

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 8 September 2015  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde  
**Time:** 7.30pm

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**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 25 August 2015**

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**Report prepared by:** Section Manager - Governance  
**File No.:** CLM/15/1/4/2 - BP15/1138

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**REPORT SUMMARY**

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, a motion or discussion with respect to such minutes shall not be in order except with regard to their accuracy as a true record of the proceedings.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 15/15, held on 25 August 2015 be confirmed.

**ATTACHMENTS**

**1 MINUTES - Ordinary Council Meeting - 25 August 2015**

**ITEM 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Council Meeting  
MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 15/15**

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday 25 August 2015

**Location:** Council Chambers, Level 6, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Councillors Present:** The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Maggio, Pendleton, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Stott.

**Note:** Councillor Salvestro-Martin arrived at the meeting at 8.25pm during discussion on Item 5. He was not present for consideration or voting on Leave of Absence, Mayoral Minute 6/15, Mayoral Minute 7/15 and Items 1, 2, 3 and 4.

**Apologies:** Councillor Yedelian OAM.

**Leave of Absence:** Councillor Simon.

**Staff Present:** General Manager, Acting Group Manager – Community Life, Group Manager – Corporate Services, Acting Group Manager – Environment and Planning, Group Manager – Public Works, Solicitor, Chief Financial Officer, Manager – Human Resources, Acting Manager – Urban Planning, Manager – Business Infrastructure, Manager – Project Development, Section Manager – Community Engagement, Section Manager – Communications, Section Manager – Property and Development, Section Manager – Design, Section Manager – Sports and Recreation, Project Manager, Swim Instructor – Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre, Section Manager – Governance and Governance, Risk and Audit Coordinator.

**PRAYER**

Reverend Mal York of the West Ryde Anglican Church was present and offered prayer prior to the commencement of the meeting.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

The Mayor, Councillor Pickering requested a Leave of Absence for the period 9 September 2015 to 18 September 2015 inclusive.

Councillor Chung requested a Leave of Absence for 1 September 2015 and for the period 11 September 2015 to 24 September 2015, inclusive.

**Note:** Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Perram and Pendleton)

- (a) That the Mayor, Councillor Pickering's Leave of Absence for the period 9 September 2015 to 18 September 2015 inclusive be approved.
- (b) That Councillor Chung's Leave of Absence for 1 September 2015 and for the period 11 September 2015 to 24 September 2015 , inclusive be approved.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in Item 3 – Report of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting 3/15 held on 11 August 2015, for the reason that her opposition to the redevelopment of the Civic Centre public land with the inclusion of high-rise residential development is consistent with her core commitment made to the electorate at the 2012 elections.

**TABLING OF PETITIONS**

No Petitions were tabled.

**PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL AUSTSWIM AWARD**

The Mayor, Councillor Pickering presented Council's Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre swim instructor, Jason Smylie with the nation's highest AUSTSWIM Award. Mr Smylie was presented with the Award for being named AUSTSWIM National Swim Teacher of the Year Access and Inclusion, for his work with children with special needs.

**PRESENTATION OF RH DOUGHERTY AWARD**

Council's General Manager, Gail Connolly presented the Mayor, Councillor Pickering with the RH Dougherty Award which was won by the City of Ryde in the category of Excellence in Communication for the Special Rate Variation's Communication and Engagement Strategy.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**PRESENTATION OF AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE PROJECT MANAGEMENT  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS 2015**

Council's Manager – Business Infrastructure, Joe So and Manager – Project Development, Peter Nguyen presented the Mayor, Councillor Pickering with two Awards from the 2015 Australian Institute of Project Management for project works undertaken on the Surf Ryder Attraction and Forecourt Construction at the Ryde Aquatic Leisure Centre. The first Award was in the project category of NSW Community and/or Development and the second Award was New South Wales Project of the Year.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

No addresses were made to Council.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON ITEMS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

No addresses were made to Council.

**MAYORAL MINUTES**

**MM6/15 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY – LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN NSW –  
PRESENTATION BY RYDE, HUNTER'S HILL AND LANE COVE  
COUNCILS TO THE GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
NO. 6 – MONDAY, 24 AUGUST 2015**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillor Etmekdjian)

- (a) That Council note the details of the opening statement presented to the Parliamentary Inquiry, by Councillor Richard Quinn, Mayor Hunter's Hill Council on behalf of the three Councils.
- (b) That a copy of the opening statement be forwarded to Council's Local State Members, the Hon. Anthony Roberts and the Hon Victor Dominello and Local Federal Member, Mr John Alexander for their attention.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**ITEM 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**MM7/15 PRESENTATION OF SIGNED FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RYDE AND THE CITY OF DONGGUAN**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillor Etmekdjian)

- (a) That Council note the Friendship Agreement between the City of Ryde and the City of Dongguan was officially signed on 19 August 2015.
- (b) That Council endorse Councillor Chung to represent the City of Ryde in presenting the signed Friendship Agreement to the Mayor of the City of Dongguan, China between 13 to 15 September 2015.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**MATTER OF URGENCY**

Councillor Laxale raised a Matter of Urgency regarding developers on Council.

The Mayor, Councillor Pickering did not accept this Item as an Urgent Item and therefore the matter was not considered by Council.

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Council Meeting held on 11 August 2015**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Stott and Chung)

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 14/15, held on 11 August 2015 be confirmed.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**ITEM 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**2 REPORT OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
12/15 held on 18 August 2015**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Chung and Laxale)

That Council note that all Items of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting 12/15 held on 18 August 2015 were dealt with by the Committee within its delegated powers.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**3 REPORT OF THE RYDE CIVIC HUB COMMITTEE MEETING 3/15 held on 11  
August 2015**

Note: Councillor Pendleton disclosed a Less than Significant Non-Pecuniary Interest in this Item 3 for the reason that her opposition to the redevelopment of the Civic Centre public land with the inclusion of high-rise residential development is consistent with her core commitment made to the electorate at the 2012 elections.

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Stott)

That Council determine all Items of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting 3/15, held on 11 August 2015 in accordance with the Ryde Civic Hub Terms of Reference.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - Ryde Civic Hub Committee  
Meeting held on 14 July 2015**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Stott)

That the Minutes of the Ryde Civic Hub Committee 2/15, held on 14 July 2015, be confirmed.

**ITEM 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**2 RYDE CIVIC HUB INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION -  
PROCUREMENT STRATEGY**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Stott)

That the Ryde Civic Hub Committee receives and notes the Civic Hub Procurement Strategy.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Perram)

That the Ryde Civic Hub Procurement Strategy be deferred until after the election of a new Council.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was four (4) For and five (5) Against. The Amendment was **LOST**. The Motion was then put and **CARRIED**.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: Councillors Laxale, Li, Pendleton and Perram

Against the Amendment: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio and Stott

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Stott)

That the Ryde Civic Hub Committee receives and notes the Civic Hub Procurement Strategy.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, Li, Pendleton and Perram



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**3 RYDE CIVIC HUB INTERNATIONAL DESIGN COMPETITION - STATUS REPORT 1 (AUGUST 2015)**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Stott)

That the Civic Hub Committee receives and notes the content of Status Report 1 (August 2015).

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Maggio and Stott

Against the Motion: Laxale, Li, Pendleton and Perram

**4 PLANNING PROPOSAL - 25-27 AND 29 EPPING ROAD, MACQUARIE PARK**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Chung and Perram)

- (a) That Council note the Planning Proposal for 25-27 and 29 Epping Road, Macquarie Park.
- (b) That Council forward the planning proposal for 25-27 and 29 Epping Road, Macquarie Park to receive a gateway determination in accordance with Section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.
- (c) That, in the event of a gateway determination being issued pursuant to Section 56 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the planning proposal be placed on public exhibition and a further report be presented to Council following the completion of the community consultation advising of the outcomes and next steps.
- (d) That Council amend the North Ryde Station Precinct Development Control Plan for 25-27 and 29 Epping Road Macquarie Park to update the map showing the land to which the plan applies and that this amendment be publicly exhibited concurrently with the planning proposal.
- (e) That Council indicate to the Department of Planning and Environment that support for this Planning Proposal does not alter Council's long standing view that the integrity of current zoning (B3 and B7) and controls in Macquarie Park must be preserved.

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**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Perram and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, Maggio and Pendleton

**5 COUNCIL'S PROPOSED MEETING STRUCTURE 2015-2016**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin arrived at the meeting at 8.25pm during discussion on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Chung and Pendleton)

- (a) That Council endorse Option A as set out in this report, with the deletion of dinner on weeks 2 and 3, as Council's adopted Council and Committee Meeting structure (four weekly meeting cycle) for a period of 12 months until September 2016, or the next Local Government election, whichever occurs first. Option A is set out below:-

**OPTION A**

Week	Meetings	Time	Date
1	No meetings		06/10/2015
2	Planning and Environment Committee Ryde Civic Hub Committee	5.00pm 6.00pm	13/10/2015
3	Works and Community Committee Finance and Governance Committee	5.00pm 6.00pm	20/10/2015
4	Workshops Dinner and pre-briefing Council	5.00pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	27/10/2015

- (b) That Council endorse the establishment of a new Finance and Governance Standing Committee.
- (c) That arrangements to support Option A with regard to Council and Committee Meeting structures be put in place to commence from 1 October 2015.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting of 8 September 2015 on a revised draft Code of Meeting Practice for public exhibition which reflects Council's preferred structure and cycle Option, together with the Terms of Reference for the new Finance and Governance Standing Committee and the other changes necessary to the Code as detailed in this report.

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- (e) That Council note that a revised Schedule of Committee and Council Meeting dates for the balance of 2015 and the full calendar year of 2016 will be presented to Council at its meeting of 8 September 2015.
- (f) That Council endorse the removal of the General Purposes Committee from the Code of Meeting Practice as a Standing Committee of Council.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Pendleton, Perram and Salvestro-Martin

Against the Motion: Councillors Laxale, Maggio and Stott

**6 INVESTMENT REPORT - July 2015**

Note: Councillor Laxale left the meeting at 8.30pm and was not present for consideration or voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Perram)

- (a) That Council endorse the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated 5 August 2015 on Investment Report – July 2015.
- (b) That Council endorse being a member of the continuation of the Class action commenced against the CBA, to now include action against Standard and Poors International (LLC) and McGraw-Hill Financial Inc.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Maggio, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillor Pendleton

Note: Councillor Laxale returned to the meeting at 8.32pm.

