

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

Held at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, HORNSBY
on Wednesday 14 December 2022
at 6:30PM



PRESENT

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

NATIONAL ANTHEM

OPENING PRAYER

Reverend Mike Begbie of St Luke's Hornsby Heights Anglican 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."

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

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

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

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

THAT the apology and request for leave of absence from Councillor McClelland in respect of an inability to attend the General Meeting on 14 December 2022 be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

FOR: COUNCILLORS BALL, GREENWOOD, HEYDE, MCINTOSH, PILLAMARRI,

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

COUNCILLOR MCINTOSH declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 7 – CE21/22 - Membership of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Group. Refer to that Item for details.

COUNCILLOR WADDELL declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 9 – CE22/22 - Community Event Grants Program. Refer to that Item for details.

COUNCILLOR WADDELL declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in relation to Item 11 – PC25/22 - Agritourism Planning Reforms. Refer to that Item for details.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

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

THAT the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9 November 2022 and Workshop Meeting held on Wednesday 23 November 2022 be confirmed, a copy having been distributed to all Councillors.

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

AGAINST: NIL

PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE DIVISION

10 PC24/22 Planning Proposal - Byles Creek

(PP/4/2022)

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

Mrs Robyn Smith, on behalf of Byles Creek Valley Union Inc. addressed Council regarding this item.

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

1. Council endorse progression of the Byles Creek Planning Proposal attached to Director's Report No. PC24/22 for submission to the Department and Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination.
2. The Planning Proposal be publicly exhibited in accordance with the Gateway Determination and consultation strategy identified in this report.
3. Council endorse the amendments to the Hornsby Development Control Plan 2013 attached to Director's Report No. PC24/22 for exhibition concurrently with the Planning Proposal.
4. Following exhibition, a report on submissions be presented to Council for its consideration.

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

AGAINST: NIL

11 PC25/22 Agritourism Planning Reforms

(F2018/00162#04-002)

Note: COUNCILLOR WADDELL declared a Less Than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this item under Clause 5.11 of Council's Code of Conduct (see Declarations of Interest in these Minutes). The nature of interest was stated by COUNCILLOR WADDELL on the Declaration of Interest form as "My family own and operate an agribusiness on rural land in Galston." and the explanation of why the interest does not require further action in the circumstances was "processing of state legislation drafted by state planning. Not a consequence of direct Council proposal."

Ms Jan Primrose, on behalf of Protecting Your Suburban Environment Inc. addressed Council regarding this Item.

RESOLVED ON THE MOTION OF COUNCILLOR TILBURY, seconded by COUNCILLOR