
Extraordinary Council Meeting Minutes

Commenced 6:00pm

THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2016

Present: John Rayner (Administrator)

In Attendance: Gail Connolly (Interim General Manager), Tina Christy (Acting Director Planning and Development), Evan Hutchings (Director Governance and Corporate Services), Rod Logan (Director Planning and Environmental Services), Laurie O'Connor (Director Service Delivery), Andrew Sharp (Director Assets and Services), Jeffrey Tripp (Director Administration), Cathryn Bush (Manager Governance) and Lynne Denham (Minute Secretary).

A. Acknowledgments of Traditional Custodians

The Bedigal people of the Eora nation were acknowledged as being the traditional custodians of the land at which this meeting was held.

B. Apologies/Leaves of Absence

There were no apologies received.

C. Disclosures of Interest

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

D. Administrator Minute

Subject: Newly formed Georges River Council and
Recognition of former Councillors

Author: John Rayner - Administrator

1/2016 Resolved: (Rayner)

- a) That the Minute be received and noted.
 - b) That the dedication and contributions of Councillors and staff of the former City of Hurstville and City of Kogarah Councils be recorded and acknowledged.
 - c) That the service of the Councillors of the former City of Hurstville and City of Kogarah Councils in the 2012 to 2016 Term be suitably recognised.
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E. Reports from Officers

1. **Subject:** **Schedule of Council Meeting Dates and Venues**
Author: Sina Camilleri - Governance Officer
Reason for Report: To consider a proposed schedule of dates and venues for Council meetings for the remainder of 2016.

2/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

That the proposed schedule of dates and venues for Council meetings listed in the report be approved.

2. **Subject:** **Delegations to the Interim General Manager**
Author: Cathryn Bush - Manager Governance
Reason for Report: To delegate to the Interim General Manager functions of the Council pursuant to s377 of the Local Government Act 1993.

3/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

That the delegations to the Interim General Manager pursuant to s377 of the Local Government Act 1993 attached to the report be approved.

3. **Subject:** **Council Seal**
Author: Evan Hutchings - Director Governance and Corporate Services
Reason for Report: To adopt a new Council Seal as a consequence of the proclamation of Georges River Council on 12 May 2016.

4/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

That the Georges River Council Common Seal as shown in the Attachment to the report be adopted in accordance with Clause 400 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.

4. **Subject:** **Power of Attorney**
Author: Evan Hutchings - Director Governance and Corporate Services
Reason for Report: To grant Power of Attorney to Gail Connolly as Interim General Manager of Georges River Council.

5/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

- a) *That pursuant to Sections 8 and 9 of the Powers of Attorney Act 2003 a limited Power of Attorney be granted to Gail Connolly as Interim General Manager of Georges River Council in accordance with the draft instrument attached to this report.*
- b) *That the Administrator be authorised to affix the Common Seal of Council to the Power of Attorney instrument under Clause 400 (4) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005.*

5. **Subject:** **Georges River Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP)**
Author: Angelina Aversa-Morassut - Executive Planner (LL)
Reason for Report: To establish an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel for the Georges River Council.

6/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

- a) *That an Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) be established for the Georges River Council.*
- b) *That the Charter and Guidelines for the Georges River Council IHAP annexed to the report be adopted.*
- c) *That the Interim General Manager, in consultation with the Administrator appoint the four (4) Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel (IHAP) members and to seek expressions of interest for the pool of five (5) community representatives.*
- d) *That the former Kogarah City Council Policy – Determination of Development Applications be amended to include reference to the new Georges River Council, Hurstville Local Environmental Plans, Development Control Plans and the operation of the Independent Hearing and Assessment Panel, as outlined in the body of the report, and that the amended Policy be adopted.*

6. **Subject:** **Appointment of Delegates and Representatives - External Organisations and Advisory Committees**
Author: Evan Hutchings - Director Governance and Corporate Services
Reason for Report: To appoint delegates and representatives to external organisations and advisory committees.

7/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

- a) *That delegates be appointed to the following external organisations and advisory committees, as follows:*
- *Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) - Administrator*
 - *Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) - Standing Committee 1 – Sustainability Program – Administrator*
 - *Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) - Standing Committee 2 – Program Delivery - Administrator*
 - *Sydney East Joint Regional Planning Panel – Interim General Manager and second delegate and alternate to be advised*
 - *Georges River Local Traffic Committee – Director Assets and Services*
 - *Georges River Combined Councils Committee - Administrator*
 - *Local Emergency Management Officer – Manager Engineering Services*
 - *Regional Illegal Dumping Squad – Manager Environmental Services*
- b) *That the PIN Review Committee be dissolved.*
- c) *That the Interim General Manager prepare a further report on the number and composition of the remaining advisory committees referred to in the report.*

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7. **Subject:** **Code of Meeting Practice**
Author: Anthony Gearon - Acting Manager Corporate Governance
Reason for Report: To consider adoption of the Code of Meeting Practice.

8/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

That the Georges River Council Code of Meeting Practice annexed to the report be adopted.

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8. **Subject:** **Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy**
 Author: Cathryn Bush - Manager Governance
 Reason for Report: To consider endorsement of the policy on the payment of expenses and the provision of facilities for Mayor and Councillors.

9/2016 *Resolved:* (Rayner)

- a) *That the Payment of Expenses and the Provision of Facilities for Mayor and Councillors Policy, annexed to the report, be adopted as Georges River Council's policy.*
- b) *That any reference to Council, the Mayor and Councillors in the policy referred to in (a) above be taken to be a reference to the Administrator.*

The meeting closed at 6.17 pm

Confirmed on Monday, 6 June 2016

John Rayner
Administrator

Gail Connolly
Interim General Manager