

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY
on Wednesday 11 July 2018
at 6:30PM



PRESENT

Councillors Ruddock (Chairman), del Gallego, Heyde, Marr, McIntosh, Nicita, Tilbury and Waddell.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING PRAYER

Paster David Nathan of The Hive Church 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:

"We acknowledge we are on the traditional lands of the Darug and Guringai Peoples. We pay our respects to elders past and present."

VIDEO AND 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 of the non-confidential parts of the meeting will be made available on Council's website once the Minutes have been finalised. The livestreaming of Council meetings is also being tested by our contractor this evening. Although a livestream will not be publicly available tonight on Council's website, a copy of the video record of the non-confidential parts of the meeting will be made available on the website once tested. All speakers are requested to ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and to refrain from making personal comments or criticisms. No other persons are permitted to record the meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so."

APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT the apology and request for leave of absence from Councillors Browne and Hutchence in respect of an inability to attend the General Meeting on 11 July 2018 be accepted and a leave of

absence be granted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

POLITICAL DONATIONS DISCLOSURE

Statement by the Chairman:

"In accordance with Section 147 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, any person or organisation who has made a relevant planning application or a submission in respect of a relevant planning application which is on tonight's agenda, and who has made a reportable political donation or gift to a Councillor or employee of the Council, must make a Political Donations Disclosure Statement.

If a Councillor or employee has received a reportable political donation or gift from a person or organisation who has made a relevant planning application or a submission in respect of a relevant planning application which is on tonight's agenda, they must declare a non-pecuniary conflict of interests to the meeting, disclose the nature of the interest and manage the conflict of interests in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct."

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

COUNCILLOR Tilbury declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 6 – NOM17/18 Companion Animals – Cats. Refer to that Item for details.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, seconded by COUNCILLOR TILBURY,

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 13 June 2018 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

PETITIONS

Nil

PRESENTATION

The Mayor presented the Group Manager, Environment and Human Services with the 2018 MobileMuster Recycling Award. The award recognises Council as being the top local government collector of mobile phones and accessories in NSW.

RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTES

8 MM12/18 Council Tree Planting Program

(F2013/00275)

Mr Ross Walker, on behalf of the Beecroft Cheltenham Civic Trust addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Alexi Boyd, of Mount Colah addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr John Inshaw, of Galston addressed Council regarding this item.

Ms Jan Primrose, of Berowra addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr Jeremy Laws, of Berrilee addressed Council regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RUDDOCK, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT Council:

1. Adopt a goal to plant 25,000 trees by September 2020.
2. Authorise the General Manager to identify opportunities to fund an increased tree planting program across the Shire as part of the preparation of the Long Term Financial Plan with any subsequent budget changes to be reported to Council at a quarterly review.
3. Commence increased tree plantings through existing budget allocations and staff resources whilst the Long Term Financial Plan is being developed.
4. Publish and promote the program of "25,000 Trees by 2020" actively across all media including direct correspondence to community organisations, environmental and resident groups.
5. Publish a detailed list of proposed planting sites in advance of any plantings in order to inform our community of the schedule and to seek their support in watering and maintaining new trees.
6. Publish reports each quarter until the Program's end to advise of progress towards the target.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

9 MM13/18 Recent Passing of Mavis Andrews - Long Term Community Volunteer - Lisgar Gardens and Fagan Park

(F2004/05879-05)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RUDDOCK, seconded by COUNCILLOR TILBURY,

THAT Council formally extend its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mavis Andrews and with gratitude acknowledge the exceptional service she provided to Lisgar Gardens and Fagan Park.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

10 MM14/18 Review of 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Scheme

(F2004/06589)

Ms Jan Primrose, of Berowra addressed Council regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR RUDDOCK, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT Council:

1. Write to the Minister for Emergency Services, the Minister for the Environment and local Members of Parliament calling on the NSW Government to undertake a formal review of the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Scheme, including;
 - a) An assessment of the effectiveness of the entitlement areas in reducing bushfire hazard to people and property.
 - b) An assessment of the impacts of the introduction of the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Code on tree canopy cover in entitlement areas.
 - c) An appraisal of reducing the entitlement area noting the implications of reduced canopy cover.
 - d) Any unintended/unforeseen consequences on vegetation resulting from the introduction of the Scheme.
2. Prepare a motion for consideration at the 2018 Local Government NSW Conference calling for a formal statewide review of the 10/50 Vegetation Clearing Scheme.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: 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, 6 and 7 were withdrawn for discussion.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 2, 3 and 4 be adopted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

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

Note: Item 5 was called over and noted.

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.

Note: Persons wishing to address Council on Non Agenda items were permitted to speak after all items on the Agenda in respect of which there was a speaker from the public were finalised by Council. Their names are recorded in the Minutes under the heading "Public Forum – Non Agenda Items".

