

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING (NO 100) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL
ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS HELD AT
LANE COVE COUNCIL
LONGUEVILLE ROAD, LANE COVE, ON THURSDAY,
1ST MAY 2003**

*The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm
Clr John May, Mayor, Lane Cove Council, extended a welcome to
NSROC Delegates to Lane Cove Council and congratulated the ROC
On its 100th Meeting*

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 R Browne	Hornsby Council
Mr R Ball	General Manager, Hornsby Council
Clr B Lucas	Hunter's Hill Council
Clr S Hoopmann	Hunter's Hill Council
Mr B Smith	General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council
Clr A Little	Ku-ring-gai Council
Mr B Bell	General Manager, Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr J May	Lane Cove Council
Clr M Rawlings	Lane Cove Council
Clr F Vissel	Lane Cove Council
Mr P Brown	Acting General Manager, Lane Cove Council
Clr G McCaffery	North Sydney Council
Clr P Scardifield	North Sydney Council
Ms P Holloway	General Manager, North Sydney Council
Clr R Lunsford	Ryde Council
Mr M McMahan	General Manager, Ryde Council
Clr P Reilly	Willoughby Council (Chair)
Clr T Fogarty	Willoughby Council
Mr John Owen	General Manager, Willoughby Council
Mr R Jones	NSROC Executive Director
Mrs. L Ridley	NSROC Executive Assistant

1. APOLOGIES

Clr Ian Cross	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr J Muirhead	Hornsby Council
Clr E Wilde OAM	Ryde Council

408/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr S Hoopman, Seconded: Clr P Scardifield
That the Apologies be received.

CARRIED

Clr R Browne took the chair as Clr Reilly was delayed.

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2. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

- 409/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr G McCaffery **CARRIED**
The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 99 6th February 2003, copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

MATTERS ARISING

General Business – Item 6.1 Tunnel – Burnt Bridge Creek Deviation at Seaforth/Balgowlah to the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray.

- 410/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved: Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr M Rawlings **CARRIED**
 That NSROC write to SHOROC asking them to join a delegation to Minister Knowles to discuss the problems of the Manly/Warringah Transport Corridor.

Clr R Browne vacated the Chair, and Clr P Reilly took the Chair.

3. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

3.1 Government Relations & Service Delivery – State Government Changes post Elections

General discussion ensued in relation to the loss of networks that had been put in place with State Government Departments and Ministers due to the current round of changes.

- 411/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr S Hoopman, Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
 1. That the Report be received and noted.
 2. That the ROC put as a priority, a program to establish association with the new Ministers, this matter to be led by the President, Clr P Reilly.

3.2 Government Relations Service Delivery – Postponement of Local Government Elections

- 412/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr M Rawlings **CARRIED**
 That the report be received and noted.

3.3 Transport – Closures of Epping Highway

- 411/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr IR Browne **CARRIED**
 1. That the report be received and noted.
 2. That the Board be kept advised of any developments in this matter.

3.4 (& 3.7 Late Agenda Item) Government Relations & Service Delivery – Tuckey Inquiry

General discussion ensued in relation to the Sydney Hearing that took place on Monday 28th April, and the range of topics that were covered, in part –

- Rate pegging
- Infrastructure
- Revenue Neutral
- GST returned to Local Government
- Direct funding by Commonwealth bypassing State Grant commission.
- Accountability
- Land Tax and Stamp Duty
- FAGs
- Relevance of Inquiry without State Government participation

Discussion on the possibility of NSROC giving a further presentation, at the Canberra Hearing, to be held 20th June, based on information obtained from recently undertaken Council customer surveys.

- 412/03 **RESOLVED**: Moved Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr G McCaffery **CARRIED**
 1. That the report be received and noted.

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2. That the Executive Officer collates information obtained from member Councils, in particular information pertaining to rate pegging and revenue raising, to identify strategies that can be presented to the Tuckey Inquiry.
3. That a delegation from NSROC, comprising a representative from each Council (either Delegate or Council officer), attends the Canberra Hearing.

3.5 NSROC Strategic Plan – Update

413/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr G McCaffery, Seconded: Clr R Browne **CARRIED**
That the Report be received and noted.

3.6 NSROC Transport – Sydney Airport Corporation - Briefing

414/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr R Browne, Seconded: Clr G McCaffery **CARRIED**

1. That the Report be received and noted.
2. That the Sydney Airport Corporation be invited to address a special Board Meeting of NSROC, this meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 Discussion Paper – Postponement of Council Elections

Members considered the Discussion Paper tabled at the meeting.

415/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved Clr T Fogarty, Seconded: Clr P Scardified **CARRIED**

1. That the Report be received and noted.
2. That NSROC members agree that this matter is a regional priority and that the General Managers Advisory Committee (GMAC), be requested to consider the discussion paper and provide a further report on how the debate can be progressed, to a Special Board before the end of May.
3. That a representative from the Local Government Association of NSW, preferably the President, Clr Sara Murray be invited to address the Board at the proposed Special Board Meeting in relation to this matter.

5. HOST COUNCIL

416/03 Delegates expressed appreciation to Lane Cove Council for their generous hospitality in hosting the 100th Ordinary Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

**The next Ordinary meeting No. 101 of NSROC
Will be held on
THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST 2003
AT HORNSBY COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**