



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY
on Wednesday 13 March 2024
at 6:30PM



Hornsby Shire Council – Minutes of General Meeting of 13 March 2024

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

A Welcome to Country was given by the Darug and GuriNgai Traditional Owner representative, Uncle Neil Evers.

PRESENT

Councillors Ruddock (Chairman), Ball, Greenwood, Heyde, McClelland, McIntosh (remote), Pillamarri, Salitra, Tilbury and Waddell.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Ann Hogan from Hornsby Uniting Church, Hornsby 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."

VIDEO AND AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETING

Statement by the Chairman:

"I advise all present that tonight's meeting is being video streamed live via Council's website and also 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 audio and video recordings of the non-confidential parts of the meeting 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. No other persons are permitted to record the Meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so."

APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE AND OR ATTEND REMOTELY

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

THAT the request to attend the General Meeting on 13 March 2024 remotely from Councillor McIntosh, be granted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, SALITRA, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

POLITICAL DONATIONS DISCLOSURE

Statement by the Chairman:

“In accordance with Section 10.4 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

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR MCCLELLAND, seconded by COUNCILLOR WADDELL,

THAT the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday 14 February 2024 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, SALITRA, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

PETITIONS

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor advised that Hornsby Shire Council had recently received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Yarra Foundation in recognition of Council’s support of their Persian Market event held in Hornsby Mall on Sunday 10 March 2024. The Mayor presented the General Manager with the certificate.

RESCISSION MOTIONS

Nil

MAYORAL MINUTES

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.

Item 5 was withdrawn for discussion.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR PILLAMARRI,

THAT the recommendations in respect of items 1, 2 and 3 be adopted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, SALITRA, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

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

Note: Item 4 was called over and noted.

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

1 GM11/24 Councillor Strategic Workshop - February 2024

(F2024/00060)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR PILLAMARRI,

THAT Council receive and note the contents of the Report No. GM11/24.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, SALITRA, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

CORPORATE SUPPORT DIVISION

2 CS5/24 Investments and Borrowings for 2023/2024 - Status for the Period Ending 31 January 2024

(F2004/06987-02)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR PILLAMARRI,

THAT the contents of Director's Report No. CS5/24 be received and noted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, SALITRA, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

3 CS6/24 Classification of Public Land - Road Widening for Intersection Upgrade at Hornsby

(F2015/00419-002)

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR WADDELL, seconded by COUNCILLOR PILLAMARRI,

THAT pursuant to Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1993, Lots 1 to 6 and Lot 8 DP 1284528 being land acquired for road widening and transfer to an adjoining owner be classified as "Operational Land" with Lots 1 to 6 DP 1284528 to be dedicated as Public Road.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, SALITRA, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: NIL

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Nil

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION

Nil

INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAJOR PROJECTS DIVISION

Nil

PUBLIC FORUM – NON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr Ben Simmonds, of Thornleigh addressed Council in relation to an upgrade of Charles Curtis Park in Normanhurst.

Mr Mark Anderson, of Normanhurst addressed Council in relation to an upgrade of Charles Curtis Park in Normanhurst.

QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

MAYOR'S NOTES

4 MN2/24 Mayor's Notes 01 February 2024 to 29 February 2024

(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.

Saturday 3rd February 2024 – The Mayor attended the official opening of Galston Aquatic Leisure Centre, in Galston.

Wednesday 7th February 2024 – The Mayor hosted four Citizenship Ceremonies in the Council Chambers at Hornsby Shire Council in Hornsby.

Thursday 8th February 2024 – The Mayor attended a photo opportunity at Hawkins Hall and Playground, in Thornleigh.

Friday 9th February 2024 – The Mayor attended The Thornleigh Northern Social Support Group (Korean) Lunar New Year Celebration, being by CASS (Chinese Australian Services Society) at Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church Hall in Thornleigh.

Saturday 17th February 2024 – The Mayor attended The Taste of the World Cultural Festival, at Hornsby Mall, Hornsby.

Sunday 18th February 2024 – The Mayor attended the Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner hosted by the Cherrybrook Chinese Community Association, in Castle Hill.

Wednesday 28th February 2024 – The Mayor attended CASS (Chinese Australian Services Society) seniors' activity group Lunar New Year Celebrations, at Hornsby Leisure and Learning Centre, Hornsby.

Wednesday 28th February 2024 – The Mayor attended a photo shoot at the Crusher Plant, at Hornsby Park, Hornsby.

CALLED OVER AND NOTED

NOTICES OF MOTION

5 NOM2/24 Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre

(F2013/00708-010)

MOVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD, seconded by COUNCILLOR PILLAMARRI,

THAT Council:

1. Acknowledge the need for keyless entry lockers to be fitted in the newly refurbished Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre to ensure safe and reliable security for the personal belongings of visitors to the centre.
2. Investigate and assess the cost of providing keyless lockers that are 'user friendly' and accessible, waterproof and corrosion proof as well as being architecturally sympathetic to the spaces within the Centre environment.
3. Report the outcome of this investigation and assessment at an Informal Councillor Briefing for consideration of inclusion in Council's Delivery Program/ Operational Plan 2024/25.

AN AMENDMENT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BALL seconded by COUNCILLOR HEYDE,

THAT Council:

- 1 Investigate and assess the cost of providing keyless lockers that are 'user friendly' and accessible, waterproof and corrosion proof as well as being architecturally sympathetic to the spaces within the Centre environment.
2. Report the outcome of this investigation and assessment at an Informal Councillor Briefing for consideration of inclusion in Council's Delivery Program/ Operational Plan 2024/25.

THE AMENDMENT MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BALL, seconded by COUNCILLOR HEYDE WAS PUT AND LOST.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, HEYDE AND SALITRA

AGAINST: COUNCILLORS GREENWOOD, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, TILBURY AND WADDELL

A FORESHADOWED MOTION WAS MOVED BY COUNCILLOR SALITRA,

THAT Council:

1. Acknowledge some residents would like lockers to be fitted in the newly refurbished Galston Aquatic and Leisure Centre to ensure safe and reliable security for the personal belongings of visitors to the centre.
2. Investigate and assess the cost of providing keyless lockers that are 'user friendly' and

accessible, waterproof and corrosion proof as well as being architecturally sympathetic to the spaces within the Centre environment.

3. Report the outcome of this investigation and assessment at an Informal Councillor Briefing for consideration of inclusion in Council's Delivery Program/ Operational Plan 2024/25.

THE MOTION MOVED BY COUNCILLOR GREENWOOD, seconded by COUNCILLOR PILLAMARRI WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

FOR: COUNCILLORS GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCCLELLAND, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI, RUDDOCK, SALITRA, TILBURY AND WADDELL

AGAINST: COUNCILLOR BALL

Note: Councillor Ball indicated to the Meeting that she had abstained from voting on this Motion. Therefore, in accordance with Clause 11.5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice, Councillor Ball was taken to have voted against the Motion.

MATTERS OF URGENCY

Nil

THE MEETING concluded at 7.06pm.

These Minutes were confirmed at the meeting held on Wednesday 10 April 2024, at which meeting the signature hereunder was subscribed.

CONFIRMED

CHAIRMAN
