

**Minutes of a duly convened Ordinary Meeting of the
Hawkesbury River County Council held in the Meeting Room of the
HRCC, 6 Walker Street, South Windsor on Thursday 9 April 2015**

PRESENT: Members: Councillors; Mark Taylor (Chairman), Bob Porter , Kevin Crameri OAM, Walter Smith, Marcus Cornish, Warwick Mackay OAM, Andrew Jefferies (6:20pm),.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Chris Dewhurst (General Manager), Mr Chris Stanfield (Operations Manager), Mr Anthony Schofield (WAP Project Officer).

Meeting Opened at 6:05PM

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

2. APOLOGIES

1764 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that the apologies of Councillor Jess Diaz be accepted.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1765 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on **12 February 2015** be confirmed and adopted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S OFFICERS:

(a) From the General Manager

ITEM GM 1. REPORT ON MONIES INVESTED

1766 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Walter Smith seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that the REPORT ON MONIES INVESTED be received and noted.

ITEM GM 2. HRCC DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015-16

1767 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter, that:

1. The General Manager's report on HRCC DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2015-16 is received and noted.
2. The General Manager communicates to each constituent Council manager the cost of HRCC Membership contribution is \$165,994 + GST for 2015/16.
3. The General Manager consults directly with our member Councils via the HRCC Management Network.
4. The Council places on public exhibition for a period of 28 days the Draft HRCC Operational Plan 2015-2016, and the General Manager reports back to the next ordinary meeting on any submissions received and changes made.
5. The Council intends to adopt the plans, with any changes, at the next Ordinary Meeting on 11 June 2015.

Councillor Andrew Jefferies entered the meeting (6:20pm)

ITEM GM 3. HRCC HIGH RISK WEEDS POLICY

1768 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that:

1. That the report is received and noted.
2. That Council adopts the HRCC High Risk Weeds Policy.

ITEM GM 4. HRCC POLICY REVIEW – HRCC ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

1769 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. Council places on public exhibition the HRCC Anti-Bullying Policy Review for a period of 28 days.
3. The General Manager reports back to Council at the next Ordinary Meeting on any submissions received.

ITEM GM 5. DRAFT SUBMISSION TO PENRITH LAKES PARKLAND VISION

1770 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Marcus Cornish, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. The General Manager lodge the submission with the NSW Office of Penrith Lakes by 30 April 2015.

ITEM GM 6. LANTANA CONTROL IN THE HAWKESBURY LGA

1771 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. Council does not support an application to upgrade Lantana to Class1 or 2.

For, Councillors: Mark Taylor, Bob Porter, Walter Smith, Marcus Cornish, Warwick Mackay OAM, Andrew Jefferies.

Against, Councillors: Kevin Crameri OAM

ITEM GM 7. STAFFING

1772 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Andrew Jefferies seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that the report on STAFFING be received and noted.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICERS:

(b) From the Operations Manager

ITEM OM1. OPERATIONAL REPORT

1773 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM that the report on Operations be received and noted.

ITEM OM2. HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT

1774 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Andre Jefferies that the report on HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT be received and noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1775 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that the report on CORRESPONDENCE be received and noted.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS / QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

The General Manager made note that Resolution 1756-2; 'Chairman to write to the Minister for Primary Industries' was not completed due to the NSW State election.

1776 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM that the meeting go into closed session for confidential business.

1777 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM that the General Manager contract for Mr Chris Dewhurst is renewed in accordance with the conditions of the Draft General Manager Contract 2015-2018 provided to this meeting.

1778 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Walter Smith seconded by Councillor Marcus Cornish that the meeting be reopened.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 7:10pm

Mr. Dewhurst _____
General Manager

Clr. Diaz _____
Chairman