

Meeting Date: Tuesday 25 September 2012
Location: Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde
Time: 7.30pm

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1 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator**File No.:** GRP/12/5/5/5 - BP12/1047

REPORT SUMMARY

At its meeting of 22 May 2012, Council resolved to adopt the maximum fee increase as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, for Councillors' fees and the Mayoral fee (noting that 10% is currently paid to the Deputy Mayor).

The Mayor currently receives \$73,594. This is made up of:

	Councillor's fee	\$21,700
plus	Mayoral fee	\$51,894
	(after deduction of Deputy Mayor's fee from \$57,660)	

The Mayor is elected for a one (1) year term and the following procedures are to be followed for the election process:

- (a) Determination of method of voting (ordinary ballot, preferential ballot or open voting).
- (b) Announcement of nominations.
- (c) Conduct of election.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council determine the method of voting for the election of Mayor.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Mayor for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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2 DETERMINATION OF FEE FOR DEPUTY MAYOR

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator
File No.: GRP/12/5/5/5 - BP12/1048

REPORT SUMMARY

At its meeting of 22 May 2012, Council resolved to adopt the maximum fee increase as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal, for Councillors' fees and the Mayoral fee (noting that 10% is currently paid to the Deputy Mayor).

The Deputy Mayor currently receives \$27,466. This is made up of:

	Councillor's fee	\$21,700
plus	Mayor fee	\$ 5,766
	(being 10% of Mayoral fee of \$57,660)	

Council, at its meeting on 25 September 2008, resolved:

- (a) That the Deputy Mayor be paid, in addition to the Councillors' fee, a fee equivalent to 10% of the Mayor's annual fee.
- (b) That the amount paid to the Deputy Mayor be deducted from the Mayor's fee.
- (c) That this matter be reviewed annually in conjunction with the election of the Mayor.

It is noted that in 2009, 2010 and 2011 the payment of the fee to the Deputy Mayor has been confirmed by Council resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council determine if it endorses a fee being paid to the Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That Council determine the amount of the fee to be deducted from the Mayor's fee.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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3 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator**File No.:** GRP/12/5/5/5 - BP12/1049

REPORT SUMMARY

The Deputy Mayor is elected for one (1) year term and the following procedures are to be followed for the election process:

- (a) Determination of method of voting (ordinary ballot, preferential ballot or open voting).
- (b) Announcement of nominations.
- (c) Conduct of election.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council determine the method of voting for the election of Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That the General Manager, as Returning Officer, undertake the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing twelve (12) months by announcing the nominations and then conducting the election.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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4 COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS - Schedule and Appointment of Councillor Members to Standing Committees

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator
File No.: GRP/12/5/5/5 - BP12/1057

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides a schedule of proposed Council and Committee Meetings for the remainder of the 2012 and the full 2013 calendar year and seeks Council's endorsement of the draft schedule.

In addition, this report seeks Council to determine the appointment of Councillor members to each of the Standing Committees, noting that all Councillors are members of the Civic Precinct Committee, with the Mayor as Chairperson.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse its Standing Committees of Planning and Environment, Works and Community and Civic Precinct.
- (b) That Council endorse the attached draft meeting schedule for Committee and Council meetings for the remainder of 2012 and the full calendar year of 2013, noting that the schedule may be amended at any time, subject to one month transition period to allow for public notices to be given.
- (c) That Council determine the Committee members for the Planning and Environment Committee.
- (d) That Council determine the Committee members for the Works and Community Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2012 and Draft Meeting Schedule for 2013

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Discussion

Council's current Standing Committees are the Planning and Environment Committee, Works and Community Committee and Civic Precinct Committee.

Council is to determine the appointment of Councillor members to each of the Standing Committees, noting that all Councillors are members of the Civic Precinct Committee, with the Mayor as Chairperson.

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows for Council meetings to be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of the months February to November inclusive and the second Tuesday in December.

The Code allows for Committee meetings to be held on the first and third Tuesday of the months February to November inclusive and the first Tuesday of December.

The Code also allows for Civic Precinct Committee meetings to be held no less than every two months between the first and/or third Tuesdays of the months February to November and the first Tuesday of December.

As a result, the first Committee meetings of this new Council are proposed to commence on 16 October 2012. In 2013, Committee meetings are proposed to commence on Tuesday, 5 February 2013, with the first Council meeting being on Tuesday, 12 February 2013.

