

## **MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING**

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY  
on Wednesday, 8 October, 2008  
at 6:37 pm

### **PRESENT**

Councillors N Berman – Chairperson, Councillors R Browne, D Chopra, S Evans, M Hutchence, A Martin, W McMurdo, B Mills, S Russell and M Smart.

### **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev Ian Millican, from St Mark's Anglican Church, Berowra, opened the Meeting in prayer.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY**

Statement by the Chairperson:

*"We recognise our Shire's rich cultural and religious diversity and we acknowledge and pay respect to the beliefs of all members of our community, regardless of creed or faith."*

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## **ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION**

Statement by the Chairperson:

*"We recognise the traditional inhabitants of the land we are meeting on tonight, the Darug and Guringai Aboriginal people, and respect is paid to their elders and their heritage."*

## **AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETING**

Statement by the Chairperson:

*"I advise all present that tonight's meeting is being audio recorded for the purpose of assisting in the accuracy of the Minutes. The recordings may be accessed by members of the public once the Minutes have been finalised and speakers are requested to ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and refrain from making personal comments or criticisms."*

## **OATH OF OFFICE**

The Mayor congratulated all Councillors on their election and wished them all the best in serving the community over the next four years.

The Mayor and all Councillors then read the following Oath of Office:

*"I, \_ \_ \_ \_ , having been elected a (Mayor/Councillor) of the Hornsby Shire Council, do hereby declare that I will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of the office according to the law and to the best of my judgement and ability".*

## **APOLOGIES**

Nil.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

The Mayor presented an award to the Manager Library and Information Services Branch and the Epping Library Coordinator recognising Epping Library's win in the category of Community Services/Not-For-Profit section in the Northern District Times True Local Business Awards presented on 27 August 2008.

The Mayor presented the General Manager with a Certificate of Appreciation from Technical Aid to the Disabled NSW for Council's "generous contribution to technical aid to the disabled".

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

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## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BROWNE, seconded by  
COUNCILLOR MCMURDO,

THAT the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 07/08 held on 13 August, 2008 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all members.

## **PETITIONS**

Nil.

## **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil.

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil.

## **RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil.

## **MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil.

## **ITEMS PASSED BY EXCEPTION / CALL FOR SPEAKERS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

THE MAYOR ANNOUNCED his intention to deal with the balance of the Business Paper by the exception method and announced the items.

Items 1, 2, 3 and 8 were withdrawn for discussion.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BROWNE, seconded by  
COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 4, 5, 6 and 7 be adopted.

For the sake of clarity, the above items are recorded in Agenda sequence.

*Note: Persons wishing to address Council on matters which were on the Agenda were permitted to speak, prior to the item being discussed, and their names are recorded in the Minutes in respect of that particular item.*

*Persons wishing to address Council on non-agenda matters were permitted to speak after all items on the agenda in respect of which there was a speaker from the public*

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*were finalised by Council. Their names are recorded in the Minutes under the heading "Public Forum for Non-Agenda Items".*

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **GENERAL MANAGER'S DIVISION**

*Nil*

### **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DIVISION**

#### **1 CC86/08 Election of Deputy Mayor**

**(D01002652)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RUSSELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR BROWNE,

THAT Council conduct an election for the position of Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2009.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RUSSELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR HUTCHENCE,

THAT the election of the Deputy Mayor be conducted by the Open Voting method.

THE MAYOR ASKED THE GENERAL MANAGER to act as Returning Officer and conduct the election of the Deputy Mayor.

THE GENERAL MANAGER ANNOUNCED that he had received two written nominations for the position of Deputy Mayor, nominating Councillors Evans and Mills. No further nominations were received. Both Councillors confirmed that they accepted their nominations.

THE GENERAL MANAGER EXPLAINED the procedures for voting by the Open Voting method and conducted the election in respect of the candidates.

At the conclusion of the count, the General Manager announced that Councillor Evans had received seven votes and Councillor Mills had received three votes. Councillor Evans was elected as Deputy Mayor for the period to September 2009.

#### **2 CC85/08 Councillor Representation on Committees/Working Parties/Task Forces - October 2008 to September 2009**

**(D01002571)**

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BERMAN, seconded by COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT Councillor representation on the Committees, Working Parties and Task Forces for the period until September 2009 be as indicated in the table below:

Name of Committee/ Working Party/Task Force	Councillor Representation 08/09
Berowra Creek Estuary Management Committee – BCEMC	To be determined in November or December 2008 when a further report is considered by Council.
Brooklyn Estuary Management Committee – BEMC	To be determined in November or December 2008 when a further report is considered by Council.
Bushland Management Advisory Committee	Wendy McMurdo, Steve Evans, Robert Browne, Andrew Martin
Catchments Remediation Rate Committee (CRR) Expenditure Review Committee	Wendy McMurdo, Robert Browne
Cherrybrook Technology High School Committee (MPC)	Bruce Mills, Dilip Chopra (Alternate)
Community, Cultural and Recreation Facilities Task Force	Robert Browne, Steve Evans, Steve Russell, Mick Smart, Dilip Chopra, Andrew Martin, Michael Hutchence, Bruce Mills
Dangar Island Vehicle Management Committee	Wendy McMurdo
Dural Service Centre Working Party	Steve Evans, Robert Browne, Steve Russell
Epping Town Centre Study Stakeholder Project Control Group	Robert Browne, Andrew Martin (Alternate), Michael Hutchence (Alternate)
Employment and Economic Development Task Force	Steve Evans, Robert Browne, Mick Smart, Steve Russell, Dilip Chopra, Michael Hutchence
Finance and Strategy Task Force	Nick Berman, Steve Russell, Mick Smart, Robert Browne
Floodplain Risk Management Committee (FRMC)	Wendy McMurdo, Andrew Martin (Alternate)
Friends of Lisgar Gardens	Robert Browne, Dilip Chopra, Michael Hutchence
Galston Village Masterplan Review Steering Committee	Wendy McMurdo, Steve Russell, Mick Smart
Hawkesbury/Nepean Local Government Advisory Group (HNLGAG)	Wendy McMurdo
Hornsby Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Consultative Committee	Wendy McMurdo, Robert Browne, Andrew Martin
Hornsby Kuring-gai Police & Community Youth Club	Michael Hutchence, Dilip Chopra (Alternate)
Hornsby Rural Fire Service Liaison Committee	Mick Smart, Steve Russell (Alternate)
Hornsby Shire Access Committee	Dilip Chopra, Steve Evans
Hornsby Shire Council Centenary Publications Committee	Nick Berman, Steve Evans
Hornsby Shire Heritage Advisory Committee	Robert Browne, Michael Hutchence, Andrew Martin, Steve Evans (Alternate)
Hornsby Shire Local Traffic Committee	Michael Hutchence, Bruce Mills (Alternate)
Hornsby/Kuring-gai Bush Fire Management Committee	Mick Smart, Steve Russell (Alternate), Steve Evans (Alternate)

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Housing Strategy Steering Committee	Nick Berman, Steve Evans, Robert Browne, Wendy McMurdo, Mick Smart, Bruce Mills, Steve Russell, Dilip Chopra, Michael Hutchence, Andrew Martin
Infrastructure and Asset Management Task Force	Robert Browne, Steve Evans, Wendy McMurdo, Steve Russell, Dilip Chopra, Michael Hutchence
Lillian Fraser Garden Management Committee	Robert Browne, Michael Hutchence
Metropolitan Libraries (NSW) Metropolitan Association	Bruce Mills
'Wellum Bulla' Hornsby Shire Council Materials Handling Facility Monitoring Committee	Wendy McMurdo, Steve Evans, Robert Browne, Mick Smart, Steve Russell
Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)	Nick Berman, Robert Browne, Steve Russell (Alternate), Wendy McMurdo (Alternate)
RTA Sydney Consultative Forum	Bruce Mills, Steve Evans (Alternate), Robert Browne (Alternate)
Subregional Employment Study Working Party	Nick Berman, Robert Browne
Sustainable Action Committee (SAC)	Wendy McMurdo, Robert Browne, Steve Evans, Michael Hutchence Andrew Martin, Steve Russell
Sustainability and Environment Task Force	Wendy McMurdo, Steve Evans, Robert Browne, Dilip Chopra, Andrew Martin
Sydney Coastal Councils Group	Wendy McMurdo, Mick Smart (Alternate)
Terrys Creek FMC	Michael Hutchence, Andrew Martin (Alternate)
Thornleigh West Public School Hall Committee	Dilip Chopra
Wideview Public School Hall Committee	Mick Smart

**3 CC87/08 Local Government Association Conference 2008 - Nominations of Attendees and Voting Delegates/Election of Executive Committee**

**(D01002677)**

Mr Peter Frame, of Berowra, addressed Council regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BERMAN, seconded by COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT:

1. Councillors Berman, Browne, Evans, Hutchence, Martin, McMurdo and Russell be appointed as Council's voting delegates for the 2008 Annual Conference of the Local Government Association of NSW.
2. Council note the information provided in respect of election of the Executive Committee of the Local Government Association of NSW.

**4 CC80/08 August 2008 Investment and Borrowing Report**

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON

(D00999330)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BROWNE, seconded by  
COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT the contents of Executive Manager's Report No CC80/08 be received and noted.

**5 CC81/08 June 2008 Management Plan and Budget Review**

(D00999909)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BROWNE, seconded by  
COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT:

1. The June 2008 Review of the Management Plan, including performance indicators, be received and noted.
2. The June 2008 Budget Review be adopted.

**6 CC89/08 Council's Financial Reports 2007/08**

(D01006119)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BROWNE, seconded by  
COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT:

1. The Financial Reports distributed under separate cover be received, noted and referred for audit.
2. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor be authorised to sign the Statutory Statements in connection with these Reports.
3. The Reports be authorised for "presentation to the public" on receipt of the Auditor's Reports.
4. Council delegate to the General Manager the authority to fix the date at which the Reports are formally "presented to the public".

**ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

*Nil*

**PLANNING DIVISION**

*Nil*

**STRATEGY DIVISION**

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON

Nil

## **WORKS DIVISION**

**7 WK58/08 Transport Needs of Sydney's North-West Sector - Council  
Submission to Parliamentary Inquiry**

**(D01006369)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR BROWNE, seconded by  
COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT the submission included as an attachment to Report No. WK58/08 be endorsed and  
submitted to the Director, General Purpose Standing Committee Number 4.

**8 WK59/08 Request for Expression of Interest - Jointly Funded Navigation  
Dredging Projects**

**(D01006504)**

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RUSSELL, seconded by  
COUNCILLOR EVANS,

THAT

1. Council confirm its preliminary response to the Department's invitation and seek funding for these projects.
2. The projects be listed for consideration in a future works program.

## **PUBLIC FORUM – NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr Tony Lavidis, on behalf of the Mooney Mooney Action Group, addressed Council regarding a proposal to include Mooney Mooney in the Hornsby Shire Council local government area.

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil.

## **QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil.

**THE MEETING** terminated at 7.40pm

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON



These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday, 12 November, 2008, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRPERSON