

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (NO 103) OF THE NORTHERN SYDNEY REGIONAL
ORGANISATION OF COUNCILS HELD AT
NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL
MILLER STREET, NORTH SYDNEY, ON THURSDAY,
27TH NOVEMBER 2003**

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm

*Clr Genia McCaffery, Mayor, North Sydney Council, extended a welcome to
NSROC Delegates to North Sydney Council*

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:

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

Accordingly, a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Mr R Ball	General Manager, Hornsby Council
Clr S Hoopmann	Hunter's Hill Council
Clr B Lucas	Hunters Hill Council
Clr A Little	Ku-ring-gai Council
Clr Ian Cross	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 (Alt)	Lane Cove Council
Mr P Brown	General Manager, Lane Cove Council
Clr G McCaffery	North Sydney Council (departed 7.50)
Clr N Ritten (Alt)	North Sydney Council
Ms P Holloway	General Manager, North Sydney Council
Clr E Wilde OAM	Ryde Council (Chair)
Mr D Linnert	Ryde Council
Clr T Fogarty	Willoughby Council
Mr John Owen	General Manager, Willoughby Council
Mr R Jones	NSROC Executive Director
Mrs. L Ridley	NSROC Executive Assistant

APOLOGIES

Clr P Reilly	Willoughby Council
Clr R Browne	Hornsby Council
Clr J Muirhead	Hornsby Council
Clr P Scardifield	North Sydney Council
Mr M McMahan	General Manager, Ryde Council
Mr B Smith	General Manager, Hunter's Hill Council

GUESTS

John Allen	Allen Management Solutions
Paul Dirago	Hornsby Council
Stephen Fisher	North Sydney Council
John McKee	Ku-ring-gai Council
Vicki Munro	Manly Council
Frances Sims	Willoughby Council

445/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr I Cross Seconded: Clr M Rawlings **CARRIED**
That the Apologies be received.

Minutes of Special Meeting No 103 held 27th November 2003.

VICE PRESIDENT

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

- 446/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr B Lucas, Seconded: Clr G McCaffery **CARRIED**
The Minutes of Ordinary Meeting No. 102 6th November 2003, copy of which was circulated to all parties and member Councils, were confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings of the meeting.

2. STRUCTURAL REFORM REVIEW

Team members from the Benchmarking Project presented the findings of the regional review undertaken on the following areas:

- ❖ Financial: Debt Management, Investment Portfolio and Centralised Banking
- ❖ I.T.: Patch programmes; Maintenance Agreements; Combined Systems; Resources and PC Purchase
- ❖ Legal Services
- ❖ DAs
- ❖ TPOs
- ❖ Casual Staff and Specialised Staff
- ❖ Engineering Waste Disposal
- ❖ Lost Animal Facility
- ❖ Payroll

Members thanked the Team for 'helping us find the best fishing places' and Clr Wilde presented Certificates in appreciation for the work undertaken by them.

- 447/03 **RESOLVED:** Moved: Clr B Lucas Seconded: Clr N Ritten **CARRIED**

That:

1. The findings and recommendations of the Benchmarking Project as presented to the Board are noted and adopted.
2. The Benchmarking Project Team members are thanked for their efforts on behalf of the Board and their individual Councils.
3. The Regional Review Project Update is noted and the comments and actions proposed are adopted.
4. The revised process plan and broad timetable is adopted.
5. A progress report on the regional review project is forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.
6. The revised timetable is noted.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

3.1 Local Government Amendment Bill 2003

- 448/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr I Cross Seconded: Clr A Little **CARRIED**

That:

1. The Report be received and noted.
2. That a letter be written urgently to the Minister asking for at least one month's extension in time for comments to be received on the proposed Act.

3.2 Cost Shifting Inquiry Report

- 449/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr M Rawlings Seconded: Clr B Lucas **CARRIED**

That:

1. The report be received and noted.

2. That GMAC be requested to prepare an analysis of the report for discussion by the Board.

4. GMAC REPORT

Executive Directors Contract Review

450/03 **RESOLVED** Moved: Clr N Riffen Seconded: Clr M Rawlings **CARRIED**

That:

1. The Salary Package as contained within the Report is adopted by the Board, applicable from 1st November 2003.
2. The term of the contract for the Executive Director is extended for three years, expiring on the 30th October 2006.
3. The NSROC President and Chair of GMAC executive any contracts or documents associated with the extension of employment of the Executive Director.

5. HOST COUNCIL

451/03 Delegates expressed appreciation to North Sydney Council for their generous hospitality in hosting the 103rd Special Meeting of NSROC.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

**The next Ordinary meeting No. 104 of NSROC
Will be held on
THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2004
AT KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL
COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM**