

**MINUTES OF MEETING (NO 130) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL ORGANISATION OF
COUNCILS HELD AT
KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL
PACIFIC HIGHWAY, GORDON
13TH MAY 2010**

***The meeting commenced at 6.15 pm
Councillor Ian Cross, Mayor, Ku-ring-gai Council, extended a welcome to
NSROC Delegates***

The Chair gave an acknowledgement of Country

QUORUM

The Chairman referred to Article 13.i) of the Constitution that provides:

A quorum at a meeting of the Organisation shall consist of a number being half of the number of Councils plus one.

Member Councils of NSROC include:

Hornsby	Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Councils represented on the evening included:

Hornsby	Hunter's Hill	Ku-ring-gai	
Lane Cove	North Sydney	Ryde	Willoughby

Accordingly, a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Clr N Berman	Hornsby Council (Chair)
Clr R Browne	Hornsby Council
Mr R Ball	General Manager, Hornsby Council
Clr S Hoopmann	Hunter's Hill Council
Mr S Kourepis	Hunter's Hill Council
Clr I Cross	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr S Holland	Ku-ring-gai Council
Mr J McKee	General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr W Gaffney	Lane Cove Council
Clr P Palmer	Lane Cove Council
Mr P Brown	General Manager, Lane Cove Council
Clr V Marchandeanu	North Sydney Council
Clr Z Baker	North Sydney Council
Ms P Holloway	General Manager, North Sydney Council
Clr S Yedelian	Ryde Council
Mr J Neish	General Manager, Ryde Council
Clr T Fogarty	Willoughby Council
Clr B Thompson	Willoughby Council (observer)
Clr S Coppock	Willoughby Council (observer)
Mr N Tobin	General Manager, Willoughby Council
Mr S Head	Willoughby Council
Ms C James	NSROC Executive Director
Ms L Ridley	NSROC Executive Assistant

GUESTS

Mr Barry O'Farrell, MP	Member for Ku-ring-gai and Leader of the Opposition (departed 7.15 pm)
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1. APOLOGIES

Clr G McCaffery	North Sydney Council
Clr R Quinn	Hunter's Hill Council
Clr R Sheerin	Hunter's Hill Council
Mr B Smith	General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council
Clr D McDonald	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr M Butterworth	Ryde Council
Clr P Reilly	Willoughby Council

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CHAIR

813/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr I Cross Seconded: Clr S Hoopmann **CARRIED**
That the Apologies be received.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

814/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
The Minutes of Meeting No. 129 11th February 2010 copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meetings.

Actions Arising from previous meetings

Carolynne James, NSROC Executive Director provided a brief update:

NSROC Submission to SMH Public Transport Inquiry

- o SMH Report released which identifies one of their first priorities is the North West Rail Link.

Combined ROC Meetings

- o Further meetings have been held and the next meeting to be held in June.
- o Discussion on whether this should be limited to only the Sydney Metropolitan ROCs - *Chairs of other ROCs to look at forming a 'heads of ROCs committee' to take up matters with State Government.*

Regional Sportsground Infrastructure Management Strategy

- o Department announced extension for applications.
- o It was agreed that NSROC writes to the Department of Sport and Recreation seeking permanent changes to the timing of the closing dates for Grant Funding applications.

3. GUEST SPEAKER – Mr Barry O'Farrell MP, Member for Ku-ring-gai and Leader of the Opposition

Mr Barry O'Farrell MP addressed NSROC, topics covered included:

- o Ending intergovernmental abuse
- o Partnership commitment
- o Empowering communities – giving back planning powers to councils.
- o Reform Planning Act – green paper to be developed.
- o District Health Boards
- o Against continued cost shifting from Governments to Local Government.
- o Governance of local Government – sees no need to change once Planning Issues resolved.
- o Financial positions of councils.
- o Rate Pegging – reviewing New Zealand model – which engages community consultation for rate increases.
- o Announcements to be made at either the LGA Conference or later in the year.

General discussion ensued:

- o Cost shifting issues
- o Election expenses to local government
- o Street Lighting
- o Planning, Part 3A, JRPP, etc.
- o Metropolitan Strategy and Metropolitan Transport Plan – missed opportunity to engage with local government – liked Craig Knowles attempt at DIPNA.
- o Role of local government in Health Care/Aged Care.
- o Sustainability and ETS.
- o Recognition of Local Government
- o Financial viability – rate pegging.
- o Central Coast Bears.

Members thanked Mr O'Farrell for his very informative talk and he departed the meeting.

4. NSROC SUBMISSIONS TO METROPOLITAN STRATEGY REVIEW AND METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT PLAN

- 815/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr Z Baker **CARRIED**
1. That the Report be received and noted.
 2. That the NSROC Board endorses the draft NSROC Submissions on the NSW Government Metropolitan Transport Plan and Metropolitan Strategy 2010 Review and that they are submitted to the NSW Government and relevant agencies.

5. MODERNISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT – DRAFT DISCUSSION PAPER

General discussion ensued;

- o Delivery of Federal Budget and the Henry Report
 - o Council motions for the NSROC Conference required by the end of June.
 - o A further Header to be included in the Discussion Paper for the NSROC Conference - 'Size of Regions'.
 - o It was noted that it would be informative to read a summary as to what the NSW Business Chamber 2010'' and Aust. Consult. Engineers Assoc. 2009'' saw as issues and benefits to amalgamations.
- 816/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr R Browne Seconded: Clr S Hoopmann **CARRIED**
1. That the Draft Discussion Paper be received and noted.
 2. That at the 29th July NSROC Conference a further facilitated discussion and determination of NSROC motions for the 2010 LGA Conference be undertaken, and
 3. That a copy of the Draft Discussion paper be provided to the LGSA, LGMA and the Division of Local Government to assist in furthering discussions about modernisation.

6. NSROC TREASURER'S REPORT

- 817/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr R Browne Seconded: Clr I Cross **CARRIED**
- That the Proposed Budget 2010/2011 be adopted.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

7.1 General Report and Key Activities

Carolynne James provided a brief overview and also advised that a Press Release would be released on Friday in relation to the Sportsground Management Strategy.

- 818/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr Z Baker Seconded: Clr T Fogarty **CARRIED**
- That the Report be received and noted.

8. MOTIONS

8.1 Willoughby Council

- 819/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
- That NSROC establish Neighbouring Council Accord protocols to establish formal procedures for joint consideration of issues that affect residents along the borders of Councils.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

9.1 Central Coast Bears Rugby League Team

- o Draft MOU document tabled at the meeting and the Chair, Nick Berman provided a brief overview.
- 820/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr R Browne Seconded: Clr S Yedelian **CARRIED**
- That NSROC agrees to support in principle the application by the Central Coast Bears to secure a National Rugby League licence.

9.2 Pending Sale of WSN

- o The Waste Professional Officers Group to review – contract renewals.

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CHAIR

821/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr R Browne Seconded: Clr Z Baker **CARRIED**
That the Report be received and noted.

9.3 Willoughby Council's Proposed Motions for National Local Government Congress 2010

822/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr T Fogarty Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
That the Report be received and noted.

9.4 Health services mapping –

Clr Stuart Coppock, Willoughby Council, proposed that a working party be established to review what services and facilities are provided by councils in relation to Aged Care and Disability. Clr Coppock would also like the inclusion of SHOROC Councils in this project.

823/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr N Berman Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
That this be referred to the Community Services Professional Officers Group to examine and report back to the NSROC Board in six months time.

9.5 Permaculture -

Clr Barry Thompson, Willoughby Council, sought collaboration between Permaculture North and the NSROC Councils in support of two planks of NSROC's Regional Sustainability Plan, viz.

- maximise collaborative learning opportunities and partnerships; and
- guide consistent regional alignment on key common issues

824/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr N Berman Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
That this be referred to the NSROC Environment Professional Officers Group for consideration regarding Permaculture promotion within the NSROC Sustainability Strategy.

9.6 JRPP Panels

General discussion ensued in relation to member council's experiences with JRPP Panels.

825/10 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr N Berman Seconded: Clr Z Baker **CARRIED**
That this be referred to GMAC for discussion and report back to the NSROC Board.

10. HOST COUNCIL

826/10 Delegates expressed appreciation to Ku-ring-gai Council for their generous hospitality in hosting the 130th Ordinary Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded 8.15 Pm

**The next meeting No. 131
Will be held on
THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2010
AT HUNTER'S HILL COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**