**7 JUNE QUARTERLY REVIEW REPORT - FOUR YEAR DELIVERY PLAN 2014-2018 AND 2014/2015 OPERATIONAL PLAN**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Etmekdjian and Perram)

- (a) That the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated 30 June 2015 on the June Quarterly Review Report - Four Year Delivery Plan 2014-2018 and One Year Operational Plan 2014/2015 be received and endorsed.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

- (b) That the proposed budget adjustments included in this report resulting in no changes to Council's Working Capital of a projected balance as at 30 June 2015 of \$3.05 million, be endorsed and included in the 2014/2015 Budget.
- (c) That the proposed transfers to and from Reserves as detailed in the report, and included as budget adjustments, totalling a net increase in Transfers to Reserves of \$8.36 million be endorsed.
- (d) That the Certificate of the Responsible Accounting Officer dated 5 August 2015 be endorsed.
- (e) That Council endorse the Projects recommended for cancellation, deferral, being placed on hold or proposed to be carried over as detailed in the Report.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Maggio, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillor Pendleton

**8 DRAFT 2014/2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Note: Confidential Financial Statements and documentation were tabled and considered in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE – CONFIDENTIAL.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Salvestro-Martin and Etmekdjian)

- (a) That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that it has prepared General Purpose Financial Statements for the 2014/2015 financial year ending 30 June 2015 and has formed an opinion, based on the advice of Council officers, that these reports:
  - i. Have been prepared in accordance with:
    - The Local Government Act 1993 (as amended) and the Regulations made thereunder
    - The Australian Accounting Standards and professional pronouncements
    - The Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.

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- ii. Present fairly the operating result and financial position of the City of Ryde for the year ended 30 June 2015.
- iii. Accords with Council's accounting and other records and policies.
- (b) That the Special Purpose Financial Statements have been drawn up in accordance with the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
- (c) That the General and Special Purpose Financial Statements be certified by the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer (Chief Financial Officer) in accordance with section 413 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1993.
- (d) That pursuant to the provisions of Section 413 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby declares that the Financial Statements (including General Purpose and Special Purpose Reports) for the year ending 30 June 2015 be referred for audit.
- (e) That Tuesday, 27 October 2015 be fixed for the date for the public meeting to present the audited financial statements and auditor's report for the year ended 30 June 2015 as required by section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993 and that the Council's external auditors be present.
- (f) That the following additional amounts be transferred to/(from) their respective reserves:
  - Employee Leave Entitlement Reserve - (\$542,036)
  - Asset Replacement Reserve - \$6,000,000

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**LATE ITEMS**

**15 OUR SPORTING FUTURE CONFERENCE - Gold Coast - 21 to 23 October 2015**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

- (a) That Council endorse the attendance of Councillor Maggio at the Our Sporting Future Conference to be held at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre on 21 to 23 October 2015.
- (b) That Council note that the General Manager will select staff to attend the Conference as appropriate.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NOTICES OF MOTION**

**1 OUTDOOR PAVED AREAS IN EASTWOOD - Councillor Justin Li**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Li and Etmekdjian)

That a report be prepared for Council's consideration which investigates the building of more outdoor paved and shaded areas around the Eastwood Town Centre in order to accommodate expected future growth in recreational needs of residents.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CLOSED SESSION**

**CONFIDENTIAL PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE 1 - LICENSE FOR COMMUNITY FACILITY AT 22 SALTER CRESCENT, DENISTONE EAST (FORMER DENISTONE EAST BOWLING CLUB)**

**Confidential**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**ITEM 9 - STRENGTHENING RYDE PROGRAM - Outdoor Advertising**

**Confidential**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**ITEM 10 - SPECIAL RATE VARIATION RESOURCING AND WORKFORCE PLAN**

**Confidential**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: Matters relating to specific organisational structures or staffing resources within units.

**ITEM 11 – ELS HALL PARK FIELD 1 SYNTHETIC TURF UPGRADE – FUNDING OPTIONS**

**Confidential**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business.

**ITEM 12 – REQUEST FOR TENDER – DESIGN SUPPLY AND INSTALL SYNTHETIC SURFACE ELS HALL PARK FIELD NO. 1, NORTH RYDE**

**Confidential**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business; AND (d) (i) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

**ITEM 13 - ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS**

**Confidential**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice as comprises a discussion of this matter, that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege.

**ITEM 14 - ORGANISATION REVIEW - Review of City of Ryde Organisation Structure**

**Confidential**

This item is classified CONFIDENTIAL under Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following: (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

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Note: Councillor Perram left the meeting at 8.42pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Stott and Salvestro-Martin)

That the Council resolve into Closed Session to consider the above matters.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: The Council closed the meeting at 8.42pm. The public and media left the chamber.

Note: Councillor Perram returned to the meeting at 8.44pm.

**CONFIDENTIAL PRECIS OF CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION**

**1 LICENSE FOR COMMUNITY FACILITY AT 22 SALTER CRESCENT, DENISTONE EAST (FORMER DENISTONE EAST BOWLING CLUB)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Perram and Maggio)

- (a) That the correspondence be received and noted.
- (b) That Council inform the residents who made submissions that the lease to Minimbah will not be proceeding.
- (c) That the community be consulted before calling any further Expressions of Interest for this site in a similar process to that followed for the Ryde Bowling Club site.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**CONFIDENTIAL COUNCIL REPORTS**

**9 STRENGTHENING RYDE PROGRAM - Outdoor Advertising**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Stott and Salvestro-Martin)

- (a) That as part of the Strengthening Ryde Program, Council endorses a Planning Proposal be prepared to amend the *Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2014* to facilitate the development of outdoor advertising signage on nominated sites and appropriate existing and future multi function pole (MFP) locations.



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**ATTACHMENT 1**

- (b) That subject to approval of the Planning Proposal, the outdoor advertising opportunities identified in this report be progressed through the development approval process.
- (c) That the General Manager be delegated the authority to make applications, execute any documentation and grant Owner's Consent for lodgement of applications relating to outdoor advertising signage.
- (d) That an *Outdoor Advertising Policy – Special Community Signs* be prepared and reported to Council including details of the proposed revenue hypothecation.
- (e) That the Planning Proposal includes proposed planning controls that can be incorporated in the review of Development Control Plan (DCP) 2014 Part 9.1 Signage, as necessary.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**10 SPECIAL RATE VARIATION RESOURCING AND WORKFORCE PLAN**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Salvestro-Martin and Chung)

- (a) That Council approve for the immediate recruitment, the 2015/16 Special Rate Variation related Full Time Equivalent increases of 24, as follows:
  - (i) Asset Systems: 5 positions
  - (ii) Project Development: 7 positions
  - (iii) Operations: 12 positions
- (b) That a review of workforce requirements be undertaken and reported back to Council in February 2016 to confirm that the foreshadowed resourcing requirements (of a further 9 FTE positions) are required for the 2016/17 year.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**11 ELS HALL PARK FIELD 1 SYNTHETIC TURF UPGRADE – FUNDING OPTIONS**

Note: A Confidential Supplementary Report was tabled and considered in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE – CONFIDENTIAL.

**MOTION:** (Moved by Councillors Laxale and Li)

- (a) That Council determines the preferred option for the delivery of a synthetic surface(s) within the City of Ryde.
- (b) Subject to (a), that Council indicate the preferred funding source for the delivery of the project, should it determine to proceed with the construction of a synthetic surface(s) in ELS Hall Park.
- (c) That a further report be submitted to Council on the outcome of the Synthetic Surfaces Action Plan.

**AMENDMENT:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

- (a) That Council defer consideration of the ELS Hall Synthetic Surface project due to the identified funding shortfall.
- (b) That this matter be reported back to Council in conjunction with the Draft Synthetic Turf Action Plan (including a Draft Implementation Plan) that will review and confirm the cost benefit analysis of synthetic sports fields in the City of Ryde to ensure the community is achieving value for money.
- (c) That Council endorse the issuing of a Media Release explaining Council's position on this matter.

On being put to the Meeting, the voting on the Amendment was nine (9) For and one (1) Against. The Amendment was **CARRIED** and then became the Motion.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Amendment: The Mayor Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Maggio, Pendleton, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Against the Amendment: Councillor Laxale

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Stott)

- (a) That Council defer consideration of the ELS Hall Synthetic Surface project due to the identified funding shortfall.

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- (b) That this matter be reported back to Council in conjunction with the Draft Synthetic Turf Action Plan (including a Draft Implementation Plan) that will review and confirm the cost benefit analysis of synthetic sports fields in the City of Ryde to ensure the community is achieving value for money.
- (c) That Council endorse the issuing of a Media Release explaining Council's position on this matter.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Maggio, Pendleton, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillor Laxale

**12 REQUEST FOR TENDER – COR-RFT-22/14 - DESIGN SUPPLY AND INSTALL SYNTHETIC SURFACE ELS HALL PARK FIELD NO. 1, NORTH RYDE**

Note: A Confidential Supplementary Report was tabled and considered in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE – CONFIDENTIAL.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Maggio and Salvestro-Martin)

- (a) That in accordance with S178(b) of the Local Government General Regulation (2005), Council decline to accept any of the tender(s) for the Design, Supply and Installation of Synthetic Surface at ELS Hall Park, Field No.1, North Ryde due to the lowest priced submission received is in excess of the available funding.
- (b) That Council advise all the respondents of Council's decision.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Li, Maggio, Pendleton, Perram, Salvestro-Martin and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillor Laxale

**13 ADVICE ON COURT ACTIONS**

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin left the meeting at 9.35pm and was not present for voting on this Item.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Stott)

That the report of the General Counsel be received.

**ITEM 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: The Mayor Councillor Pickering and Councillors Chung, Etmekdjian, Laxale, Li, Pendleton, Perram and Stott

Against the Motion: Councillor Maggio

Note: Councillor Salvestro-Martin returned to the meeting at 9.37pm.

Note: All staff with the exception of the General Manager, Manager – Human Resources and Section Manager – Governance (Minute taker) left the meeting at 9.39pm.

**14 ORGANISATION REVIEW - Review of City of Ryde Organisation Structure**

Note: A Confidential Supplementary Report was tabled and considered in relation to this Item and a copy is ON FILE – CONFIDENTIAL.

**RECOMMENDATION:** (Moved by Councillors Chung and Maggio)

- (a) That Council determines, pursuant to s332 of The Local Government Act 1993, that Council's organisation structure be as recommended in this report, and as presented in **ATTACHMENT 2**, including those positions within the organisation structure that are Senior Staff positions, namely General Manager, Chief Operating Officer, Director Corporate and Community Services, Director City Works and Infrastructure, Director City Strategy and Planning and General Counsel.
- (b) That the General Manager implement the organisation structure consistent with the consultation undertaken with Council to date and pursuant to s332, s337, s338 and s340 of the Local Government Act.
- (c) That the General Manager implement the organisation structure generally in accordance with the time frames listed in this report (noting the two staged approach which has been proposed in anticipation of an announcement regarding the NSW Government's 'Fit For The Future' program).
- (d) That Council note the approximate costs and savings associated with the implementation of the organisation structure proposed in this report.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**ITEM 1 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**OPEN SESSION**

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Stott)

That Council resolve itself into open Council.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

Note: Open Council resumed at 9.55pm.

**RESOLUTION:** (Moved by Councillors Pendleton and Stott)

That the recommendations of Items considered in Closed Session be received and adopted as resolutions of Council without any alteration or amendment thereto.

**Record of Voting:**

For the Motion: Unanimous

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The National Anthem was sung at the conclusion of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

Chairperson

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## **2 ELECTION OF MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS**

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**Report prepared by:** Section Manager - Governance

**File No.:** CLM/15/1/4/2 - BP15/1139

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### **REPORT SUMMARY**

At its meeting of 26 May 2015, Council resolved to adopt the maximum fee increase as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal for Councillors' fees and the Mayoral fee.

The Mayor currently receives \$85,460. This is made up of:

	Councillor's fee	\$23,370
plus	Mayoral fee	\$62,090

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 (or delegate), 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.

Report Prepared By:

**Amanda Janvrin**  
**Section Manager - Governance**

Report Approved By:

**Roy Newsome**  
**Group Manager - Corporate Services**

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### **3 DETERMINATION OF OFFICE AND FEE OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

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**Report prepared by:** Section Manager - Governance

**File No.:** CLM/15/1/4/2 - BP15/1140

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#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The role of Deputy Mayor is not a required role under the Local Government Act. However, at the City of Ryde it has been Council's practice to elect a Councillor to the position of Deputy Mayor for a one (1) year term at the same time as undertaking the election of Mayor.

As previously reported to Council at its meeting on 27 August 2013, the Deputy Mayor is only entitled to be paid a fee as determined by Council when he or she acts in the office of the Mayor.

Council can resolve that a portion of the Mayor's fee be paid to the Deputy Mayor (in addition to their Councillor fee) when he or she acts in their position or that no fee be paid.

In accordance with Section 249(5) of the Act, it is advised that where there is a determination by Council to pay the Deputy Mayor a fee to undertake the role and responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor, that this fee will be paid on a pro rata basis.

It is recommended that Council resolve to elect a Councillor to the role of Deputy Mayor.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- (a) That Council elect a Deputy Mayor for a one (1) year term.
- (b) That where the Deputy Mayor is to act in the Office of the Mayor, that this is to be done by way of a Council resolution.
- (c) That where there is a Council resolution in accordance with (b) above, the Deputy Mayor is to be paid a fee to undertake the roles and responsibilities of the Office of the Mayor on a pro rata basis, deducted from the Mayoral Fee.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

Report Prepared By:

**Amanda Janvrin**

**Section Manager - Governance**

Report Approved By:

**Roy Newsome**

**Group Manager - Corporate Services**

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#### **4 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR FOR ENSUING 12 MONTHS**

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**Report prepared by:** Section Manager - Governance

**File No.:** CLM/15/1/4/2 - BP15/1143

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#### **REPORT SUMMARY**

It is noted that should Council resolve not to elect a Deputy Mayor in accordance with Item 3 on this Agenda, it is not necessary for Council to proceed with consideration of this Item.

The Deputy 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 Deputy Mayor.
- (b) That the General Manager (or his delegate), 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.

Report Prepared By:

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**Section Manager - Governance**

Report Approved By:

**Roy Newsome**  
**Group Manager - Corporate Services**



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

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**Report prepared by:** Section Manager - Governance

**File No.:** CLM/15/1/4/2 - BP15/1137

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### REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides a schedule of proposed Council and Committee Meetings for the remainder of the 2015 and the full 2016 calendar year and seeks Council's endorsement of the **ATTACHED** schedule.

In addition, this report seeks Council's determination of Councillor members to the Planning and Environment Committee, Works and Community Committee, Finance and Governance Committee and the Ryde Civic Hub Committee.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council endorse its Standing Committees of Planning and Environment, Works and Community, Ryde Civic Hub Committee and Finance and Governance Committee.
- (b) That Council endorse the **ATTACHED** meeting schedule for Committee and Council meetings for the remainder of 2015 and up to the next Local Government Election in 2016, 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.
- (e) That Council determine the Committee members for the Finance and Governance Committee.
- (f) That Council determine the Committee members for the Ryde Civic Hub Committee.
- (g) That Council note that the Committee meetings (Planning and Environment Committee and Ryde Civic Hub Committee) to be held on 13 October 2015 have been cancelled, due to the Councillor attendance at the Local Government NSW Conference on 11 to 13 October 2015.

**ITEM 5 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2015 and up to next Local Government Election in 2016

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Report Approved By:

**Roy Newsome**  
**Group Manager - Corporate Services**

## ITEM 5 (continued)

### Discussion

As a result of Council reviewing its Council/Committee meeting structure and cycle at its meeting on 25 August 2015, it adopted the revised Standing Committees as follows:-

- Planning and Environment Committee;
- Works and Community Committee;
- Ryde Civic Hub Committee; and
- Finance and Governance Committee.

Council is to determine the appointment of Councillor Members to the Standing Committees.

Council's Code of Meeting Practice allows for Planning and Environment Committee (P&E) and Ryde Civic Hub Committee (RCH) meetings to be held on the second Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive.

The Code allows for Works and Community Committee (W&C) and Finance and Governance Committee (F&G) meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive.

The Code allows for Council meetings to be held on the fourth Tuesday of the months February to December inclusive.

A schedule of meetings for the remainder of 2015 and up to the Local Government Election in 2016 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 and a July mid-year recess.

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

### July 2016

It is recommended that Council's mid-year recess coincide with School Holidays from Monday, 4 July 2016 to Friday, 15 July 2016. Accordingly, it is recommended that no Committee meetings be held on 12 July 2016.

## **ITEM 5 (continued)**

### Local Government NSW Conference (LG NSW)

#### 2015

The Local Government NSW Conference will be held on 11 October to 13 October 2015. As the last day of the conference falls on the same day as the Committee meetings, it is therefore recommended that the Committee meetings not be held on 13 October 2015 due to Councillor attendance at the Conference.

### Schedule of Meetings for December 2015

As resolved by Council at its meeting on 25 August 2015, Council Meetings are scheduled to be held in week 4 of the cycle. Councillors should note that the December Council Meeting is scheduled for 22 December 2015.

Having regard to this, Council may wish to consider the following Options:-

#### **Option 1**

This option would involve moving all meetings ahead a week in the cycle so that Committee meetings (P&E and RCH) would be held in week 1 (1 December 2015), Committee meetings (W&C and F&G) would be held in week 2 (8 December 2015) and the Council meeting would be held in week 3 (15 December 2015).

#### **Option 2**

This option would involve moving the Committee meetings (P&E and RCH) to week 1 of the cycle (1 December 2015) and holding the Council meeting on week 2 of the cycle (8 December 2015). This option would also require the Committee meetings (W&C and F&G) scheduled for week 3 of the cycle (15 December 2015) to be cancelled.

#### **Option 3**

This option would involve cancelling all Committee meetings (P&E, RCH, W&C and F&G) scheduled for weeks 2 (8 December 2015) and 3 (15 December 2015) of the cycle and just holding a Council meeting on week 2 of the cycle (8 December 2015).

### Appointment of Committee Members to Standing Committees

The membership of the Planning and Environment Committee (P&E), the Works and Community Committee (W&C), the Ryde Civic Hub Committee (RCH) and the Finance and Governance (F&G) is to be determined annually. The P&E and RCH Committees meet on week 2 of the cycle. The W&C and F&G Committees meet on week 3 of the cycle. All Committees usually comprise of 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, W&C, RCH and F&G Committees are to be determined by the Committee at the first meeting.

**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 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 budgets.

**ITEM 5 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**REMAINDER OF 2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

DATE	MEETING TYPE	COMMENTS
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
08-Sep-15	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.30pm (Mayoral Election)
15-Sep-15	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
15-Sep-15	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
22-Sep-15	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.30pm
22-Sep-15	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.30pm
29-Sep-15	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
06-Oct-15	No Meetings	
13-Oct-15	No Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Local Government Conference
13-Oct-15	No Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Local Government Conference
20-Oct-15	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
20-Oct-15	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
27-Oct-15	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
03-Nov-15	No Meetings	
10-Nov-15	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
10-Nov-15	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
17-Nov-15	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
17-Nov-15	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
24-Nov-15	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
01-Dec-15	No Meetings	
08-Dec-15	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
08-Dec-15	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
15-Dec-15	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
15-Dec-15	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
22-Dec-15	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
29-Dec-15	No Meetings	5th Tuesday

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**2016 MEETING SCHEDULE UP TO NEXT LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ELECTION IN 2016**

DATE	MEETING TYPE	COMMENTS
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
02-Feb-16	No Meetings	
09-Feb-16	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
09-Feb-16	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
16-Feb-16	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
16-Feb-16	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
23-Feb-16	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
<b>MARCH</b>		
01-Mar-16	No Meetings	
08-Mar-16	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
08-Mar-16	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
15-Mar-16	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
15-Mar-16	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
22-Mar-16	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
29-Mar-16	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
<b>APRIL</b>		
05-Apr-16	No Meetings	
12-Apr-16	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
12-Apr-16	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
19-Apr-16	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
19-Apr-16	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
26-Apr-16	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
<b>MAY</b>		
03-May-16	No Meetings	
10-May-16	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
10-May-16	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
17-May-16	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
17-May-16	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
24-May-16	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
31-May-16	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
<b>JUNE</b>		
07-Jun-16	No Meetings	
14-Jun-16	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
14-Jun-16	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
21-Jun-16	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
21-Jun-16	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
28-Jun-16	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**2016 MEETING SCHEDULE UP TO NEXT LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
 ELECTION IN 2016 (continued)**