A draft schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2012 and the full 2013 calendar year is **ATTACHED** for Council's consideration. The calendar may be amended at any time if Council resolves to alter the meeting day or to adjust the Council/Committee structure, although at least one month transition period is required in order for public notices to be amended.

The proposed schedule has taken into account public holidays such as Easter, July mid-year recess and the 2012 Local Government Conference in October.

The schedule has followed normal procedure for the majority of the year.

July 2013

It is recommended that Council's mid-year recess coincide with School Holidays from Monday, 1 July to Friday, 12 July 2013. It is recommended that no Committee meetings be held on 2 July 2013 and no Council meeting be held on 9 July 2013.

Appointment of Committee Members to Standing Committees

The membership of the Planning and Environment Committee (P&E) and the Works and Community Committee (W&C) is to be determined annually. The P&E and W&C Committees meet concurrently and usually comprise either five or six Councillors with the Mayor as ex-officio on each.

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The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the P&E and W&C Committees are determined by the Committee at the first meeting.

The Civic Precinct Committee (CPC) comprises all 12 Councillors with the Mayor as Chairperson.

The meetings of the CPC are on a bi-monthly basis and it is recommended that this Committee continue to meet on that basis. Council's meeting schedule has been adjusted to include CPC meetings every two months.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendations outlined in this report will have no financial impact as there is provision for the conduct of meetings allocated in the adopted 2012/2013 and 2013/2014 budgets.

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Remainder of 2012 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Comments
OCTOBER		
09-Oct-12	COUNCIL	
16-Oct-12	Committees	
23-Oct-12	COUNCIL	
30-Oct-12	No Meeting	5 th Tuesday (LGA Conference)
NOVEMBER		
06-Nov-12	Committees Civic Precinct Committee	
13-Nov-12	COUNCIL	
20-Nov-12	Committees	
27-Nov-12	COUNCIL	
DECEMBER		
04-Dec-12	Committees	
11-Dec-12	COUNCIL	

2013 Meeting Schedule

Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Comments
FEBRUARY		
05-Feb-13	Committees Civic Precinct Committee	
12-Feb-13	COUNCIL	
19-Feb-13	Committees	
26-Feb-13	COUNCIL	
MARCH		
05-Mar-13	Committees	
12-Mar-13	COUNCIL	
19-Mar-13	Committees	
26-Mar-13	COUNCIL	Easter – 29 March to 1 April
APRIL		
02-Apr-13	Committees Civic Precinct Committee	
09-Apr-13	COUNCIL	
16-Apr-13	Committees	
23-Apr-13	COUNCIL	
30-Apr-13	No Meeting	5 th Tuesday
MAY		
07-May-13	Committees	
14-May-13	COUNCIL	
21-May-13	Committees	
28-May-13	COUNCIL	
JUNE		
04-Jun-13	Committees Civic Precinct Committee	
11-Jun-13	COUNCIL	
18-Jun-13	Committees	
25-Jun-13	COUNCIL	

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Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Comments
JULY		
02-Jul-13	No Meetings	Mid-year recess
09-Jul-13	No Meetings	Mid-year recess
16-Jul-13	Committees	
23-Jul-13	COUNCIL	
30-Jul-13	No Meeting	5 th Tuesday
AUGUST		
06-Aug-13	Committees Civic Precinct Committee	
13-Aug-13	COUNCIL	
20-Aug-13	Committees	
27-Aug-13	COUNCIL	
SEPTEMBER		
03-Sep-13	Committees	
10-Sep-13	COUNCIL	
17-Sep-13	Committees	
24-Sep-13	COUNCIL	
OCTOBER		
01-Oct-13	Committees Civic Precinct Committee	
08-Oct-13	COUNCIL	
15-Oct-13	Committees	
22-Oct-13	COUNCIL	
29-Oct-13	No Meeting	5 th Tuesday
NOVEMBER		
05-Nov-13	Committees Civic Precinct Committee	
12-Nov-13	COUNCIL	
19-Nov-13	Committees	
26-Nov-13	COUNCIL	
DECEMBER		
03-Dec-13	Committees	
10-Dec-13	COUNCIL	

5 ADVISORY AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

Report prepared by: Meeting Support Coordinator**File No.:** GRP/12/5/5/5 - BP12/1058

REPORT SUMMARY

This report seeks Council to determine the Councillor delegates for all external Committees.

