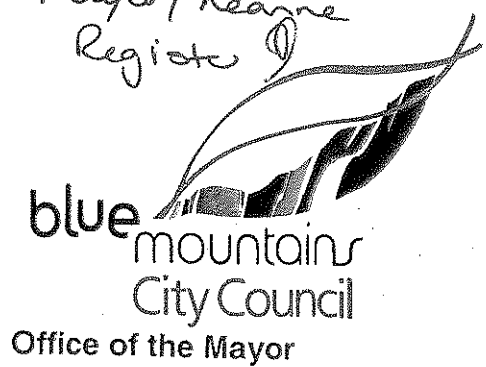


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Mr Keith Sullivan
Mayor
Oberon Council
PO Box 84
OBERON NSW 2787

Dear Clr Sullivan

Subject: Bicentenary Crossing Commemorations

Earlier this year I wrote to you inviting you to attend a meeting on 2 June 2011 to discuss a combined LGA response to the commemorations of the Bicentenary of the Crossings of the Blue Mountains 2013-2015.

On 2 June representatives from Penrith, Lithgow and Blue Mountains City Councils met and agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to formalise our intentions to work co-operatively in the planning and scheduling of events and in liaison with State and Federal government agencies in support of the commemorations.

It was discussed that similar approaches be made to Bathurst, Hawkesbury and Oberon Councils to assist in strengthening the alliance and the purpose of this letter is to invite your Council to be part of that alliance.

The enclosed Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared on this basis and is enclosed for your information and consideration.

Should your Council agree to be part of this Alliance, we will include an addendum to the MOU and send copies to you for signature.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Daniel Myles
Mayor
Blue Mountains City Council

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Blue Mountains City Council
Penrith City Council
&
Lithgow City Council

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents and formalises the voluntary relationship between the above local government authorities and formalises the establishment of the Bicentenary Crossings of the Mountains Alliance.

1 Purpose

The purpose of the MOU is to establish a framework for co-operation to achieve mutual benefit between the Councils. This MOU provides a structure to facilitate the establishment if appropriate, of subsequent sub-ordinate agreements to deal with specific matters.

This MOU is consistent with Section 355 of the Local Government Act 1993 which provides that a function of a Council may be exercised jointly by the Council and another Council or Councils.

2 Objectives

The objectives of this voluntary relationship include strengthening the capacity for:

- regional planning of events to commemorate the Bicentenary of the crossings of the Blue Mountains between 2013 - 2015;
- resource and information sharing to where possible develop complimentary events and avoid duplication of events commemorating the Bicentenary
- cross promotion of events and activities commemorating the Bicentenary
- liaison with State and Commonwealth agencies as required to seek acknowledgement, and where appropriate, funding for events in 2013-2015 for the Bicentenary;
- Other matters that may arise from time to time.

3 Operations

The Alliance will meet as required on a rotational basis at participating Councils. The Mayor of the host participating Council will chair that specific meeting and arrange to service that meeting including appropriate administrative support and communications with respect to matters dealt with at that meeting. Representatives of participating Councils in the Alliance are the Mayor and relevant staff of each Council.

The Alliance may establish sub-groups or task forces to deal with particular matters and may invite others to participate on those groups.

4 Participation

Any Council can terminate their involvement in the Alliance by serving the other Councils with ninety (90) days prior notice.

5 Disclaimer

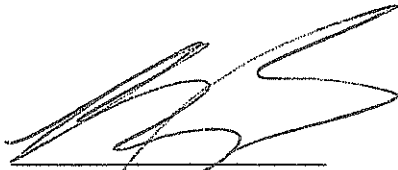
This MOU is not to be interpreted that any of the Councils is relinquishing their independence, autonomy or status as Councils constituted under the Local Government Act 1993.

6 Review

The Alliance will conduct an annual self-assessment of achievements, progress and effectiveness

7 Effective Date and Duration

This Partnership Agreement becomes effective upon signature by the participating Councils. The Agreement will continue in effect until modified by mutual consent of the participants or terminated under Clause 4 above.



Clr Daniel Myles
Mayor

Blue Mountains City Council

6/9/2011
Date

Penrith City Council

Clr Jim Aitken OAM
Deputy Mayor

Date

Lithgow City Council

Clr Neville Castle
Mayor

Date