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## **MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING**

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY  
on Wednesday, 23 March, 2011  
at 6.41pm

### **PRESENT**

Councillors Berman (Chairman), Browne, Chopra, Evans, Martin, Russell and Smart

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Roger Vince of Galston Seventh Day Adventist Church, Galston opened the meeting in prayer.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY**

Statement by the Chairman:

*"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."*

### **ABORIGINAL RECOGNITION**

Statement by the Chairman:

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRMAN

*"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 Chairman:

*"I advise all present that tonight's meeting is being audio recorded for the purposes of providing a record of public comment at the meeting, supporting the democratic process, broadening knowledge and participation in community affairs, and demonstrating Council's commitment to openness and accountability. The recordings will be made available on Council's website once the Minutes have been finalised. All speakers are requested to ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and to refrain from making personal comments or criticisms."*

## **APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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

THAT the apology and request for leave of absence from Councillors Hutchence, McMurdo and Mills in respect of an inability to attend the Workshop Meeting on 23 March, 2011 be accepted and leave of absence be granted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BERMAN, BROWNE, CHOPRA, EVANS, MARTIN, RUSSELL AND SMART

AGAINST: NIL

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

## **PETITIONS**

Nil

## **MAYORAL MINUTES**

Nil

## **NOTICES OF MOTION**

Nil

## **RESCISSION MOTIONS**

Nil

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## **MATTERS OF URGENCY**

Nil

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

Nil

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.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

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

#### **1 GM6/11 The Hornsby Shire Community Plan 2010-2020, The Resourcing Strategy, The Delivery Program 2011-2015 including operational plan and budget 2011/12 and Fees and Charges 2011/12**

**(F2010/00460)**

Mrs Marcia Horvai, on behalf of the Pennant Hills District Civic Trust Inc., addressed Council regarding this item.

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

THAT following consideration of the submissions received, and taking account of the requirements of IPART regarding special rate variations, Council:

1. Adopt the amended Hornsby Shire Community Plan 2010–2020; the Resourcing Strategy; the Delivery Program 2011-2015, including the 2011/12 Operational Plan; and 2011/12 Fees and Charges, incorporating the amendments recommended in General Manager's Report No. GM6/11 and Late Item information associated with that Report.
2. Subject to IPART's determination, make and levy the Ordinary, Catchments Remediation and Hornsby Quarry Loan Rates for 2011/12 based on the preferred 7.8% rate structure outlined in the Delivery Program, that is:
  - Make and levy the Ordinary Rates in accordance with the table shown in General Manager's Report No. GM6/11.
  - Make and levy the Catchments Remediation Rate on all rateable land in the Shire, in accordance with the table shown in General Manager's Report No. GM6/11.
  - Make and levy the Hornsby Quarry Loan Rate on all rateable land in the Shire, in

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accordance with the table shown in General Manager's Report No. GM6/11.

- Continue to provide eligible pensioners with a \$10 concession in respect of the Hornsby Quarry Loan Rate, represented by a reduction in the Base amount.
  - Provide eligible pensioners with an additional \$20 concession in respect of the rate variation represented by a reduction in the Base amount.
3. Consider a further report following the IPART determination, reviewing the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework documents as necessary.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BERMAN, BROWNE, CHOPRA, EVANS, MARTIN,  
RUSSELL AND SMART

AGAINST: NIL

## **CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY DIVISION**

### **2 CC13/11 Westleigh Nursery and Preschool - 10 Eucalyptus Drive, Westleigh - Considerations in Respect of Closure of Child Care Service and Subsequent Sale of the Property**

**(F2004/06091)**

NOTE: Mr Gary Bensley, Executive Manager, Corporate and Community Division, made a presentation in respect of this item.

Mrs Janda Tanner, President of the Westleigh Nursery and Preschool Social Committee, addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Carolyn Cannings, on behalf of the Westleigh Progress Association, addressed Council regarding this item.

Ms Barbara McDermott, of Thornleigh, addressed Council regarding this item.

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

THAT:

1. The contents of Executive Manager's Report No. CC13/11 be received and noted.
2. Council call for expressions of interest for the operation of a long day care centre or preschool centre at the former Westleigh Nursery and Preschool site from 1 January 2012.
3. Following receipt of the expressions of interest referred to in point 2. above, a report be prepared for Council's consideration detailing the outcomes of the process.
4. Council cease its operation of the Westleigh Nursery and Preschool on Christmas Eve 2011.

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRMAN

FOR: COUNCILLORS BERMAN, BROWNE, CHOPRA, EVANS, MARTIN,  
RUSSELL AND SMART

AGAINST: NIL

**ENVIRONMENT DIVISION**

Nil

**PLANNING DIVISION**

Nil

**WORKS DIVISION**

Nil

**SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA**

Nil

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

Nil

**PUBLIC FORUM – NON AGENDA ITEMS**

Nil

**QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**THE MEETING** terminated at 8.07pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday, 20 April, 2011, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

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GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRMAN

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