

take the power available to him that might've led to the unruly behaviour of councillors such as Tett and Turland so often occurred at the hearings. And again they railed at targets whose roles and actions had nothing to do with the inquiry's terms of reference. Time and time again they attacked the findings of reports commissioned by Administrator Viv to admit that they had the reports, and refused to make any comments for the report. I wait for Commissioner and his assistant to file reports.

For note, the Premier, Helen Perrottet, has responded positively to our Word columnist's opinion on her beliefs on motherhood, feminism, her public profile read on Page 17. **Mark Wallace, Editor** m@shexpress.com.au

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We could've suspended Scandrett: Who knew?

There is a way to restore the Wingecarribee Shire Council and remove all sources of dysfunction.

If the minister restores six councillors, they now know, following evidence at the Public Inquiry into the council last week, that they would suspend an offending councillor and the majority could remove troublemaker Ian Scandrett.

Two other disruptive councillors have resigned.

Despite numerous requests to the Office of Local Government for help, it never advised council that it had the power to remove a councillor.

Five is still a quorum and there was ample evidence before the inquiry that those five could work together harmoniously.

The public inquiry into Wingecarribee Council did not question the interim administrator Viv May on matters raised in written submissions by former councillors.

The councillors were forensically and exhaustively cross-examined on their behaviour and public statements but the administrator was not subjected to any rigorous questioning on allegations he had committed many breaches of the code of conduct, sacked dedicated staff, etc etc.

I'm not saying that the suspended councillors were not fairly treated by counsel assisting and the commissioner, but the administrator was a protected species.

Perhaps this was because his performance was not covered by the terms of reference but it was not a level playing field when he could criticise councillors even though the inquiry could not test that criticism. He was a protected species under the terms of reference.

The former Liberal Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock set those terms of reference.

Much evidence was given to the inquiry that the council under Liberal mayor Juliet Arkwright was dysfunctional, but the Liberal Government of the day did not suspend that council or order a public inquiry. Another protected species.

Cr Graham McLaughlin
Bowral

How many Her Majesties?

I refer to your article (Southern Highlands Express, April 13) re the Angus cattle win.

Could you please advise your readers of the number of "Her Majesties" in the British Royal family?

Gordon Hopkins
Bowral

New Probus president

The Probus Club of Moss Vale held its annual changeover dinner at the Mittagong RSL Club recently.

Jim McGrath was elected President for the new term following on from Malcolm Stephens, who completed two terms as President due to the Coronavirus pandemic over this period.

This is a vibrant and fun and friendly members, which by an active members.

The Club provides for members social gathering, tours to international, luncheon attendance at meetings where speakers provide talks/presentation world topics as well as experiences.

The Probus Club covering Australia and New Zealand is the most accessible and welcoming to retirees, fostering of Probus - friendly fellowship.

The Moss Vale meets at Mittagong on the second Thursday of each month and is open to all members.

New members Southern Highlands are most welcome and contact information from Secretary Margaret 0409 745401 or 0409 374741.

The club's website is at www.mossvale.org.au.

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