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ORDINARY MEETING

Wednesday 9 December 2009

at 6:30 pm



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ITEM 31

1. MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING

The Hills Shire Council



30 November 2009

Mr Robert Ball
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Dear Robert

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - HAWKESBURY, HORNSBY AND THE HILLS SHIRE

I refer to discussions prior to the recent Mayoral Election at which the then Mayor, Councillor Bolitho indicated a desire to consider reinvigorating a Memorandum of Understanding between the three (3) Councils that was originally signed in the early 1990's.

The Mayor of Hornsby, Councillor Berman has also indicated his desire for such a relationship/arrangement. In addition as you would now be aware The Hills Shire has now decided to cease its membership of WSROC. Council is desirous of proceeding with a formal relationship (structure yet to be determined) with Hawkesbury and Hornsby Councils.

At the meeting held prior the Mayoral Election I agreed to prepare a draft MOU for consideration.

The matter was held in abeyance pending Council's decision concerning WSROC and subsequent discussions at Council's Annual Planning Workshop which was held from 27th - 29th November 2009.

The outcome of those discussions was that Council was prepared to allow myself and the Mayor to complete a Memorandum of Understanding with Hawkesbury and Hornsby Councils and to also determine if both Mayors were in agreement, to establish some sort of formal structure to move forward this relationship.

I believe it is vitally important that any development of this relationship be heavily biased towards Economic Development together with a long term blue print/vision for the three (3) Council areas particularly in the areas of Infrastructure, Planning and Economic Development. Should your Council still be desirous of moving forward with a tripartite relationship, then it would be appreciated if both yourself and the Mayor could consider the attached draft Memorandum of Understanding with a view towards all three (3) Mayors and General Managers meeting prior to the 22nd December 2009 to finalise the MOU and to discuss the first round of future actions and also to discuss and hopefully finalise the framework for some formalised structure to move forward the relationship.

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If you are happy with this approach it would be appreciated if you could contact my Personal Assistant Ms Nicole Palisi on 9843 0104 so that a suitable time can be made prior to 22nd December 2009 to discuss the MOU, future actions and the formal structure to move forward the relationship.

Yours faithfully



Dave Walker
GENERAL MANAGER

cc: Mayor, Councillor Peter Dimbrowsky
Group Manager - Strategic Planning, Mr Michael Edgar

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Hawkesbury, Hornsby & The Hills Shire)

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between the Councils of Hawkesbury City, Hornsby and The Hills Shire.

This Memorandum of Understanding is made the day of between

HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL
HORNSBY COUNCIL
THE HILLS SHIRE COUNCIL

*366 George Street, Windsor
 296 Pacific Highway, Hornsby
 129 Showground Road, Castle Hill*

WHEREAS this Memorandum of Understanding is intended to create a relationship on each party to the extent that it is able, and where it is not able to record the intention of the parties to act cooperatively.

WHEREAS it will always be in the interest and to the good of the ratepayers and residents of the three (3) areas, it is intended to investigate, evaluate and propose a co-operative and regional direction for all three (3) Councils, whilst at the same time acknowledging the specific needs of each entity.

OBJECTS:

The objects of the relationship shall be:

- a) develop a long term strategic and economic plan/vision for the three (3) local government areas
- b) to work cooperatively and on a regional basis by developing plans, policies and actions in regard to planning, infrastructure, transport and economic development
- c) to strengthen the role of local government in regional affairs, particularly in terms of its relationship with peak organisations such as the Chambers of Commerce
- d) to foster cooperation between the members in terms of projects of interest, resource sharing etc.
- e) to determine the most appropriate structure to develop and guide the tripartite relationship
- f) to consider the needs of the local government areas and of the people of the local government areas and to make known those needs to the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments and the wider community
- g) to submit to the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments proposed policy changes and infrastructure, planning and economic development needs to satisfy the Council's obligations in terms of the metropolitan strategy or its replacement
- h) to assist members to carry out their duties/functions under the powers of the local government act 1993 and any statutory making provision for duties, functions or powers of members.

THE PARTIES AGREE to progress the objects of the Memorandum of Understanding through the General Manger's engagement of appropriate Council staff and to report monthly each year to a joint meeting of the Mayors and General Managers. The Meeting is to be held on a rotating basis at the Council Chambers of the three (3) Councils and be chaired by the host Mayor.

HAWKESBURY CITY**HORNSBY****THE HILLS SHIRE**

*Clr. Bart Bassett
 Mayor*

*Clr. Nick Berman
 Mayor*

*Clr. Peter Dimbrowsky
 Mayor*

Peter Jackson
General Manager

Robert Ball
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Dave Walker
General Manager

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