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council appoint two (2) formal delegates to NSROC and alternate delegates as required.
- (b) That no formal Councillor delegate be appointed to the RMS Consultative Forum on the basis that all Councillors will be invited to attend the Forum when it is being held.
- (c) That Council either:
 - (i) reaffirm Council's General Manager, Mr John Neish and Group Manager – Public Works, Mr Terry Dodds as Council's delegates and Council's General Counsel, Mr Bruce McCann as the alternate to the Joint Regional Planning Panel;
 - OR
 - (ii) appoint two persons (Councillor and/or Council staff member) as Council's delegates and at least one person as an alternate delegate to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.
- (d) That Council postpone the nomination of Councillors to Advisory Committees and note that a review is currently being undertaken of the Advisory Committee Structure, in accordance with Council's previous resolution, with a further report to be provided back to Council for its consideration by December 2012.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

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ITEM 5 (continued)**Discussion**

The appointment of Councillor delegates to external Committees, such as the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) and the Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Sydney Directorate Consultative Forum, is undertaken annually as is Councillor representation on Advisory Committees.

Council's Advisory Committees

In 2008, each Advisory Committee underwent an expression of interest process from community representatives to become a Committee member.

The Terms of Reference for Council's Advisory Committees stipulates that members appointed to the Committee be appointed for the four-year (or remainder thereof) term of the current Council with the current membership of the Committee being submitted to Council each September for confirmation.

In accordance with the Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, the current Advisory Committees have ceased operation.

The previous Council, at its meeting on 13 September 2011 resolved that Council's current Advisory Committee structure be reviewed with a further report back to Council. This report was provided to Council at its meeting on 22 November 2011 and a subsequent workshop was conducted. As a result of this consultation with Councillors, a survey and review of Advisory Committees has been undertaken.

It is proposed that a further report will be provided back to Council by December 2012, detailing the outcomes of the review and providing options to Council in respect of its advisory support structure.

Council's current Advisory Committees are:

- Access Committee
- Audit Committee
- Bicycle Advisory Committee
- Climate Change and Sustainability Committee
- Community Harmony Reference Group
- Companion Animals Advisory Committee
- Country Council Partnership Advisory Committee
- Eastwood Events and Promotions Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Macquarie Park Forum
- Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services Committee
- Ryde Crime Prevention Committee

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- Ryde Youth Council
- Sports and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Status of Women Advisory Committee

These Committees formally ceased operating in August 2012.

At its Extraordinary meeting on 21 August 2012, Council discussed the establishment of a Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee and resolved as follows:

- (a) That Council recommend to the incoming Council that it adopt the Terms of Reference of the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee to include seven (7) community representatives.
- (b) That Council recommend to the incoming Council that it endorse the membership of the following seven (7) community representatives to the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee:
 - Kenrick Thompson
 - Ben Drayton
 - David McElroy
 - Brendan Gardoll
 - Brad Shaw
 - Le Zhang
 - Nathan Ho
- (c) That Council recommend to the incoming Council that it nominate two (2) Councillors as Councillor representatives on the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee.
- (d) That the first meeting of the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee be considered as part of Council's determination of the Advisory Committee structure.

In accordance with Council's resolution, it is proposed that the Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee be included in the further report to Council by December 2012.

External Committees**Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)**

The City of Ryde is a member of the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) which is a voluntary organisation of local government established to provide strong local government leadership; to work co-operatively for the benefit of the Northern Sydney region; and to effectively advocate on agreed regional positions and priorities. The seven member Councils are Hornsby, Hunters Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby.

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Each member Council is to appoint two (2) formal delegates, however, there is no restriction on any other Councillors attending meetings.

Council has previously appointed two (2) formal delegates and two (2) alternate delegates.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) Sydney Directorate Consultative Forum

The RMS Sydney Directorate Consultative Forum was formed in 1990 for the purpose of improving communication between the RMS and local Councils. The Forum usually only meets one or two times per year. All Councillors would be invited to attend the Forum.

It is not considered necessary to formally appoint a Councillor delegate.

Ryde Traffic Committee

The Ryde Traffic Committee (RTC) is a technical committee created under the auspices of the RMS.

