

**Minutes of a duly convened Ordinary Meeting of the Hawkesbury River
County Council held at The Hills Shire Council at 3 Columbia Court,
Baulkham Hills on Thursday, 18 August 2016**

PRESENT: Members: Councillors; Mark Taylor MP (Chairman), Kevin Crameri OAM, Bob Porter, Marcus Cornish, Walter Smith, Alan Haselden, Warwick Mackay OAM, Jess Diaz.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Chris Dewhurst (General Manager)

Meeting Opened at 6:00PM by Clr. Mark Taylor MP (Chair).

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1869 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Marcus Cornish that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on **18 August 2016** be confirmed and adopted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S OFFICERS:

(a) From the General Manager

ITEM GM 1. RESIGNATION OF Mr. ANDREW JEFFERIES

1870 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick MacKay OAM seconded by Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM, that:

1. The report is received and information noted.
2. The Chairman writes a letter of thanks acknowledging the efforts of Mr. Andrew Jefferies on the Board of HRCC.

ITEM GM 2. RESULT OF THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

1871 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Walter Smith seconded by Councillor Jess Diaz that the report on the RESULT OF THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION acknowledging Councillor Alan Haselden as the new member of HRCC, be received and noted.

ITEM GM 3. REPORT ON MONEY'S INVESTED

1872 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Alan Haselden that the REPORT ON MONEY'S INVESTED be received and noted.

ITEM GM 4. HRCC 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW

1873 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jess Diaz seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that the report on HRCC 4TH QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW be received and noted.

ITEM GM 5. HRCC DRAFT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REVIEW 2015-16

1874 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. Council prepares the Draft HRCC Financial Statements 2015/16 in accordance with the Australian Accounting and Standards Board and refers these for audit.
3. The audited financial statements are publicly advertised once received by the General Manager.
4. The Audited Financial Statements 2015/16 are presented to the Ordinary Meeting of 27 October 2016 and includes a report from the General Manager on any submissions made by the public.

ITEM GM 6. ANNUAL OPERATIONAL RESULTS

1875 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Alan Haselden seconded by Councillor Jess Diaz that the report on STAFFING be received and noted.

ITEM GM 7. STAFFING

1876 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick MacKay OAM seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that the report on STAFFING be received and noted.

ITEM GM 8. THE HILLS SHIRE AMALGAMATION WITH PARRAMATTA CITY COUNCIL

1877 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick MacKay OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. The General Manager adopts the model of contract A and maintains a continuity of service in the Darling Mills Creek catchment area.
3. The General Manager seeks to have a MOU in place with Parramatta City Council in a similar model to the Hills Shire.
4. The General Manager contacts The Hills Shire General Manager, Mr Dave Walker in respect of this MOU.

ITEM GM 9. COUNCILLOR PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS

1878 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Walter Smith seconded by Councillor Jess Diaz that the report on COUNCILLOR PECUNIARY INTEREST RETURNS be received and noted.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICERS:

(b) From the Operations Manager

ITEM OM1. OPERATIONAL REPORT

- 1879** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM that the OPERATIONAL REPORT be received and noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1880** RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Alan Haselden seconded by Councillor Marcus Cornish that the report on CORRESPONDENCE be received and noted.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS / QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Councillor Bob Porter announced he will not be recontesting his seat in the 2016 election. He thanked the Board and General Manager for working together to turn HRCC around and make it the effective organisation it is today.

Councillor Warwick MacKay OAM announced he will not be recontesting his seat in the 2016 election. He thanked the Board and General Manager for an excellent working relationship.

Councillors Jess Diaz, Walter Smith, Kevin Crameri OAM, and Marcus Cornish thanked the Board and General Manager for an excellent working relationship.

Councillor Mark Taylor MP welcomed everyone to The Hills Shire Council, and made special mention of the two departing Councillor's – Bob Porter and Warwick MacKay OAM.

The General Manager announced that HRCC had been successful in obtaining the weed harvesting contract at Sydney International Rowing Centre.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 7:04pm (duration 64 mins)

Mr. Dewhurst _____
General Manager

Clr. Taylor _____
Chairman