GENERAL BUSINESS

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

Nil

CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION

- 1 CS29/18 Deferred Report - Local Government Remuneration Tribunal - 2018 Report and Determination - Mayor and Councillor Fees - 2018/19 Financial Year**

(F2004/09552-02)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR HEYDE, seconded by COUNCILLOR NICITA,

THAT:

1. As a consequence of the 2018 Report and Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, Council note that it remains in the Metropolitan Medium Category of NSW councils for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
2. In accordance with Section 248 of the Local Government Act, and having considered the 2018 Report and Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, an annual fee of \$25,160 be paid to each Councillor for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.
3. In accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act, and having considered the 2018 Report and Determination of the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, an additional annual fee of \$66,860 be paid to the Mayor for the period 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

**2 CS28/18 Investments and Borrowings for 2017/18 - Status for Period Ending 31
May 2018**

(F2004/06987-02)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR
MCINTOSH,

THAT the contents of Deputy General Manager's Report No. CS28/18 be received and noted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Nil

PLANNING DIVISION

Nil

INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION DIVISION

3 IR7/18 Public Domain Strategies

(F2004/09134)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT:

1. Council support the development of Public Domain Plans in the order of priority identified in Deputy General Manager's Report No. IR7/18.
2. Council allocate \$300,000 to commence the preparation of Public Domain Plans and associated documentation for the priority areas nominated in Deputy General Manager's Report No. IR17/18.
3. Community and stakeholder engagement strategies be developed to support each Public Domain Plan.
4. Draft Public Domain Plans be reported to Council prior to exhibition.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

4 IR8/18 Draft Hornsby Sportsground Strategy

(F2016/00360)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH,

THAT Council endorse the exhibition of the Draft Hornsby Sportsground Strategy attached to Deputy General Manager's Report No. IR8/18 with the feedback received to be reported back to Council for consideration.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

PUBLIC FORUM – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr Babubhai Patel, of Waitara addressed Council regarding industrial development and the use of plastics within the Hornsby Shire.

QUESTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

MAYOR'S NOTES

5 MN8/18 Mayor's Notes from 1 to 30 June 2018

(F2004/07053)

Note: These are the functions that the Mayor, or his representative, has attended in addition to the normal Council Meetings, Workshops, Mayoral Interviews and other Council Committee Meetings.

Friday 1 June 2018 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Browne attended The Opening Night of Re-Magine 2018 held at Wallarobba Arts and Cultural Centre.

Saturday 2 June 2018 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Waddell attended The Galston Swimming Club Annual Presentation Night held in Galston.

Wednesday 6 June 2018 – On behalf of the Mayor, Councillor del Gallego hosted two Citizenship Ceremonies in the Council Chambers.

Sunday 17 June 2018 – The Mayor attended the Sydney North Region Scouts Annual Report Presentation in Lane Cove.

Tuesday 19 June 2018 – The Mayor attended the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of KU Cheltenham Memorial Pre-School in Cheltenham.

CALLED OVER AND NOTED

NOTICES OF MOTION

6 NOM17/18 Companion Animals - Cats

(F2004/06275-02)

Note: COUNCILLOR TILBURY declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item under Clause 51A of Council's Code of Meeting Practice (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR TILBURY on the Declaration of Interest form as "My family has a pet cat (which is a house cat, desexed, microchipped and correctly registered)", and the explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was "This notice of motion is only requesting information be prepared for a Councillor briefing. The request is not compromised by the nature of my conflict".

Mrs Jennifer Siström, on behalf of Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Services addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Gillian Marcham, on behalf of Sydney Metropolitan Wildlife Services addressed Council regarding

this item.

Dr Helen Swarbrick, of Alexandria addressed Council regarding this item.

Ms Jan Primrose, of Berowra addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr Steven Coleman, on behalf of RSPCA NSW addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr John Inshaw, of Galston addressed Council regarding this item.

Ms Cheryl Venables, of Hornsby, addressed Council regarding this item.

Mrs Alexi Boyd, of Mount Colah addressed Council regarding this item.

Mr Jeremy Laws, of Berrilee addressed Council regarding this item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR HEYDE,
THAT:

1. The report to be prepared six months after the commencement of Council's participation in the Cat Tracker Australia Program and Feral Cat Trapping Program also include consideration of the implications, feasibility, cost and resource implications of:
 - a) Subsidising the de-sexing and micro-chipping of cats;
 - b) Educating people living within close proximity to wildlife protection areas on the importance of responsible cat ownership.
 - c) Streamlining the animal registration system to make it easier to register pets; and
 - d) Implementing an education strategy detailing the benefits of cat microchipping, registration, de-sexing and containment.
2. Evaluation of how the processes outlined in Point 1 could be implemented in Hornsby Shire including:
 - a) Examination of best practice in local government; and
 - b) Consultation with the community and key stakeholders.
3. Council write to the Minister of Environment to seek confirmation of the opportunity and process for requesting legislative changes to the Companion Animals Act 1998 as it applies to Hornsby Shire to require:
 - a) The owner of a cat to take reasonable precautions to prevent the cat from escaping from the property on which it is kept; and
 - b) Compulsory de-sexing of cats unless a person is a registered breeder.
4. Council write to local State Members of Parliament seeking their support and assistance in progressing the requested legislative changes.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

7 NOM18/18 Dementia Friendly Community – Hornsby Shire

(F2015/00418#04)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH, seconded by COUNCILLOR NICITA,
THAT Council:

1. Agree to become a “Dementia Friendly Community” noting that Hornsby would be the first Dementia Friendly Community in the Sydney Metropolitan area and the work to achieve this would be undertaken in partnership with the local Northern Sydney Dementia Collaborative.
2. Thank the Northern Sydney Dementia Collaborative for the work they have undertaken to date to progress this important issue and the financial support they have managed to secure from Aged Care Trust Funds.
3. Be kept informed informally during the progress of this project, outlining ways in which Council may participate in community activities.

FOR: COUNCILLORS DEL GALLEGO, HEYDE, MARR, MCINTOSH, NICITA, RUDDOCK,
TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

Nil

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

THE MEETING terminated at 8:16 pm

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday 8 August 2018, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN

Hornsby Shire Council – Minutes of General Meeting of 11 July 2018

GENERAL MANAGER

CHAIRMAN