The RTC is to be made up of four formal members. The members are as follows:

- one representative of Council
- one representative of the NSW Police
- one representative of the RMS
- the local State Member of Parliament (MP) or their nominee

Council's representative may be any Councillor or Council officer. The Council representative may be a sub-delegate if Council has formally approved this.

The Chairperson of the RTC is the Group Manager – Public Works and membership comprises representative from RMS, NSW Police and local members of State Parliament as outlined above.

Councillors are able to attend all RTC meetings and contribute to discussion, however, they do not have voting powers.

As the RTC does not have any powers to determine resolutions of Council, its Minutes are referred to Council via the Works and Community Committee. Council then has the power to determine resolutions on matters arising from the RTC meetings.

ITEM 5 (continued)Joint Regional Planning Panel

The Joint Regional Planning Panel has been set up to determine the following range of regional development:

- Development with a Capital Investment Value (CIV) over \$20 million.
- Development with a CIV over \$5 million which is:
 - Council related
 - Lodged by or on behalf of the Crown (State of NSW)
 - Private infrastructure and community facilities or
 - Eco-tourist facilities
- Extractive industries, waste facilities and marinas that are designated development.
- Certain coastal subdivisions.
- Development with a CIV between \$10 million and \$20 million which are referred to the regional panel by the applicant after 170 days.
- Crown development applications (with a CIV under \$5 million) referred to the regional panel by the applicant after 120 days lodgement as undetermined, including where recommended conditions are in dispute.

Additional functions of the regional panels can include:

- Acting as the Council for the purposes of preparing a local environmental plan when appointed to do so by the Minister of Planning.
- Determining applications to modify a consent for regionally significant development under Section 96(2) of the E P & A Act.
- Providing advice on planning or development matters when requested to do so by the Minister.

There are six Regional Panels in New South Wales and the City of Ryde is within the catchment of the Sydney East Panel. Each Panel is chaired by a nominee of the State Government which has two additional panel members.

Currently, a chairperson is appointed by the Minister from one of the three State members. This appointment requires the concurrence of the Local Government and Shires Association. Council has not been advised of any changes to this arrangement.

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The three State appointed independent members must have expertise in one or more of the following fields: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering, tourism or government and public administration. At least one of the Council appointed members must also have experience in one or more of the abovementioned fields.

Ryde Council is permitted two members on the Panel who are currently the General Manager, Mr John Neish and the Group Manager – Public Works, Mr Terry Dodds. Council's General Counsel, Mr Bruce McCann is Council's nominated alternate member. This nomination period was for a maximum of three years, which has recently expired.

As the nomination period has expired for the current Council members, it is necessary for Council to renominate two persons as Council nominees, and at least one person as an alternative member to the regional panel.

Financial Implications

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.

6 2012 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE - Dubbo 28 - 30 October 2012 - Confirmation of Delegates

Report prepared by: Councillor Support Coordinator
File No.: CLR/07/8/58 - BP12/1066

REPORT SUMMARY

To confirm the City of Ryde delegates for the 2012 Local Government Conference being held in Dubbo from 28 – 30 October 2012.

RECOMMENDATION:

That six Councillors be nominated to attend the 2012 Local Government Association Conference in Dubbo from 28 – 30 October 2012, with the Mayor and four Councillors appointed as voting delegates and one appointed as an observer.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Voting Delegate Entitlements
- 2 2012 LGA Motion - Library Resources
- 3 Local Government Association of NSW Conference 2012 DRAFT Program
- 4 Councillor Attendance at Conferences Guidelines

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ITEM 6 (continued)**Discussion**

The 2012 Local Government Association Conference will be held in Dubbo from Sunday, 28 October to Tuesday, 30 October 2012. Reservations have been made for accommodation at the Abel Tasman Motor Inn in Dubbo for up to eight people, comprising six Councillors and two staff.

Council is entitled to send five Councillors to the Conference as voting delegates and it is proposed that one Councillor attend as an observer.

In 2011, Council appointed the Mayor, Councillor Etmekdjian and Councillors O'Donnell, Yedelian OAM, Maggio and Pickering as well as the General Manager, Manager Governance and Manager Strategy and Organisation Development.

Travel arrangements are yet to be determined, depending on City of Ryde delegates (names are required for bookings) and their travel preferences, such as by plane, coach or car.