JULY		
05-Jul-16	No Meetings	Mid-year recess
12-Jul-16	No Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Mid-year recess
12-Jul-16	No Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Mid-year recess
19-Jul-16	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
19-Jul-16	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
26-Jul-16	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
AUGUST		
02-Aug-16	No Meetings	
09-Aug-16	Planning and Environment Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
09-Aug-16	Ryde Civic Hub Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
16-Aug-16	Works and Community Committee Meeting	Commencing at 5.00pm
16-Aug-16	Finance and Governance Committee Meeting	Commencing at 6.00pm
23-Aug-16	<b>Council Meeting</b>	Commencing at 7.00pm
30-Aug-16	No Meetings	5th Tuesday
SEPTEMBER		
06-Sep-16	No Meetings	



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## 6 ADVISORY AND EXTERNAL COMMITTEES - Appointment of Delegates

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**Report prepared by:** Section Manager - Governance

**File No.:** CLM/15/1/4/2 - BP15/1141

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### REPORT SUMMARY

This report is to confirm Councillor delegates for all Advisory Committees and other external Committees.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Councillor delegate/s be appointed to the following Advisory Committees in accordance with the Terms of Reference, for the ensuing twelve (12) months and Council elect (or nominate) a Chairperson accordingly:
- Access Committee
  - Bicycle Advisory Committee
  - Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee
  - Community Harmony Reference Group
  - Eastwood Events and Promotions Advisory Committee
  - Economic Development Advisory Committee
  - Heritage Advisory Committee
  - Macquarie Park Forum
  - Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services Committee
  - Ryde Youth Forum (no Councillor Chairperson)
  - Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee
  - Status of Women Advisory Committee
- (b) That Council confirm the current members and alternate delegates to the Audit and Risk Committee for the ensuing twelve (12) months.
- (c) That due to the recent establishment and appointment of Councillor delegates to the East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee as resolved by Council at its meeting on 11 August 2015, the appointment of delegates to the East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee next be considered in September 2016.
- (d) That Council appoint the following delegates to NSROC:
- The newly elected Mayor
  - One (1) Councillor as a formal delegate
  - Two (2) Councillors as alternate delegates
- (e) That Council appoint two persons (Councillors and/or Council staff members) as Council's delegates and at least one person as an alternate delegate to the Joint Regional Planning Panel.

**ITEM 6 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments to this report.

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Report Approved By:

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**Group Manager - Corporate Services**

## ITEM 6 (continued)

### Discussion

The appointment of Councillor delegates to external Committees, such as the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC), is undertaken annually as is Councillor representation on Advisory Committees.

At its meeting held on 25 September 2012, Council endorsed the Advisory Committees as set out in this report, for the period 2012 to 2016.

### Advisory Committees

The current Advisory Committee structure and Councillor delegates for each Advisory Committee is as follows:

Advisory Committee	Current Councillor Delegates	Provision for Councillor delegates in Terms of Reference
Access Committee	Councillor Pendleton (Chair)	No less than one (1) Councillor
Audit and Risk Committee (Note: No Councillor Chairperson required)	Delegates: Councillor Etmekdjian Councillor Pendleton Alternates: Councillor Salvestro-Martin Councillor Chung	Two (2) Councillors No more than two (2) alternates
Bicycle Advisory Committee	Councillor Perram (Chair)	No less than one (1) Councillor
Bushland and Environment Advisory Committee	Councillor Pendleton (Chair) Councillor Perram	No less than one (1) Councillor
Community Harmony Reference Group	Councillor Yedelian (Chair) Councillor Li Councillor Pendleton Councillor Etmekdjian	No less than one (1) Councillor
East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee	Councillor Stott (Chair) Councillor Chung Councillor Maggio Councillor Simon	No less than one (1) Councillor
Eastwood and West Ryde Events and Promotions Advisory Committee	Councillor Etmekdjian (Chair) Councillor Li Councillor Perram	No less than one (1) Councillor

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<b>Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Current Councillor Delegates</b>	<b>Provision for Councillor delegates in Terms of Reference</b>
Economic Development Advisory Committee	Councillor Etmekdjian (Chair) Councillor Chung	No less than one (1) Councillor
Heritage Advisory Committee	Councillor Perram (Chair) Councillor Pendleton Councillor Stott	No less than one (1) Councillor
Macquarie Park Forum	Councillor Chung (Chair) Councillor Maggio Councillor Etmekdjian Councillor Perram	No less than one (1) Councillor
Ryde Hunters Hill Joint Library Services Committee	Councillor Chung Councillor Simon	No less than one (1) Councillor
Ryde Youth Forum (Note: No Councillor Chairperson required)	Councillor Maggio Councillor Chung	No less than one (1) Councillor One (1) alternate Councillor
Sport and Recreation (including Wheeled Sports) Advisory Committee	Councillor Maggio (Chair) Councillor Perram	No less than one (1) Councillor
Status of Women Advisory Committee	Councillor Pendleton (Chair) Councillor Maggio Councillor Stott	No less than one (1) Councillor

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**NOTE:** In accordance with Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference, where a Councillor is nominated as the Chairperson of an Advisory Committee and is not present for a meeting, the Acting Chairperson is to be chosen from the remaining Councillor delegate/s.

**Audit and Risk Committee**

It is noted that the Councillor delegates for the Audit and Risk Committee were appointed to this Committee by Council resolution on 26 March 2013.

Due to the nature of business conducted by the Audit and Risk Committee, it has been the practice of Council to maintain continuity of Councillor delegates for the term of Council.

However, to ensure that Council is supportive of this practice, this report seeks Council's confirmation of the current Councillor delegates to this Committee.

## **ITEM 6 (continued)**

### East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee

It is noted that the Councillor delegates for the East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee were recently appointed to this Committee by Council resolution on 11 August 2015 as follows:-

- Councillor Stott (Chairperson);
- Councillor Chung (Deputy Chairperson);
- Councillor Maggio (member); and
- Councillor Simon (member).

It is therefore recommended that the Councillor delegates on the East Ward Events and Promotions Advisory Committee be next considered in September 2016, subject to the agreement of Council and the current delegates of this Committee.

### **External Committees**

#### 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.

Each member Council is to appoint the Mayor and one (1) Councillor as formal delegates, however, there is no restriction on any other Councillors attending meetings.

Council appointed two (2) formal delegates and two (2) alternate delegates to NSROC for the 2014/2015 year:

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Current Delegates</b>	<b>Provisions</b>
NSROC	Delegates: The Mayor, Councillor Pickering Councillor Maggio  Alternates: Councillor Chung Councillor Etmekdjian	2 formal delegates, the Mayor and one other Councillor.

#### Ryde Traffic Committee

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

## **ITEM 6 (continued)**

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.

### 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 120 days.
- Crown development applications (with a CIV under \$5 million) referred to the regional panel by the applicant or local council after 70 days from lodgement as undetermined, including where recommended conditions are in dispute.

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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.

The 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 have expertise in one or more of the following fields: planning, architecture, heritage, the environment, urban design, land economics, traffic and transport, law, engineering or tourism.

The City of Ryde is permitted two (2) members on the Panel who are currently Councillors Chung and Yedelian OAM. Panels meet on a 'as needs basis' and in the City of Ryde's case, approximately once every one or two months to determine one or more development applications.

Panel meetings are held either at City of Ryde or in the City. The venue for the meeting is determined by the Chairperson of the Panel. Applications can also be dealt with electronically, if there are no submissions lodged and it is agreed by panel members that no meeting is required.

If new panel members are elected by Council they cannot attend a meeting of the panel for 14 days after their appointment. The next scheduled panel meeting is 16 September 2015 to consider the application for Stages 4/5 of the Shepherds Bay development and the current panel members or alternatives will be invited to this meeting, with new members and alternatives to commence thereafter.

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<b>Committee</b>	<b>Current Delegates</b>	<b>Provisions</b>
JRPP	Delegates: Councillor Chung Councillor Yedelian OAM  Alternate: Councillor Maggio	Two formal delegates, as many alternates as nominated

**Options**

Council may resolve to re-appoint the current Councillor delegates for each Advisory Committee and External Committees for the ensuing twelve (12) month period.

**Financial Implications**

Adoption of the recommendation will have no financial impact.



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## 7 CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

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**Report prepared by:** Section Manager - Governance  
**File No.:** CLR/07/8/9/3 - BP15/1256

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### REPORT SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a revised draft Code of Meeting Practice for public exhibition as a result of Council's resolution from its meeting on 25 August 2015. The changes include incorporating the revised Council and Committee meeting structure and cycle, the inclusion of the Finance and Governance Committee's Terms of Reference, the Ryde Civic Hub Committee's Terms of Reference and other matters detailed in this report.

It is recommended that Council adopt the **ATTACHED (Under Separate Cover)** draft Code of Meeting Practice and that it be placed on public exhibition inviting submissions to be received. In addition, it is recommended that the draft be forwarded to the Office of Local Government for comment.

### RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council adopt the draft City of Ryde Code of Meeting Practice as amended and **ATTACHED – CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER** to this report for public exhibition, for a period of not less than 28 days:
- (b) That a copy of the draft Code of Meeting Practice be provided to the Office of Local Government for comment.
- (c) That public submissions be invited on the draft Code of Meeting Practice from 16 September 2015 to 6 November 2015.
- (d) That a further report be provided to Council on 24 November 2015 to consider adoption of the draft Code of Meeting Practice.

### ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Code of Meeting Practice - CIRCULATED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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Report Approved By:

**Roy Newsome**  
**Group Manager - Corporate Services**

**ITEM 7 (continued)**
**Background**

At its meeting held on 25 August 2015, Council considered proposed options for a revised meeting structure and cycle for 2015-2016 and resolved as follows:

- (a) *That Council endorse Option A as set out in this report, with the deletion of dinner on weeks 2 and 3, as Council's adopted Council and Committee Meeting structure (four weekly meeting cycle) for a period of 12 months until September 2016, or the next Local Government election, whichever occurs first. Option A is set out below:-*

**OPTION A**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	No meetings	
2	Planning and Environment Committee Ryde Civic Hub Committee	5.00pm 6.00pm
3	Works and Community Committee Finance and Governance Committee	5.00pm 6.00pm
4	Workshops Dinner and pre-briefing Council	5.00pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm

- (b) *That Council endorse the establishment of a new Finance and Governance Standing Committee.*
- (c) *That arrangements to support Option A with regard to Council and Committee Meeting structures be put in place to commence from 1 October 2015.*
- (d) *That a further report be provided to Council at its meeting of 8 September 2015 on a revised draft Code of Meeting Practice for public exhibition which reflects Council's preferred structure and cycle Option, together with the Terms of Reference for the new Finance and Governance Standing Committee and the other changes necessary to the Code as detailed in this report.*
- (e) *That Council note that a revised Schedule of Committee and Council Meeting dates for the balance of 2015 and the full calendar year of 2016 will be presented to Council at its meeting of 8 September 2015.*
- (f) *That Council endorse the removal of the General Purposes Committee from the Code of Meeting Practice as a Standing Committee of Council.*

### ITEM 7 (continued)

Accordingly, the Code of Meeting Practice has been reviewed and amended in accordance with Council's recent resolutions as follows:-

- Council's new adopted Council and Committee meeting structure and four weekly cycle;
- The removal of the General Purposes Committee as a Standing Committee of Council;
- The inclusion of Terms of Reference for Council's new Finance and Governance Standing Committee;
- The inclusion of Terms of Reference for Council's Ryde Civic Hub Standing Committee (previously endorsed by Council at its meeting on 12 May 2015);
- Amendments to Committee's Functions and Powers regarding deferral of a matter from a Committee meeting (as previously endorsed by Council at its meeting on 9 June 2015).

In addition to the above matters, the following matters have been included in the Draft Code of Meeting Practice presented to Council at this meeting:-

- The inclusion of a limit to the number of Notices of Motion lodged per Councillor, per meeting to five or less;
- Amendment of the distribution date of Business Papers for Council and Standing Committee meetings to Tuesday, 8 days prior to the meeting date;
- Establishing criteria to define and strengthen matters that would constitute being a Matter of Urgency;
- The addition of the option of eWorkshops noting that Council staff are investigating the practicalities of how this initiative can be introduced.

### Discussion

The Code of Meeting Practice governs the manner in which Council and Committee Meetings are conducted and sets out the structure of those meetings.

The **ATTACHED (Under Separate Cover)** draft Code of Meeting Practice shows recommended additions in ***bold red italics*** and any deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

## ITEM 7 (continued)

### Proposed Changes to the Code of Meeting Practice

#### Council's new adopted Council and Committee meeting structure and four weekly cycle

As resolved by Council at its meeting held on 25 August 2015, Council's Code of Meeting Practice has been amended to reflect Council's adopted new Council and Committee Meeting structure and cycle as follows:-

<b>Week</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	No meetings	
2	Planning and Environment Committee Ryde Civic Hub Committee	5.00pm 6.00pm
3	Works and Community Committee Finance and Governance Committee	5.00pm 6.00pm
4	Workshops Dinner and pre-briefing Council	5.00pm – 6.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm

#### Removal of the General Purposes Committee as a Standing Committee of Council

As resolved by Council at its meeting held on 25 August 2015, Council's Code of Meeting Practice has been amended to remove all references (including the Terms of Reference) of the General Purposes Committee as a Standing Committee of Council.

#### Terms of Reference for Council's new Finance and Governance Standing Committee

As resolved by Council at its meeting held on 25 August 2015, Council's Code of Meeting Practice has been amended to include reference (including Draft Terms of Reference) for Council's new Finance and Governance Standing Committee.

#### Terms of Reference for Council's Ryde Civic Hub Standing Committee

As previously resolved by Council at its meeting held on 12 May 2015, Council's Code of Meeting Practice has been amended to include reference (including Terms of Reference) for the Ryde Civic Hub Standing Committee.

#### Notices of Motion

Based on the consultation process previously undertaken with Councillors, there was support from the majority of Councillors to impose a limit to the number of Notices of Motion lodged, per Councillor, per meeting to five or less.

## ITEM 7 (continued)

### *Recommendation*

It is therefore recommended that an additional Practice Note be added under Section 2.2.1 of the Code of Meeting Practice to read as follows:-

- 4. A Councillor may lodge a maximum of five (5) Notices of Motion per ordinary council meeting.**

### Distribution of Business Papers

At the Councillor workshop held on 21 July 2015, the consensus indicated a concern with the extent of late Items and the confusion caused to the community by the distribution of Items up to a week following publication of the original Business Papers. Councillor feedback indicated that a change to reduce the lead time for Business Paper distribution would be acceptable.

A timeframe of 8 calendar days for distribution of Business Papers was explored. This is a change from the current cycle of 13 days and is more consistent with other Councils' practice. It should be noted that this will still exceed the minimum legislative requirement of 3 calendar days.

Council should note that for a complete Council Agenda to be issued to Councillors and the public (which includes all Notices of Motion and the reports from Standing Committees including the minutes), the timeframe for distribution of Business Papers would need to be reduced to 6 calendar days.

### *Recommendation*

It is therefore recommended that Practice Note 2 under Section 1.2.1 of the Code of Meeting Practice be amended to read as follows:-

2. Agendas for Ordinary meetings will be available on our website from ~~Thursday, 12~~ **Tuesday, 8** days prior to the meeting. Copies of the agendas will also be available in the public gallery prior to the meeting.

It is also recommended that Practice Note 1 under Section 1.2.2 of the Code of Meeting Practice be amended to read as follows:-

1. Business papers for Council and Standing Committees meetings shall be distributed to Councillors on the ~~Thursday, 12~~ **Tuesday, 8** days prior to the meeting day.

## ITEM 7 (continued)

### Other amendments as previously endorsed by Council

Council at its meeting held on 9 June 2015 resolved as follows:-

*That Council amend its Code of Meeting Practice by including an additional section under each Committee's Functions and Powers as follows:-*

#### **Consideration of Matters**

***"The Committee at a meeting may defer a matter that is listed on the Agenda to the next scheduled Committee Meeting for consideration if it has been carried unanimously. This matter must then be listed on the Agenda of the subsequent Committee Meeting.***

***If the deferral is not unanimously supported, the matter must then be presented to Council for consideration."***

It should be noted that Council's Code of Meeting Practice has been amended to include the additional section, as set out above, under each Standing Committee's Functions and Powers.

### Matters of Urgency

As reported to Council at its meeting on 25 August 2015, this review of the Code of Meeting Practice, based on feedback from Councillors, now includes classification and criteria to guide the Chairperson and Council on matters that would be classified as Matters of Urgency.

It is proposed to strengthen Council's Code of Meeting Practice to classify Matters of Urgency to be only matters of extreme gravity or seriousness and for the Chairperson and Council to be guided by the following criteria:-

- (i) Demonstrated or known threat proven to be life threatening, a disaster, hazardous or safety issue to the community or environment or a WHS issue;
- (ii) External deadline or date to be met beyond Council's control (eg. Legal appeal, grant application or other external submission);
- (iii) An issue of risk that has the significant potential to damage the City of Ryde's reputation; and
- (iv) Criteria that enables Council to urgently amend or overturn a decision of staff, where such a decision is likely to have a significant reputational, financial or environmental impact on the City.

## ITEM 7 (continued)

### *Recommendation*

It is therefore recommended that Practice Note 10 under Section 2.2.1 of the Code of Meeting Practice be amended to have the following addendum:-

***Matters of Urgency are matters of only extreme gravity or seriousness and the following criteria is provided in determining such matters:-***

- (i) Demonstrated or known threat proven to be life threatening, a disaster, hazardous or safety issue to the community or environment or a WHS issue;***
- (ii) External deadline or date to be met beyond Council's control (eg. Legal appeal, grant application or other external submission);***
- (iii) An issue of risk that has the significant potential to damage the City of Ryde's reputation; and***
- (iv) Criteria that enables Council to urgently amend or overturn a decision of staff, where such a decision is likely to have a significant reputational, financial or environmental impact on the City.***

### eWorkshops

Following feedback from Councillors in respect of workshops, the Draft Code now includes a reference to eWorkshops in Part 14 - Council Workshops. It should be noted that Council staff are in the process of investigating the practicalities of implementing this concept prior to any introduction. It is proposed to update Councillors by December 2015 of the findings of these investigations and proposed actions.

### **Exhibition of the draft Code of Meeting Practice**

In accordance with Section 362 of the Local Government Act, after considering all submissions received, Council may decide to amend the Code or adopt the draft Code as its Code of Meeting Practice.

If Council resolves to amend the draft Code it may publicly exhibit the amended draft in accordance with the Act, or, if Council is of the opinion that the amendments are not substantial, it may adopt the amended draft Code without public exhibition as its Code of Meeting Practice.

Following adoption of the Code of Meeting Practice, a copy will be forwarded to the Office of Local Government, the Code will be placed on Council's website and copies will be available at meetings for reference.

In order to support a transparent process, it is recommended that Council place the draft Code on Public Exhibition.

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### **Critical Dates**

It is noted that Council is required to give public notice of the draft code. The public exhibition period must not be less than 28 days. It is proposed to place the draft Code on a public exhibition from Wednesday, 16 September 2015 to Friday, 6 November 2015.

Council is also required to specify a period of not less than 42 days during which submissions may be made to Council. As a result, it is anticipated that a further report will be presented to Council at its meeting to be held on 24 November 2015.

Despite the public exhibition requirements, it is appropriate for Council to operate under the draft Code.

It should be noted that should Council resolve to amend its draft Code as placed on public exhibition, it may publicly exhibit the amended draft again. Alternatively, if Council is of the opinion that the amendments are not substantial, it may adopt the amended draft code without further public exhibition.

### **Financial Implications**

Adoption of these recommendations will have no financial impact.



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## 8 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 11 to 13 October 2015 - Confirmation of Delegates

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**Report prepared by:** Councillor Support Coordinator  
**File No.:** CLR/07/8/95/1 - BP15/470

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### REPORT SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council to confirm City of Ryde delegates attending the Local Government NSW Annual Conference. The Conference is held on 11 to 13 October 2015 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Parramatta.

