

**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 12 February 2015**

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

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

Meeting Opened at 6:10PM

1. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

2. APOLOGIES

1752 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that the apologies of Councillor Marcus Cornish be accepted.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

1753 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Kevin Cramer OAM that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on **11 December 2014** be confirmed and adopted.

4. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S OFFICERS:

(a) From the General Manager

ITEM GM 1. HRCC 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW 2014/15

1754 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Mark Taylor seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that the HRCC 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL REVIEW 2014/15 be received and noted.

ITEM GM 2. REPORT ON MONIES INVESTED

1755 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that the REPORT ON MONIES INVESTED be received and noted.

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

ITEM GM 3. HRCC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TRENDS REPORT 2015

1756 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Kevin Crameri OAM seconded by Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM that:

1. The HRCC REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE TRENDS REPORT 2015 be received and noted.
2. The HRCC Chairman write to the Minister for Primary Industries, The Hon. Katrina Hodgkinson MP and the State Members for: Hawkesbury, Londonderry, Riverstone, Blue Mountains, Penrith, Mt Druitt, Blacktown, Smithfield and Mulgoa advising of the reduced funding made available for landscape weed management in contradiction to the NSW Weeds Management Review since the transition took place from the Hawkesbury Nepean Catchment Management Authority to the Greater Sydney Local Land Services.

ITEM GM 4. NSW WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM (WAP) 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW

1757 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Andrew Jefferies seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that the REPORT ON NSW WEEDS ACTION PROGRAM (WAP) 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL REVIEW be received and noted.

ITEM GM 5. HRCC DRAFT WEEDS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY BOUNDARIES POLICY

1758 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Andrew Jefferies seconded by Councillor Bob Porter that:

1. That the report is received and noted.
2. That Council places on public exhibition for a period of 28 days the Draft HRCC Weeds on Private Property Boundaries Policy, and directly provide copies to member Council General Managers and Management Network delegates.
3. That the General Manager report back to Council at the next Ordinary Meeting with a report of any submissions received or proposed changes.
4. That Council adopts the HRCC Weeds on Private Property Boundaries Policy at the next Ordinary Meeting.

ITEM GM 6. PENRITH LAKES PARKLANDS – DRAFT VISION PLAN

1759 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that:

1. That the report is received and noted.
2. That the General Manager prepares a draft submission on the Penrith Lakes Parkland Vision for the next Ordinary Meeting.
3. That the HRCC submission focuses on the management of aquatic and terrestrial weeds across the site and long term cost impacts to the community.

ITEM GM 7. STAFFING

1760 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Bob Porter seconded by Councillor Mark Taylor that the report on STAFFING be received and noted.

5. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL OFFICERS:

(b) From the Operations Manager

ITEM OM1. OPERATIONAL REPORT

1761 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Kevin Cramer OAM that the report on Operations be received and noted.

ITEM OM2. HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT

1762 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Kevin Cramer OAM that the report on HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN AQUATIC WEED MANAGEMENT PROJECT be received and noted.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

1763 RESOLVED on the MOTION of Councillor Warwick Mackay OAM seconded by Councillor Walter Smith that the report on CORRESPONDENCE be received and noted.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS / QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

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

Mr. Dewhurst _____
General Manager

Clr. Diaz _____
Chairman