The delegation is booked to depart Sydney on Saturday, 27 October 2012 and will be returning on Wednesday 31 October 2012.

Councillor Delegates

Council is permitted to nominate five voting delegates (**ATTACHED**) who would be in support of any City of Ryde motions being considered at the Conference. If six Councillors, including the Mayor, attend the Conference it would be necessary for one to participate as an observer only.

Voting delegates are required to be confirmed no later than Monday 8 October 2012.

Motions

Council endorsed a Motion for inclusion on the 2012 LGA Conference business paper at the Adjourned Council meeting of 14 August 2012 which was held on 28 August 2012. However, the closing date for Motions to be submitted to the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW was Wednesday 15 August 2012. Therefore the City of Ryde has submitted the motion as a late motion for the LGSA's consideration for inclusion on the Conference Business Paper.

The Motion (**ATTACHED**) calls for the Local Government Association to lobby the Minister for the Arts seeking an increase in the current level of subsidy provided by the State Library of NSW above \$1.85 per capita, as prescribed by the Library Act 1939 and the Library Regulation 2010, in recognition of the increasing costs to Councils in meeting the demand for provision of public libraries as community meeting places and the cost of expansion into electronic resources. The Motion also calls for the Local Government Association to lobby the State Library of NSW to

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make representations with publishers for the release of all titles as eBooks at reasonable rates and without stringent conditions to Local Councils for their online libraries.

Conference

The 2012 Local Government Association Conference will be hosted by Dubbo City Council commencing on Sunday 28 October 2012 and concluding on Tuesday 30 October 2012 with a Gala Dinner. The Conference will be held at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre. A draft copy of the Program can be found **ATTACHED**.

The Conference is an opportunity for NSW Councils to meet, discuss and determine policy positions for improvement in Local Government administration. It allows Councils to identify, discuss and make recommendations on future challenges and opportunities that Local Government is experiencing.

Delegates attending the Conference will have the opportunity to choose from a range of Professional Development Workshops (workshop topics will be confirmed at a later date).

Financial Impact

Council will meet the cost of Councillors travel to and from the Conference. The distance from Ryde to the venue is approximately 385 km (5 hours). Councillors are entitled to receive an allowance covering the distance per kilometre travelled to and from the conference should they wish to drive, otherwise flights will be arranged. Return flights to and from Sydney to Dubbo are approximately \$650 per person.

Total costs for attending this Conference will be approximately \$2,291 per person.

Policy Implications

The City of Ryde has regularly participated in the annual Local Government Association Conference. Funding is allocated in the annual budget for delegates to attend the Conference. The Policy on the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors sets out the entitlements for Councillors attending such Conferences.

ATTACHED are the Guidelines for Councillor Attendance at Conferences. The Guidelines provide that in addition to the Local Government Association Conference and the Australian Local Government Conference, every Councillor is entitled to attend a conference in NSW, Canberra, metropolitan Brisbane or metropolitan Melbourne.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Voting Delegate Entitlements

Councils are entitled to nominate voting delegates on a population basis.

The current constitution of the Association provides for voting delegates to conference according to the following clause:

13. (a) The Annual Conference shall consist of the Executive Committee of the Association and delegates from each council appointed in accordance with the scale as under, such delegates to be sitting members of a constituent council. Each member of the Executive Committee of the Association and each delegate from a council which is an ordinary member shall have one vote.

Group No.	Population	Delegates
(1)	Less than 10,000	1
(2)	10,000 - 20,000	2
(3)	20,000 - 50,000	3
(4)	50,000 - 100,000	4
(5)	100,000 - 150,000	5
(6)	Over 150,000	7
(7)	County councils and Associate Members	2
(8)	Aboriginal Land Councils	27

Note that member councils currently under administration may have one vote only. Administrators are recognised under the constitution as delegates.

The population numbers are determined by the Association using the Australian Bureau of Statistics publication 3218.0 (latest figures June 2009). Councils unsure of their allowed delegate numbers should call Peter Coulton, Director Corporate Services.

Please forward to the LGA the details of your council's delegates no later than 15 October 2012. Electronic delegate voting cards will be issued to all eligible voting delegates only at the conference on registration.