Council at its meeting on 28 July 2015 acknowledged expressions of interest from the following eight Councillors to attend the Conference:

- Councillor Chung
- Councillor Etmekdjian
- Councillor Laxale
- Councillor Maggio
- Councillor Pickering
- Councillor Salvestro-Martin
- Councillor Stott
- Councillor Yedelian OAM

AND

- The Mayor of the Day

At this meeting, it was noted that the Local Government NSW (the Association) had designated 5 positions to Council for voting delegates based on calculations on the population of the City of Ryde.

The Association has since advised that Council has been allocated a total of **7 voting positions**. In this regard, Council will be required to determine which Councillors will attend the Conference as voting delegates and as observers.

It is noted that Councillor Pickering will attend the Conference in his capacity as a board member for the Local Government NSW.

Due to the deadline for early-bird registrations closing on 31 August 2015, the above listed Councillors have been registered to the Conference. Registrations can be amended should Council resolve to make any changes to its Councillor representatives; however, Council will not be entitled to receive any refund for cancellations made after 21 September 2015.

All voting delegates are required to support the **ATTACHED** (Attachment 1) City of Ryde Motions which were endorsed by Council on 28 July 2015 and sent to the Association on 20 August 2015.

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In addition to the Councillor delegates, the General Manager will attend the Conference.

Councillors can attend the Conference using their own vehicle and receive reimbursement on the travel expenses per kilometre should they wish to drive. Alternatively, taxi e-tickets can be issued to Councillors for travel to and from the Conference.

As this Conference is held in the Sydney Metropolitan area, accommodation will not be provided.

A copy of the draft Conference Program is **ATTACHED** (Attachment 2).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council confirm the Councillors to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference as voting delegates and as observers.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1 City of Ryde Motions to LGNSW Conference
- 2 LG NSW Annual Conference 2015 - Brochure

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**Roy Newsome**  
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## ATTACHMENT 1

Motions for NSW Annual Local Government Conference

**That in respect of the State Government's 'Fit for the Future' Reform Agenda, this conference calls upon the Premier of NSW, The Hon. Mike Baird, and the Minister for Local Government, The Hon. Paul Toole, to allow the one set of rules to equally apply to all Local Government in NSW and allow Regional Joint Organisations to be an option in the Sydney metropolitan area, in addition to rural and regional NSW.**

### Supporting Information

In the Independent Panel's Final Report (ILGRP), 'Revitalising Local Government' the Panel considered and recommended Joint Organisations as an option for all NSW Local Government Authorities. The key objectives of the Panel in this review was to create:

- High capacity Councils providing better services to their community's and being equal partners with State and Federal agencies;
- More equitable pattern of development across the metropolitan area taking into account planned development;
- Underpin Sydney status as a global city;
- Support the implementation of the Metropolitan Strategy, especially planning major centres and sub-regional delivery plans;

In the ILGRP's recommendation No. 43 as detailed on Page 103 of their report, it stated;

*'Pending any future action on mergers, establish Joint Organisations of Councils for the purposes of strategic sub-regional planning';*

However when the Minister for Local Government launched the Government's 'Fit for the Future' reform initiative in September 2014, Joint Organisations were not an option for metropolitan Sydney and only applied to Regional NSW.

This Motion is put forward by the City of Ryde, with the support from both Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils, to highlight the benefits of its proposed Joint Regional Authority (JRA) option for northern Sydney and it being a superior option over mergers, thereby enhancing the Local Government sector. Joint Organisations should therefore be an option for all Sydney metropolitan Councils.

The JRA Model proposed by the Councils of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove (JRA) is;

- Fit for purpose;
- A more functional and integrated approach to inter-government relations;
- Well positioned to provide strategic decision making, service delivery and advocacy;

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

- An option that avoids the huge cost of amalgamations.

From our research and studies, mergers present;

- No evidence that forced mergers result in cost savings;
- That a 'one size fits all approach' of mergers is misplaced;
- Empirical evidence of the 2000-2004 NSW Council mergers, shows no difference in performance between merged and unmerged Councils;
- Empirical evidence of the 2008 Queensland amalgamations shows that most amalgamated Councils are operating under diseconomies of scale;
- The proposed mergers do not represent 'a common community of interest';
- Local representation is severely diminished; and
- A loss of 'local' in Local Government.

This Motion reinforces the recommendations of the ILGRP and the importance of the option of Joint Organisations being available to all Sydney metropolitan Councils.

An extract of the Executive Summary of the City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils Joint Submission is **ATTACHED**, in support of this Motion.

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## ATTACHMENT 1

Executive summary | Fit for the Future

### Executive summary

The City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils, in accord with our communities, believe local government is the government of communities and places, giving expression to people's aspirations for their neighbourhoods and town centres.

Our Councils have proven scale and capacity to deliver our well-established visions for our communities, to engage effectively with our business communities and, importantly, to work in partnership with all tiers of government.

Our Councils have jointly and separately assessed the Independent Local Government Review Panel's (ILGRP) report Revitalising Local Government. This report proposes that our Councils merge with Mosman, North Sydney and Willoughby, with one-third of the City of Ryde amalgamating with a larger Parramatta Council.

**We reject these proposals with the strong support of our communities, and base this rejection on:**

- empirical research
- extensive community engagement
- our considered view that mergers are an inelegant response to the sophisticated and multifaceted challenge of sustaining Sydney's global competitiveness.

Our Councils are willing to participate in a pilot to test the JRA model, with Office of Local Government oversight. This will help to shape the JRA model and will ease the path towards the best allocation of functions to minimise duplication of services.

The ILGRP's proposals will be detrimental for our communities:

- They have significant establishment costs
- They will reduce local representation
- They will undermine the effective delivery of current and future services
- They will significantly impede our momentum and restrain our ability to deliver optimum regional outcomes.

We do not accept that forced mergers are appropriate, but agree that a sophisticated strategic regional approach is critical to Sydney's future. It is for this reason that we propose a regional collaboration model that centralises subregional-scale planning and development functions, with a secondary focus on regional procurement and shared services.

**We believe this proposal is a superior approach that will enhance the local government sector.**

We have embodied this proposal in a Joint Regional Authority (JRA) model. The JRA model is a fit for purpose response, heralding a more integrated and functional regional approach to intergovernmental relationships, strategic decision making, service delivery and advocacy. It can be readily adapted for implementation anywhere in Metropolitan Sydney.

This approach fulfils the NSW Government's objectives to optimise regional infrastructure and strategic planning outcomes. It is built on the Joint Organisation model contemplated by the NSW Government and recommended by the ILGRP. It provides all the benefits of increased scale without the expensive and disruptive impacts of large-scale mergers.

Our Councils have signed a Memorandum of Understanding that indicates serious intent and willingness to collaborate and partner with the NSW Government to establish a successful JRA as a credible and progressive next step in the local government reform agenda.

## ITEM 8 (continued)

## ATTACHMENT 1

Fit for the Future | Executive summary

### Why we reject the ILGRP proposal

#### We have scale and capacity

This submission demonstrates that our Councils each have proven scale and capacity. It demonstrates that the ILGRP's assertions of economies of scale based on population size are illusory and have the potential to yield over-scaled councils that are too large to efficiently provide local services and engage effectively with their communities.

#### We meet the benchmarks

This submission presents evidence that our Councils currently meet or will meet the Fit for the Future benchmarks within the prescribed timeframe and beyond. It demonstrates the work and planning that each Council has undertaken to ensure long-term sustainability.

This submission errs on the side of caution and does not incorporate improvements (such as shared services) that would flow from the JRA model into the calculations that measure our performance against the benchmarks. We know, therefore, that subsequent improvements from the JRA will further enhance our fitness for the future in terms of financial performance.

### Our communities support our proposal

This submission presents evidence of strong community support for:

- rejecting the ILGRP's proposal
- retaining each Council's identity
- exploring the JRA model.

Unlike Hornsby and Parramatta, we have not put forward any options whether the JRA, merger or boundary adjustment without first consulting with our communities.

### The ILGRP proposal does not enhance scale and capacity

Empirical research shows that merger implementation patterns typically include, at minimum, a three-year embedding period that focuses on internal structure, operational alignment and day-to-day service delivery. This is followed by a period of system/process alignment; alignment of strategic plans; understanding the community's aspirations; and developing a single vision.

This implementation period could take between five to ten years in which there is virtually no focus on building and advancing a progressive strategic agenda for the merged entity. In a growing centre like Macquarie Park, for example, where the City of Ryde is continuing to champion its development, this strategic momentum would be lost – we do not wish to go down the path of Parramatta where achievement of a second CBD has stalled due to a lack of any coordinated State and local government strategic vision and a lacklustre level of business and investment confidence. The opportunity cost of shifting focus and resources away from a strategic view of operations and community building, is significant.

Furthermore, this submission shows that the efficiency of each Council suggested to merge with our Councils would reduce.

### A JRA is a superior option

This submission presents a sound argument and business case that demonstrates the JRA of our three Councils is an economically viable, low cost and customised solution. It will enhance our strategic capacity and will be consistent with international best practice that uses strategic cross sectoral and intergovernmental collaboration to enable economic and social development and solve complex problems.

The JRA will be invested with a mandated collective authority to deliver subregional-scale planning and shared service functions on our behalf. It will function along the lines of the proposed Joint Organisations rather than voluntary Regional Organisations of Councils. The JRA could be further enhanced if more councils participate across Northern Sydney – an option our model allows for.

Our proposed JRA will have similar powers of a County Council, be governed by a Board of elected representatives and be serviced by an Executive Officer, with staff from member Councils, particularly those with subregional strategic and infrastructure planning expertise. The JRA will include a shared services function focused on delivering services where there are demonstrable economies of scale, including joint procurement services.

### A JRA can be piloted

The JRA model would create a precedent. We propose a pilot to develop and get best value from the model and welcome the NSW Government's involvement to assist in the JRA's establishment and performance monitoring, and invite the Office of Local Government to work closely with the JRA Board.

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## ATTACHMENT 1

### The scale and scope of the JRA

The JRA will strengthen the economic competitiveness of the region and contribute to the nationally-significant productivity of Sydney's Global Economic Corridor and the metropolitan area as a whole.

The JRA will be a powerful, consultative and influential Authority, able to engage as an equal partner with other tiers of government and the Greater Sydney Commission.

The JRA will harness the growth potential and leverage the scale of investment arising from:

#### Macquarie Park,

Sydney's second largest CBD and the fastest growing centre in NSW with a

**growth rate of 6.8% in 2013**

#### **\$802 million**

in building approvals in 2013 alone, the

**fourth largest**

in the Metropolitan area, behind the City of Sydney, Blacktown and Parramatta

#### **\$106 million**

in Voluntary Planning Agreements over the last four years and

**\$56 million**

in the pipeline

#### Major population growth

with the City of Ryde and Lane Cove delivering

**41% and 36%**

growth respectively, the highest growth rates north of the Parramatta River

#### a major transit orientated development

in the heart of the revitalised St Leonards that will

**deliver 5,000**

apartments

a combined population base of

**216,000**

people by 2031 - representing

**8% of Sydney's population.**

Fit for the Future

### About this submission

This submission articulates the reasons why the City of Ryde, Hunter's Hill and Lane Cove Councils reject the ILGRP's proposals and details the benefits of our proposed JRA.

In making these points, this submission begins with an introductory chapter that details background, subregional context, our collective decision making and the process to date.

The submission then dedicates a chapter to our proposed JRA model, in which we detail the many substantiated reasons to reject the ILGRP's proposals, before detailing the case for the JRA.

Our submission then covers the completed Template 2, as requested by the NSW Government in response to the Fit for the Future reforms, for each of our Councils.

**ITEM 8 (continued)**

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Councillor Prosecutions for Defamation Proceedings – Against External Third Parties**

That LGNSW request the Office of Local Government and the Director-General to vary the 'Guidelines for the payment of expenses and provision of facilities for Mayors and Councillors in NSW (2009)' to enable councils to provide partial indemnity and/or reimbursement in respect of reasonable legal expenses incurred by a Councillor in prosecuting a defamation action (or seeking advice in respect of same), against an external third party, in circumstances where a Councillor is defamed as a result of, or arising from, fulfilling his or her civic duty in good faith and in accordance with the relevant Code of Conduct.

**Supporting Information**

Currently the Guidelines issued by the Office of Local Government (OLG) in respect of Councils' Policy on Expense and Facilities for the Mayor and other Councillors does not provide any indemnity or reimbursement to Councillors in respect of reasonable legal expenses incurred by a Councillor in prosecuting a defamation action. This would apply in circumstances where a Councillor is defamed as a result of or arising from, fulfilling his or her civic duty in good faith and in accordance with Council's Code of Conduct.

The City of Ryde's policy on Expenses and Facilities for Mayor and other Councillors reflects the current OLG's Guidelines as would the majority, if not all, of NSW Councils.

This motion attempts to protect Councillors from defamation claims, where they are acting in good faith in fulfilling their civic functions. Currently, Councillors who have been placed in this position are meeting all legal costs at their own expense.



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ATTACHMENT 2



REGISTRATION

LGNSW  
ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
SYDNEY 2015  
Sunday 11 – Tuesday 13 October

Rosehill Gardens Racecourse  
James Ruse Drive, Rosehill Gardens

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ATTACHMENT 2

## WELCOME TO THE 2015 LGNSW CONFERENCE

LGNSW ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE  
REGISTRATION 2015

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### Welcome from the President

Cr Keith Rhoades AFSM

I invite you to attend the Local Government NSW Annual Conference at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, close to Parramatta in Greater Western Sydney – one of the state's most dynamic and fast-growing areas.

This is a time of unprecedented change for NSW local councils with the *Fit for the Future* reform foremost on the agenda. Against this backdrop, we have scheduled what promises to be an interesting debate. We've invited political and thought leaders to take part in a discussion to be chaired by the well-known public affairs broadcaster and journalist, Ellen Fanning.

Our annual Conference is also about coming together as an industry sector to discuss the growing number of issues that affect us and developing appropriate solutions, as well as promoting policies for the coming year. In addition, it will be time to elect the Executive Board that will govern your association through a critical time of change. We welcome the involvement of councillors state-wide to represent the interests of different communities.

Lastly, we are pleased to announce that for the second year running, NSW Premier, the Hon Mike Baird MP will address our conference on the first day.

I look forward to seeing you at our two-day highly informative annual Conference.



### Welcome to Parramatta

Cr Scott Lloyd  
Lord Mayor Parramatta City Council

It is my great honour to invite you to attend the Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference in Parramatta where we are building Australia's next great city.

This is the first time the event has been held in Parramatta and we are excited to welcome Councillors and staff from local government areas across the state.

There are great things happening in Parramatta. A significant project that is transforming our City is Parramatta Square – one of the largest urban renewal projects in Australia. The first stage of this is under construction and will be a campus for 10,000 University of Western Sydney students.

Our City, as well as being a commercial core with more than 16,000 businesses, also boasts major health, sport, education, art and top-class restaurant precincts.

While you're in Parramatta I encourage you to take a stroll along the river foreshore, enjoy the diverse array of multicultural cuisines on offer in Eat Street and surrounds, watch a show at Riverside Theatres, explore our unique heritage sites or take time out for some shopping.

The LGNSW conference is a great opportunity to network, to share ideas for change and collaborate on ways to make our LGAs even better places in which to live, work, visit and play.

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**ATTACHMENT 2**

**CONFERENCE VENUE**

LGNSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 2015

**Rosehill Gardens**

Located minutes from the Sydney Olympic Park precinct, Rosehill Gardens is in the heart of the city of Parramatta.

With a train station on site, the precinct boasts 30,000sqm of indoor and outdoor event space, a well appointed two-level conference centre, exhibition hall, free on site parking and landscaped racecourse, all housed in environmentally friendly facilities. You can catch the train from Sydney CBD via Clyde Station in Granville direct to Rosehill Gardens daily. See [www.lgnsw.org.au](http://www.lgnsw.org.au) for details.

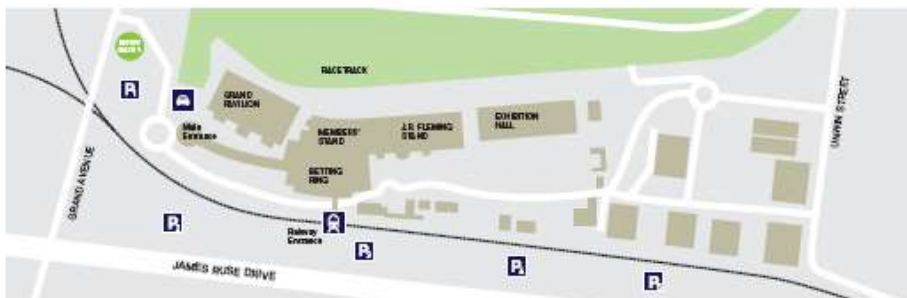
Free Wi-Fi will be available to all delegates at the venue by clicking on the option of ATC Wi-Fi. No password is required.



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If you are tweeting about the LGNSW Annual Conference, please use the hashtag #lgnsw2015 to continue the conversation.



**Conference Overview**

Full program details are available on the LGNSW website [www.lgnsw.org.au](http://www.lgnsw.org.au)

EVENT	LOCATION
<b>Sunday 11 October</b>	
Trade Exhibition Set up	Grand Pavilion Level 1
Delegate Registration	
President's Opening Reception	
<b>Monday 12 October</b>	
Trade Exhibition	Grand Pavilion Level 1
Business Sessions	Grand Pavilion Level 2
Delegates Networking Function	Grand Pavilion Level 1
Voting for LGNSW Board	Grand Pavilion Level 2
<b>Tuesday 13 October</b>	
ALGWA Breakfast	Grand Pavilion Level 2
Trade Exhibition	Grand Pavilion Level 1
Business Sessions	Grand Pavilion Level 2
Delegates Networking Function	Grand Pavilion Level 1
Conference Gala Dinner	Exhibition Hall (building onsite)

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Registrations are invited from councillors and staff of LGNSW member councils (including associate members, Land Councils and County Councils and Regional Organisations of Councils). All delegates need to be pre-registered, and partners booked for functions. It is recommended that you have your accommodation booked prior to registration as you need to indicate your accommodation choice to book transfers priced at \$9.90 one way in the registration process.

Sponsors will also need to register online and check their sponsorship packages for inclusions.

**Early Bird Registration Deadline:**  
Monday 31 August 2015

**Full Registration Deadline:**  
Monday 28 September 2015

[Register online at lgnew.org.au](http://lgnew.org.au)

Online registration is conducted through a secure site which accepts credit cards (Visa or Mastercard with a 3% surcharge), cheque and direct deposit payments. Bank account details are part of the online registration form.

Once you have registered, you should receive a confirmation email within 15 minutes and a tax invoice will be automatically emailed to you. Your registration will not be confirmed until full payment is received.

### Delegate Registration Fees

Delegate registration fees include business papers, the President's Opening Reception, two day business sessions including morning and afternoon tea, lunch, delegate networking functions where appropriate, the Conference Gala Dinner, name badge and one satchel. The cost to attend the Conference is heavily subsidised by LGNSW and our sponsors.

This fee does not cover accommodation, partners' attendance or partners' functions or other events held in conjunction with the Conference. There is no charge for partners' unless they attend social functions which can be booked as part of the online booking process. The ALGWA breakfast is not part of the Conference registration fee but priced separately as a social event.

### Sponsor Registration Fees

Each sponsorship level includes a certain number of registrations included. If you wish to register additional staff, we have a special rate of \$440 per person which will include the President's Opening Reception only.

Tickets must be purchased separately for the dinner. Inclusions are the same as the delegate rate.

### Registration fees (inclusive of GST)

DELEGATES	FEES
Early Bird Registration (paid by 31 August 2015)	\$899
Full Registration	\$999
Sponsors extra staff registration	\$440
PARTNERS AND EXTRA GUESTS	
President's Opening Reception	\$99
Conference Gala Dinner	\$154
ALGWA Breakfast	\$60.50
SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS	
If you are an invited guest, or part of the Conference program, and would like to attend in full or for a portion of the Conference program, please contact the LGNSW events team direct at <a href="mailto:events@lgnew.org.au">events@lgnew.org.au</a>	



Rosehill Gardens Racecourse

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### Confirmation, Cancellation Policy and Enquiries

Should you be unable to attend once registered, a substitute delegate is welcome to attend on the day at no additional charge. All cancellations and amendments must be advised in writing to the Conference Secretariat, Bradley Hayden at [bradley@ccem.com.au](mailto:bradley@ccem.com.au) by Monday 5 October, 2015. Cancellations made by 5.00pm Monday 21 September 2015 will be eligible for a full refund less a \$110 administration fee per registration. Cancellations made after 5.00pm Monday 21 September 2015 will not be entitled to any refund.

### Special Requirements

If you have any special dietary requirements, access or impairment issues, please ensure you complete the appropriate section of the online registration form. Every effort will be made to ensure that the Conference catering is varied, nutritional and inclusive of differing tastes.

### Privacy

LGNSW is the organiser of the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2015 and is bound by and committed to supporting the principals set out in the Privacy and Personal Information Act 1998 and the Australian Privacy Principles. LGNSW will collect and store the information you provide in the registration process for the purpose of enabling us to register your attendance at the Conference. With your permission, LGNSW may disclose some of the information whereby it is reasonably expected that such purpose be related to the offer, provision and improvement of Conferences and services; this is part of the online registration process.

### Liability for your Registration

In the event of unforeseen circumstances, LGNSW and the Conference Secretariat does not accept responsibility or liability for the loss of expenses incurred by delay, cancellation, or miscommunication. By completing and submitting the online registration form, you are deemed to have read and accepted the cancellation and privacy information.

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### Contact

LGNSW manages arrangements for delegates, observers and partners attending this year's Conference in relation to:

- Business Papers and Conference material
- Application for Service Awards (to be presented as part of the Conference Gala Dinner)
- All general enquiries regarding the business program.

Email:  
[events@lgnsw.org.au](mailto:events@lgnsw.org.au)

Phone:  
02 9242 4000

Address:  
GPO Box 7003, Sydney NSW 2001

The Conference Secretariat, Bradley Hayden,  
Countrywide Conference and Event Management,  
is your contact for:

- Sponsorship enquiries, bookings and the trade exhibition
- All registration and function enquiries for delegates, sponsors and partners including payments and inclusions.

Email:  
[bradley@ccem.com.au](mailto:bradley@ccem.com.au)

Phone:  
02 6023 6300 or 0412 461 392

Address:  
PO Box 5013, Albury NSW 2709



The Parramatta River at dusk

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A copy of the draft program is available at [www.lgnsw.org.au](http://www.lgnsw.org.au).

Following delegate feedback over our first two conferences, where some delegates requested the discussion of specific motions and others requested the discussion of consolidated overarching issues, the Board has decided to balance both and has set the first day of Business Session as the primary time to discuss all motions.

The second day of the Conference will be dedicated to keynote speakers covering a range of issues pertinent to all councils, the presentation of the AR Bluett Awards, federation and constitutional issues, and Association business.

We have invited the following keynote speakers:



The Hon Mike Baird MP,  
Premier of New South Wales

Mike Baird was elected Leader of the NSW Liberal Party at a party-room meeting on 17 April, 2014 and sworn in as the state's 44th Premier. The Liberals & Nationals were returned to office under Mike's leadership at the state election held on 28 March 2015. He is also the Minister for Western Sydney.



The Hon Paul Toole MP,  
Minister for Local Government

The Hon Paul Toole MP, Member for Bathurst, was appointed Minister for Local Government in April 2014. He has been committed to community affairs within Local Government for almost 20 years.



Donna Rygate  
Chief Executive, Local Government NSW

Donna is guest speaker at the ALGWA Breakfast (see page 8 for detail).



Ellen Fanning

Ellen Fanning is an award-winning current affairs journalist, with a wealth of experience in communications, politics, social, cultural and business issues.

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### Voting at the Conference

If you are the voting representative for your council, you must be in the main auditorium on Monday 12 October so that a quorum can be achieved.

All voting at the Conference will be by electronic handsets and a delegate plastic voting card will be distributed at registration. The plastic voting card must be returned at the end of the voting day or a fee of \$100 per card will be invoiced to councils. Electronic handsets will be distributed at accessible points to the main auditorium; a demonstration of the cards and electronic handsets will be given prior to business motion voting. This year lanyards will also identify those who are voting delegates.

Local Government NSW should be contacted in relation to:

- Voting delegate entitlements
- The 2015 annual Conference dates and deadlines.

For information relating to council voting entitlements, please contact Adam Dansie, Manager, Industrial Relations on 02 9242 4140. For details regarding your voting entitlements or how to change your voting delegate's name, please refer to [www.lgnsw.org.au](http://www.lgnsw.org.au).

### Business Papers

Member Councils will receive printed copies of the Business Paper two weeks only before the Conference. Papers will also be available in draft form to download from the LGNSW website at this time. Councils may also view the Record of Decisions from the 2014 Conference on the LGNSW website.

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# SOCIAL PROGRAM

### President's Opening Reception

Sunday 11 October 2015, 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Rosehill Gardens Racecourse  
Dress Code: Smart Casual

Join special guests, your fellow councillors, the LGNSW Board Members, general managers, sponsors and speakers at an informal cocktail party in the (very spacious) Trade Exhibition in the Grand Pavilion.

Registration opens here from 3.00pm for you to pick up your voting card. A cocktail reception will be held from 5.00pm – 7.00pm with plenty of seating, roving entertainment and great food and beverages. You can catch the transfer bus from your hotel if you have prebooked through registration (listed accommodation only).

Following the reception, you can make your own arrangements to sample all the best food and wine that Parramatta offers. Boasting more than 180 restaurants, cafes, eateries and bars in the CBD, Parramatta has a huge array of flavours from around the world. Jamie Oliver has opened his first Trattoria outside of the UK, Jamie's Trattoria Parramatta, in the new Centenary Square, joining the likes of Bourke Street Bakery, The Emporium and the rich and diverse offerings in Parramatta's famed 'Eat Street' precinct.

There is also a wide range of hotels and bars ranging from traditional Australian pubs to trendy cocktail and wine bars and boutique beer cafes. For those with a sweet tooth there is Gelato Messina and Adora Handmade Chocolates.



Opening of  
Centenary Square 2014

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### ALGWA Breakfast

7.15am for 7.30am start - ends 8.40am

Tuesday 12 October at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, Grand Pavilion 2 adjacent to main conference auditorium. Register as part of the conference registration process. Cost is \$60.50

In conjunction with the LGNSW Annual Conference, the Australian Local Government Women's Association NSW invites you to share a light breakfast and sit-down presentation with guest speaker Donna Rygate, Chief Executive, Local Government NSW. Donna will speak on leadership as an experienced Chief Executive. Donna has a solid track record of positive transformation in a number of organisations.

### Conference Gala Dinner

Sponsored by StateCover



Tuesday 13 October 2015. Pre-booked transfers to Exhibition Hall depart at 6.30pm from listed accommodation only. Dinner from 7.00pm - 11.00pm.

Dress Code: Elegant black and white evening wear (not black tie but interpret as evening wear, hats and fascinators welcome and a touch of sparkle desirable).

Join us for the end of the conference for 'A Night at the Races' themed gala dinner in tasteful style brought to you with the assistance of our sponsors. Channelling the style of Audrey Hepburn, arrive to pre-dinner drinks on the outside terrace; be entertained by the 7 Sopranos and the John Field Band sponsored by StateCover Mutual.

We will recognise some of our own local government talent with the presentation of LGNSW's Outstanding Service Medals and the announcement of the new incoming board of the Association. We will include quiet areas for networking.

### Service Awards

Outstanding Service Awards and Emeritus Mayor Certificates will be presented at the Conference Gala Dinner at the Exhibition Hall, at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse on Tuesday 13 October 2015 to those who have given outstanding service to Local Government.

To enable the processing of awards, councils are asked to advise Local Government NSW whether or not nominees for the award will be attending the Conference. The deadline for applications for awards to be presented at LGNSW Conference in Sydney is Monday 31 August 2015.

A letter confirming the presentation will be sent to your General Manager; if you do not receive confirmation by Monday 14 September, please contact Karen Rolls on 02 9242 4050.

The online nomination form can be found on the LGNSW website at [www.lgnsw.org.au](http://www.lgnsw.org.au).

### The 7 Sopranos



The 7 Sopranos are Australia's most exciting young female voices. A high impact classical spectacle combining lighting, glamour and intense vocal virtuosity. Prepare to be taken on a musical journey through classic songs and moving operatic melodies.

### John Field Band



This eight-piece high energy, engaging, party-style, Rock & Roll band includes the vocal talents of John Field and Bronwyn Mulcahy plus a dynamic three piece horn section and the "engine room" of rock rhythm sections. An original member of the rock group "The Cookroaches" John Field has performed at over 5,000 functions since 1990 and has composed many of the Cookroaches APRA Award Winning hits for their Platinum selling albums.



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## PARTNERS' PROGRAM & OTHER INFORMATION

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Parramatta is recognised as the future growth centre of Sydney and offers a wide range of attractions for Sydney-siders and visitors alike.

It's home to elegant parks, heritage sites, [award-winning restaurants](#), and a vibrant and youthful culture. From the beautiful reserves and swimming at [Lake Parramatta](#) and [Parramatta Park](#) to award-winning shows at [Riverside Theatres](#) and high-energy sporting games at [Parramatta Stadium](#), Parramatta has something for everyone.

For further information about things to see and do please contact the Parramatta Visitor Information Centre on 02 8839 3311 or visit [www.discoverparramatta.com](http://www.discoverparramatta.com)

### Accommodation

We have a list of nominated accommodation options on the website and encourage you to consider booking these options so you can take advantage of the transfers to the conference venues. Transfers will be available only from the options listed at \$9.90 one way. Please book your option ahead of registering for the event so you can include your accommodation details as part of the registration and confirm your transfers. You will need to book and pay your hotel direct from the list.

If you have any trouble accessing accommodation, please contact the Parramatta Visitors Centre on 02 8839 3311 or email [discoverparramatta@parracity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:discoverparramatta@parracity.nsw.gov.au)

### Child Care Arrangements

If delegates require child care facilities in order to attend the Conference or Social Programs, please contact the below:

#### Westfield Kids World Child Care Centre

Phone:  
02 9635 8113

Address:  
Level 5, Westfield Shoppingtown, Parramatta

Positions are dependent on age and availability.

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Ferry on the Parramatta River



Parramatta Farmer's Market



Berry Wilde Fountain at Night



Jamie's Trattoria, Aperol Spritz



\*Boundaries, Riverside Theatres

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