

19 APRIL 2017

LATE ITEMS

**Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting No. 3/17
WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2017**

**Council Chambers, Level 1A
1 Pope Street, Ryde - 7.00pm**

English

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Arabic

إذا لم تفهم محتوى هذه الرسالة، يرجى الحضور إلى 1 Pope Street، Ryde (في Top Ryde Shopping Centre)، Ryde، لمناقشتها مع موظفي المجلس الذين سوف يرتبون للاستعانة بمترجم شفهي. أو قد يمكنك الاتصال بخدمة الترجمة التحريرية والشفهية على الرقم 131 450 لتتطلب من المترجم الاتصال بك. رقم هاتف المجلس هو 9952 8222. ساعات عمل المجلس هي 8:30 صباحاً حتى 5:00 مساءً، من الاثنين إلى الجمعة.

Armenian

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Chinese

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Farsi

لطفاً اگر نمی توانید مندرجات این نامه را درک کنید، به نشانی 1 Pope Street، Ryde (در Top Ryde Shopping Centre) در Ryde مراجعه کنید تا با استفاده از یک مترجم دراین باره با یکی از کارکنان شورای شهر گفتگو کنید. یا آنکه می توانید با خدمات ترجمه کتبی و شفاهی به شماره 131 450 تماس گرفته و بخواهید که به یک مترجم ارتباط داده شوید. شماره تماس شورای شهر 9952 8222 و ساعات کاری آن از 8:30 صبح تا 5:00 بعد از ظهر روزهای دوشنبه تا جمعه است.

Italian

Se avete difficoltà a comprendere questa lettera, venite in 1 Pope Street, Ryde (dentro al Top Ryde Shopping Centre), Ryde, per discutere con il personale del Comune che organizzerà un servizio di interpretariato. Potete anche contattare il Servizio di Traduzione e Interpretariato al 131 450 per chiedere a un interprete di contattarvi. Il numero di telefono del Comune è il 9952 8222. Gli orari di ufficio del Comune sono dalle 8.30 alle 17 dal lunedì al venerdì.

Korean

이 서신을 이해할 수 없을 경우, 1 Pope Street, Ryde (Top Ryde Shopping Centre 내)에 오셔서 통역사 서비스를 주선할 시의회 직원과 논의하십시오. 혹은 통번역서비스에 131 450으로 전화하셔서 통역사가 여러분에게 연락하도록 요청하십시오. 시의회의 전화번호는 9952 8222입니다. 시의회 사무실 업무시간은 월요일에서 금요일, 오전 8시 30분에서 오후 5시까지입니다.

Meeting Date: Wednesday 26 April 2017
Location: Council Chambers, Level 1A, 1 Pope Street, Ryde
Time: 7.00pm

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COUNCIL REPORT

8 POSITION OF GENERAL MANAGER

Report prepared by: Acting Manager- Strategic Human Resources
File No.: GMG/10/1/27 - BP17/371

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is submitted to Council to consider the appointment of a new Acting General Manager given the current incumbent, Roy Newsome, will reach his 12 month term on 17 May 2017.

Section 351 of the *Local Government Act NSW 1993* ('the Act') states, amongst other things, 'that if the position of General Manager of the Council is vacant, the Council may appoint a person to the position, temporarily, for a period of not more than 12 months.'

Council, at its Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 17 May 2016, appointed Roy Newsome to the position of Acting General Manager, following the appointment of Council's previous General Manager, Ms Gail Connolly, as the Interim General Manager at Georges River Council.

Council's consideration of this matter also acknowledges that it is awaiting the outcome from the Mayoral Minute considered at Council's meeting on 28 March 2017, where Council resolved for the Mayor to make representations to the Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP and the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, seeking their approval to provide an exemption.

Therefore, on the basis that no formal response has been received from the Minister for Local Government, this report provides Council with options and seeks Council to provide the Acting Manager Strategic Human Resources with the direction to implement Council's preferred option.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council consider the options presented in this report and subsequently determine Council's preferred option in respect of the position of Acting General Manager.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

Monique Hassarati
Acting Manager- Strategic Human Resources

ITEM 8 (continued)**Discussion**

Council appointed Mr Roy Newsome to the position of Acting General Manager at its Extraordinary Council Meeting on 17 May 2016, being effective from Wednesday 18 May 2016.

This arrangement is due to cease on Wednesday 17 May 2017.