Changing Voting Delegates

All changes to the names of voting delegates both before and during the conference must be made in writing by either the Mayor or General Manager. This ensures that voting lists are up to date and avoids the embarrassment of disputes about who may or may not vote.

Where changes are made to delegates in the few days prior to the conference, new voting cards will be available for collection from the LGA desk at the conference on Monday 29 October 2012. Original voting delegate cards are to be returned to the LGA desk at the conference when collecting replacement cards.

Changes of delegates during the conference should be reported to the LGA office. Our staff will help you with the procedures.

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ATTACHMENT 2

Council: City Of Ryde

Issue: Library Resources

Motion:

1. That the LGSA lobby the Minister for the Arts seeking an increase in the current level of subsidy provided by the State Library of NSW above \$1.85 per capita, as prescribed by the Library Act 1939 and the Library Regulation 2010, in recognition of the increasing costs to Councils in meeting the demand for provision of public libraries as community meeting places and the cost of expansion into electronic resources
2. That the LGSA lobby the State Library of NSW to make representations with publishers for the release of all titles as eBooks at reasonable rates and without stringent conditions to Local Councils for their online libraries.

Supporting paragraph:

Individual Local Government authorities are limited in their ability to lobby for broad improvements on issues that affect all NSW public libraries. The LGSA is able to speak for all, adding significance and weight to these proposals. The first proposal addresses funding. The current level of NSW subsidy for local public libraries represents just 8% of the cost of providing that service, the lowest level of support provided by any Australian State or Territory (Australian Public Libraries Statistical Report 2010-2011). Public libraries are increasingly being asked to support additional services and facilities, and these include providing technology and training support for members of the public seeking information from other levels of government. The second proposal addresses the emerging issues that surround the lending of eBooks. Public libraries that have developed eBook collections are faced by complex and changing conditions imposed by publishers. Conditions vary widely, with some eBooks being sold to libraries at inflated prices, others have stringent conditions regarding the number of loans that can be offered, some publishers will not allow eBooks to be sold to public libraries at all, and there are further limitations to the range of eBook reading devices that can be utilised. Individual voices have little weight in this argument. A State or National voice is more likely to attain improved conditions and access to eBooks.

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ATTACHMENT 3

Local Government Association of NSW Conference 2012

DRAFT PROGRAM (as of 10 September 2012)

28-30 October, 2012

Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, 155 Darling Street, Dubbo

Sunday 28 October

9.00am – 5.30pm **Registration opens**
Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, Darling Street, Dubbo

Sunday Local Church Services:
8.00am & 10.00am Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Brisbane Street

9.00am & 6.00pm St Brigid's Catholic Church, Brisbane Street

9.30am & 6.00pm Church of Christ Community, Church Lot 1 Mitchell Highway

9.30am & 7.00pm Wesley Church (Uniting Church), Church Street

9.00, 11.00 am Presbyterian Church, Cnr Sheraton & Douglas Mawson Roads
& 6.00pm

4.00pm – 6.00pm **Official Opening Ceremony**
Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, Darling Street, Dubbo
Mayoral procession
Welcome to Country
National Anthem
Welcome from **Mayor of Dubbo City Council**
Welcome address by **Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM**, President LGA
Address from **The Hon Don Page MP**, Minister for Local Government
Presentation of the AR Bluett Awards
Presentation of Outstanding Service Awards
Address by Welcome Function Sponsor YMCA

(Delegates are encouraged to walk through Victoria Park, coach provided for those who need it)

6.30pm – 8.30pm **President's Welcome Function, sponsored by YMCA**
Venue: Western Plains Cultural Centre, Wingewarra Street
****Coach transfers from WPCC to accommodation**

Monday 29 October

Conference Sessions at Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, Darling Street, Dubbo

8.00am Registration opens

Investment in Community Infrastructure
9.00am Conference Opening of Business Session

