavy vehicles operating between Northern NSW and South East Queensland, the east of Mt Lindesay deviation needs to be constructed. This project would reduce travel distance from Grafton to Brisbane by 18kms and enable more efficient freight movements from Bromelton to southern and inland destinations.

There is substantial interest in pursuing further upgrades to this corridor from local politicians, Regional Development Australia (RDA) and industry.

The re-establishment of the SWPC would provide a strong unified voice to promote the upgrade of the Summerland Way and the East of Mt Lindesay deviation in particular and provide a forum for targeted lobbying of State and Federal Governments for funding to ensure this critical infrastructure project is realised.

If you are interested in re-establishing the committee or would like to discuss the matter further, please feel free to contact me directly on 6632 0228 or 0427 921 605.

Yours faithfully

Graham Kennett
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

CC Thomas George MP, State Member for Lismore
Kevin Hogan MP, Federal Member for Page
Alex Smith, CEO RDA Northern Rivers

From: Scott Greensill
Sent: Monday, 30 January 2017 11:14:32 AM
To: Graham Kennett; Gary Murphy; David Keenan **CC:** Janelle McLennan
Subject: RE: Summerland Way Promotional Committee re-establishment

Hello Graham,

My apologies for the delay in responding.

Clarence Valley Council was the main advocate for the disbanding of the original committee and I am of the belief that the circumstances which gave rise to the disbandment essentially have not changed. The Council and staff involved in the committee told me that the committee was serving no purpose and as such attendance was a waste of time.

We are currently experiencing in excess of \$5billion worth of construction work in our LGA as part of the Pacific Highway upgrade and it would stand to reason that this would be expected to be our primary road transport route to Queensland. Having said this, RMS are also spending approximately \$250Million on a second crossing of the Clarence River at Grafton which in effect is the southern starting point for the Summerland Way and as such Council would have an interest in ensuring that the highway is maintained to a high standard for travelling who choose the highway for their transport.

I believe that CVC would be interested in supporting any advocacy through a regional body such as RDA or Council JO but the establishment of a separate committee for this purpose would most likely be rejected.

Regards

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From: [Gary Murphy General Manager](#)
To: [Graham Kennett](#)
Subject: FW: Summerland Way Promotional Committee re-establishment
Date: Monday, 30 January 2017 2:09:22 PM
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Dear Graham,

I apologise for not responding to you sooner.

Council has not formally considered the re-establishment of the Summerland Way Promotional Committee (SWPC). However, I don't believe we would be supportive of the re-establishment of the SWPC for the inferred purpose. Reusing the previous title is also problematic given the potential lack of clarity around tourism versus road capacity considerations.

The advice by Richmond Valley Council around the use of the RDA is supported, as is the CVC suggestion regarding the Joint Organisation possibly being the lead agency.

The region needs an integrated regional transport plan supported by the three tiers of government, industry stakeholders and community. This "plan" should prioritise our investments in regional transport.

Having a single purpose committee to focus on the Summerland Way and Mount Lindsay connection, is seen as counterproductive to great regional outcomes.

Kind regards
Gary Murphy

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Lismore City Council acknowledges the people of the Bundjalung Nation, traditional custodians of the land on which we work.

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From: Vaughan Macdonald
Sent: Wednesday, 21 December 2016 12:47:09 PM
To: Graham Kennett
CC: ElectorateOffice Lismore Hogan, Kevin (MP); Alex Smith; Janelle McLennan; Gary Murphy; Scott Greensill
Subject: RE: Summerland Way Promotional Committee re-establishment

Hi Graham

Richmond Valley Council fully supports the intent of what Kyogle Council is aiming to achieve with this proposal. However, we don't believe that re-establishing the Summerland Way Promotional Committee is the best vehicle to achieve the outcomes we seek as a region. Following on from the recent discussions convened by Kevin Hogan and led by Dr James Cowley, what the region needs is the right group of people who are positioned to develop, promote and drive the regional economic agenda.

From the discussions we have been involved in during 2016, the RDA is best placed to drive this agenda with input/support from Council GMs and economic development managers along with SCU and industry based groups to develop a plan based on evidence that encompasses all aspects of regional economic development. RDA with SCU have recently prepared a scope for a North Coast Freight study which when completed will set a platform for a thorough understanding of the opportunities for the region to support freight movements by road and rail and will provide evidence to support bids for road, rail and other infrastructure upgrades. The focus of our efforts must be broader than the Summerland Way, so that our region has shared priorities and a clear agenda to pursue in partnership with the Federal and State Governments to achieve the outcomes our communities desire.

RVC supports continuing the discussions with the regional strategy group that Kevin Hogan convenes at this time.

Regards Vaughan

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21 December 2016

Mr Graham Kennett
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Dear Mr Kennett

Re-establishment of the Summerland Way Promotional Committee

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 24 November 2016 regarding Kyogle Council's resolution to re-establish the Summerland Way Promotional Committee (SWPC). Scenic Rim Regional Council was a member of the inter-regional SWPC prior to its dissolution in June 2014.

I note the circumstances of the dissolution as recorded in the minutes of Kyogle Council's August 2014 Ordinary Meeting: "the committee's domestic objectives have largely been achieved, resulting in the vastly improved standard of this highway, particularly to the north of Kyogle".

Given the brief period since the dissolution of SWPC it is apparent that any new entity would be chartered with a different set of objectives to its predecessor. Scenic Rim Regional Council is receptive to the idea of participating in a reformed SWPC but believes a business case needs to be developed to support this and establish what objectives such an entity should reasonably pursue.

In this context, it is evident that development of intermodal capability at Casino and Bromelton, both sited on the interstate rail line which largely follows the alignment of the Summerland Way, provides a competing solution for freight movements between Northern New South Wales and South East Queensland.

There is also merit in maintaining the Summerland Way as a scenic alternative to the heavily trafficked coastal Pacific Highway for travellers rather than advocating its upgrade as an inland road freight corridor.

Scenic Rim Regional Council looks forward to working with Kyogle Council and other stakeholder agencies to further explore the reformation of the SWPC.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig R Barke", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Craig R Barke
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

From: David Keenan
Sent: Monday, 30 January 2017 10:45:52 AM
To: Graham Kennett; Gary Murphy; Scott Greensill
CC: Janelle McLennan
Subject: RE: Summerland Way Promotional Committee re-establishment

Good afternoon Graham,

My apologies for the late response.

I have consulted with the Mayor, Councillors and staff. Southern Downs Regional Council would not be interested in being involved the re-establishment of the Summerland Way Regional Committee.

Please ECM Marion

With thanks

David Keenan
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Southern Downs Regional Council