However, Council at its meeting on 28 March 2017, following a Mayoral Minute on the position of General Manager during the Council Merger Proposal Period, resolved as follows;

- (a) *That the Mayor, write to the Premier, the Hon. Gladys Berejiklian and the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton seeking their approval to provide an exemption for Council's currently subject to a proposed merger, with regard to the provisions of Section 351(2) of the Local Government Act until such time that the amalgamation is proclaimed; and*
- (b) *That the Mayor makes representations on this matter to the Local State Members.*

Council is still waiting to be formally advised by the Premier, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP or the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP, on this matter.

Therefore, this report provides options for Council's consideration.

Option 1

That subject to confirmation by the Minister for Local Government that Council has been granted an exemption under Section 351, Mr Newsome continue in the role as Acting General Manager. However, until Council receives this advice, Council temporarily appoint an alternative Director to the position of Acting General Manager from 18 May 2017 until the period that the exemption is granted.

Option 2

That Council temporarily appoint an alternative Director to the position of Acting General Manager from 18 May 2017 until a permanent appointment to the position is made or for a maximum period of 12 months, whichever occurs first.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE**1 LETTER FROM NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL REGARDING LGNSW**

Report prepared by: Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors
File No.: MYR/07/10/7 - BP17/407

CORRESPONDENCE:

Submitting correspondence from North Sydney Council, dated 30th March 2017, regarding the decision of North Sydney Council to resign from financial membership of LGNSW

RECOMMENDATION:

That the correspondence be received and no action taken.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 North Sydney Council - Council Concerns with LGNSW. Ross McCreanor (30 March 2017)

Report Prepared By:

Linda Smith
Executive Assistant - Mayor and Councillors


Report Approved By:

John Schanz
Manager - Risk, Audit and Governance

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Acting Director - Corporate and Organisational Support Services

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ATTACHMENT 1

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30 March 2017



Dear Mr Newsome,

RE: COUNCIL CONCERNS WITH LGNSW

At its meeting of 24 October 2016 Council resolved to resign from financial membership of LGNSW. For your information a copy of the full resolution and a link to the video of the discussion and debate is attached to the end of this letter.

The reasons for Council's resignation were varied however the majority of Councillors shared the view that LGNSW no longer provides the strong leadership or advocacy that Councils and their communities expect and require.

Council feels that in recent times LGNSW has failed to provide strong advocacy on important issues that affect Councils and their communities and the ongoing NSW State Government forced amalgamation program is a case in point. It was argued that the fight against forced amalgamations had not been led by LGNSW but rather by a loose coalition of individual Councils, affected residents and ratepayers, volunteer organisations such as the "Save Our Councils Coalition", and State representatives such as David Shoebridge MLC and Peter Primrose MLC. LGNSW also failed and continues to fail to adequately correct the misinformation the NSW State Government continues to espouse including the "savings" made by forced amalgamations, and the false statement that Councils were losing one million dollars per day.

Other highlighted issues included a failure to adequately advocate on behalf of the sector which continues to see its planning powers stripped, whilst ever increasing densities are imposed on residents without the State Government delivering the social and community infrastructure to accompany increasing density.

Furthermore, as a result of the merger between the Local Government Association of NSW and the Shires Association of NSW, either through leadership or structure, LGNSW has failed to adequately represent the interests of Metropolitan Councils and the specific issues that are of concern to them. Similarly, Councillors have received reports that LGNSW has failed to adequately represent the interests of the Rural and Regional Councils and the issues and concerns specific to them. The situation, as it currently stands, appears to be lose/lose.