Adoption of Standing Orders

Presentation and Adoption of Treasurer's Report

Ms Genia McCaffery, Mayoral Mentor

Other general business

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ATTACHMENT 3

	Consideration of Motions
10.30am	Session breaks for Morning Tea in trade exhibition sponsored by Toyota
11.00am	Consideration of Motions
12.00pm	Mr Bill Bristow , CEO, Angel Flight
12.15pm	Consideration of Motions
1.00pm	Lunch in trade exhibition sponsored by NSW EPA
2.00pm	Supporting Strong Economic Management Mr Peter McKinlay , Director, Local Government Centre, Institute of Public Policy, AUT University, Auckland
2.30pm	Consideration of Motions
4.00pm	Conference adjourns for Sponsors Happy Hour drinks and afternoon tea sponsored by Toyota in trade exhibition
5.00pm	Sponsors Happy Hour concludes. End of Day proceedings. <i>**(Coach transfers from DRTCC to accommodation)</i>
7.00pm – 10.00pm	Delegates Optional Function Old Dubbo Gaol, Macquarie Street or Free night for delegates to enjoy local restaurants. Bookings essential. <i>**(Coach transfers from ODG to accommodation (staggered and set times commencing 9pm)</i>

Tuesday 30 October

Conference Sessions at Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre, Darling Street, Dubbo

7.30am	Australian Local Government Woman's Association and NSW Australian Local Government Women's Association Breakfast presents Ms Jane Caro , journalist, author, lecturer, social commentator, broadcaster
8.00am	Registration opens
9.00am	Conference Business Session Consideration of Motions
9.30am	Mr Barry Buffier , Chair and Chief Executive, NSW EPA
10.00am	Address from The Hon Brad Hazzard MP , Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, and Minister Assisting the Premier on Infrastructure on The New Planning System for New South Wales – Green Paper (invited)
11.00am	Session breaks for Morning Tea in trade exhibition sponsored by NSW EPA
11.30am	Delivering Quality Services Mr Bob Abbot , Mayoral Mentor, Local Government Association Queensland
12.00noon	Mr Peter Lambert , CEO, Local Government Superannuation
12.15pm	Mr John Turner , Chair, NSW Local Government Act Taskforce
1.00pm	Lunch in trade exhibition sponsored by Local Government Super

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- 2.00pm Consideration of Motions
- 2.30pm **Professor Graham Sansom**, Review of Local Government, address and Q and A with fellow panellists **Mr Glenn Inglis** and **Ms Jude Munro**
- 3.30pm Consideration of Motions
- 4.00pm Drawing of prizes. Conference adjourns for Sponsors Happy Hour drinks in trade exhibition sponsored by Local Government Super
- 5.00pm Sponsors Happy Hour concludes. End of Day proceedings.
*** (Coach transfers from DRTCC to accommodation)*
- 6.45pm *** (Coach transfers from accommodation to TWPZ)*
- 7.00pm for 7.30pm **Gala dinner sponsored by Essential Energy**
– 11.00pm Taronga Western Plains Zoo
*From 10.30pm Coach transfers from TWPZ to accommodation (staggered and set times from 10.30pm)***

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

This program is correct at the time of printing; speakers and program details may have changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

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ATTACHMENT 4



Councillor Attendance at Conferences Guideline

Related Policy

This guideline sets out the criteria to determine the attendance of Councillors at Conferences. It relates to the Policy on the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors.

Guidelines

Council acknowledges the value of Councillor attendance at conferences to enable them to be both knowledgeable and current on issues affecting the City of Ryde. In order to ensure that attendance at Conferences is equitable, transparent and consistent, attendance will be limited as follows:

1. Local Government Association Conference – the number of voting delegates plus one. Details of the delegates and attendee to be determined by resolution of Council.
2. Australian Local Government Association Conference.
3. In addition, to 1 and 2 above, every Councillor is entitled to attend one conference in either NSW, Canberra, metropolitan Brisbane or metropolitan Melbourne. The conference must directly relate to the business of Council. More than one Councillor may attend the same conference if Council resolves that this will be beneficial for both Council and the Councillors concerned.
4. Within 2 months after the conference the attending Councillor must report to Council on the proceedings of the conference. That report will be included in the Councillors Information Bulletin.
5. No Councillor can attend a Conference without the prior approval of Council. Reports to Council are to include details of the Conference and an estimate of the associated costs including registration, transport and accommodation.
6. Council may resolve that a Councillor can attend more than one conference per year but this determination will be dependant on budgetary constraints and with an emphasis on ensuring that all Councillors have equal access to conferences.
7. Each year, as part of the review of the Policy on the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for the Mayor and Other Councillors, Council officers will provide a full report of expenditure and Conference attendance by Councillors.

Councillor Attendance at Conferences guideline		
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