

**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 October 2014**

PRESENT: Members: Councillors; Bob Porter (Chairman), Marcus Cornish, Kevin Cramer OAM, Jess Diaz (Chairman), Walter Smith, Andrew Jefferies, Mark Taylor, Warwick Mackay OAM

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

Meeting Opened at 6:08PM

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

2. APOLOGIES

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1726 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Jess Diaz seconded by Councillor Marcus Cornish that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on **14 August 2014** be confirmed and adopted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S OFFICERS:

(a) From the General Manager

Clr Bob Porter thanked the Board and HRCC staff for the past 12 months of support then vacated the position of Chairman.

ITEM GM 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

The General Manager, Mr Chris Dewhurst acted as the Returning Officer.

The Returning Officer received one nomination for the position of Chairman, Clr. Jess Diaz. As there were no other nominees, Clr. Diaz was duly elected.

The Returning Officer received one nomination for the position of Deputy Chairman, Clr. Mark Taylor. As there were no other nominees, Clr. Taylor was duly elected.

1727 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM, that:

1. The Report on ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON be received and noted.
2. The Council endorses Councillor Jess Diaz as Chairman, and Councillor Mark Taylor as Deputy Chairman for a period of 12 months from the date of this meeting.
3. The General Manager reports the results of the election to Chief Executive, Division of Local Government and the Secretary of the Local Government and Shires Association of New South Wales and the General Manager of all constituent Councils.

Clr. Jess Diaz entered the position of Chairman.

ITEM GM 2. REPORT ON MONEY'S INVESTED

1728 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that the REPORT ON MONEY'S INVESTED be received and noted.

ITEM GM 3. ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

1729 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Mark Taylor, that:

1. The report is received and information noted.
2. Council endorses the HRCC Annual Report for 2013/14, publishes it on the Council website and forwards a copy to the Minister for Local Government before 30 November 2014.
3. The General Manager provides a copy of the report to all General Managers of constituent Councils and the HRCC Management Network by 30 November 2014.

4. The General Manager provides the "Chairman's Report" as a draft Council Report for each constituent Council General Manager and Management Network delegate.

ITEM GM 4. HRCC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2013/14 FY

1730 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded by Councillor Walter Smith, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. Pursuant to Section 413 of the Local Government Act, it is of Council's opinion that the Financial Statements YE 2013/14 and Schedules have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Government Act and its Regulations, the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Australian Accounting Standards.
3. That the Financial Statements present fairly the Council's fiscal position as at 30 June 2014.
4. That Council endorses the Financial Statements for signing by Chairperson, Member and General Manager.

ITEM GM 5. SYDNEY NSW WEEDS ACTION PRGRAM - FINANCIAL REPORTS

1731 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded by Councillor Andrew Jefferies that the report on SYDNEY NSW WEEDS ACTION PRGRAM - FINANCIAL REPORTS be received and noted.

ITEM GM 6. RETURN OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The General Manager tabled the Register of Public Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests.

1732 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Walter Smith that the report on RETURN OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS be received and noted.

ITEM GM 7. STAFFING

1733 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Marcus Cornish that the report on STAFFING be received and noted.

ITEM GM 8. GENERAL MANAGER PERFORMANCE ACTION PLAN

1734 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter, that:

1. The report be received and noted
2. Council endorses the General Manager, Mr Chris Dewhurst, Performance Action Plan for 1 November 2013 to 1 November 2014.
3. Council endorses the remuneration plan contained within the Performance Action Plan.
4. The Chairperson and General Manager sign the endorsed plan.

ITEM GM 9. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW CONFERENCE DELEGATES

1735 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Bob Porter, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. Council endorses Councillors Jess Diaz and Walter Smith as voting delegates to the Local Government NSW Conference 2014.
3. The General Manager communicates the voting delegates to LGNSW.

ITEM GM10. HRCC 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT

1736 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that the report on HRCC 1ST QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT be received and noted.

ITEM GM11. HRCC INVESTMENT POLICY

1737 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Bob Porter, that:

1. The report is received and noted.
2. Council adopts the HRCC Investment Policy.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S OFFICERS:

(b) From the Operations Manager

ITEM OM1. OPERATIONAL REPORT

1738 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Mark Taylor that the report on Operations be received and noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1739 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Marcus Cornish seconded by Councillor Kevin Cramer OAM that the report on CORRESPONDENCE be received and noted.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS / QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

ITEM GB 1. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY GROUP (LGAG)

1740 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that the HRCC delegates to the Greater Sydney Local Land Services, Local Government Advisory Group (LGAG) are Councillor Bob Porter and Councillor Marcus Cornish.

As there was no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:00pm.

(Meeting duration 52min)

Mr. Dewhurst _____
General Manager

Clr. Diaz _____
Chairman