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ATTACHMENT 1

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ARABIC	إذا لم يكن بمقتورك فهم هذه المعلومات، فالرجاء الاتصال بخدمات الترجمة الخطية والفورية (Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)) على الرقم 13 14 50 و الطلب من مترجم فوري يتحدث العربية أن يتصل لك بمجلس مدينة شمال سيدني على الرقم (02) 9936 8100 – هذه الخدمة مجانية.
GREEK	Αν δεν καταλαβαίνετε αυτές τις πληροφορίες, παρακαλώ τηλεφωνήστε στην Υπηρεσία Μετάφρασης και Διερμηνείας (Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)) στο 13 14 50, και ζητήστε να σας διαθέσουν ένα διερμηνέα στη γλώσσα σας για να επικοινωνήσει με το Δήμο του North Sydney στο (02) 9936 8100. Αυτή είναι μια δωρεάν υπηρεσία.
HINDI	यदि आप इस जानकारी को समझ नहीं सकते हैं तो कृपया अनुवाद और दुभाषिया सेवा (Translating and Interpreting Service - TIS) को 13 14 50 पर फ़ोन करें और अपनी भाषा के दुभाषिए द्वारा उत्तरी सिडनी काउंसिल (North Sydney Council) को (02) 9936 8100 पर फ़ोन करने के लिए कहें। यह सेवा निःशुल्क है।
INDONESIAN	Jika Anda kurang memahami informasi ini, silakan telepon Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) di 13 14 50, dan mintalah seorang juru bahasa dalam bahasa Anda untuk menghubungi North Sydney Council di (02) 9936 8100. Layanan ini tidak dipungut biaya.
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JAPANESE	上記の情報について何かご質問がございましたら、通訳・翻訳サービス (Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)) 電話番号 13 14 50 までお問い合わせください。また、ご自分の国の言語で通訳の手配をご希望の方は、ノース・シドニー・カウンスル (North Sydney Council) 電話番号 (02) 9936 8100。まで電話でお問い合わせください。尚、このサービスは、無料です。
KOREAN	이 정보를 이해하지 못하실 경우 번역 통역 서비스 (Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS))에 13 14 50으로 연락하셔서 한국어 통역사를 요청하시고 노스 시드니 카운슬 (North Sydney Council) 연락처인 (02) 9936 8100로 연결하도록 요청하십시오. 이 서비스는 무료입니다.
TAGALOG	Kung hindi ninyo naiintindihan ang impormasyong ito, mangyari lamang na tumawag sa Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS) sa 13 14 50, at hilingin sa interpreter ng inyong wika na tawagan ang North Sydney Council sa (02) 9936 8100. Ito ay isang libreng serbisyo.
TRADITIONAL CHINESE	如果你不明白這份資料，請致電13 14 50聯絡Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)，要求一名能說你的語言的傳譯員，代你致電(02) 9936 8100聯絡North Sydney Council。這是免費服務。

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Further to the resolution of 24 October 2016, Council established a Steering Group to consider its options and possible way forward to ensure that the Local Government Sector in NSW is equipped with a vehicle with the strength and will to properly advocate on its behalf.

To that end the Steering Group determined to write to all NSW Councils seeking their views and feedback to determine if others share North Sydney Council's concerns.

I would therefore appreciate any comments or suggestions you and your Council may have in response to my Council's resolution. All your responses will be respected and I will keep you informed of any matters of relevance or general interest.

Yours sincerely,



Ross McCreanor
ACTING GENERAL MANAGER

North Sydney Council Resolution of 24 October 2016

1. **THAT** Council resign from financial membership of LGNSW with immediate effect and that a refund of subscription fees paid this year be requested.
2. **THAT** Council authorise the General Manager to seek other options in conjunction with other councils and ROCs to provide industrial and related services as required.
3. **THAT** Council establish a peak body organisation to represent councils and engage in robust and rigorous advocacy and policy leadership on local government issues and reform.
4. **THAT** Council allocate funding towards lobbying and advocacy including the establishment of such an organisation and provide an officer with detailed knowledge and experience of the local government sector and LGNSW to this project for a minimum 2-year period.
5. **THAT** Council nominate a steering group for the establishment of the new organisation of the General Manager and two Councillors.

Council video records all Ordinary Meetings. The debate and discussion relating to this matter can be found at this link (commencing at 53:09):

<https://livestream.com/northsydneycouncil/events/4335043/videos/139972249>

NOTICE OF MOTION**1 NOTICE OF MOTION: FORESHORE LIGHTING IN MEADOWBANK AND MEMORIAL PARK - Councillor Terry Perram****File Number:** CLM/17/1/1/6 - BP17/408

MOTION:

- (a) That Council take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the foreshore lighting in Meadowbank and Memorial parks is operational at the times of day when it is required with a reliability no worse than that of any other safety lighting in the City of Ryde and that this be completed during the 2017/18 financial year.
- (b) That as an interim measure, Council arrange for weekly inspection of the foreshore lighting, approximately 45 minutes before sunrise, with prompt repair as necessary. When three consecutive weekly inspections demonstrate that all installed foreshore lights are operating, the frequency of inspection can be relaxed to monthly until the permanent solution resulting from a) above is operative.
- (c) That the results of each inspection in b) above be reported to Councillors through the next Councillors Information Bulletin following the inspection.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Report Prepared By:

Terry Perram
Councillor