



# Hawkesbury City Council

## ordinary meeting minutes

date of meeting: 20 April 2021

location: council chambers and  
by audio-visual link

time: 6:30 p.m.



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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held at the Council Chambers and by Audio-Visual Link, Windsor, on 20 April 2021, commencing at 6:32pm.

### Welcome

The Mayor, Councillor Patrick Conolly acknowledged the Indigenous Heritage.

The Acting General Manager addressed the Council meeting, mentioning:

- Emergency Procedures
- Recording of the Council Meeting
- Statement regarding people addressing the Meeting
- Mobile phones

### ATTENDANCE

#### PRESENT:

At Council Chambers: Councillor Patrick Conolly, Mayor, Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett, Deputy Mayor and Councillors Barry Calvert Conolly, Emma-Jane Garrow, Amanda Kotlash, Peter Reynolds, Sarah Richards, John Ross, Tiffany Tree, Danielle Wheeler and Nathan Zamprogno.

By Audio-Visual Link: Councillor Paul Rasmussen.

#### ALSO PRESENT:

At Council Chambers: Acting General Manager - Laurie Mifsud, Director City Planning - Linda Perrine, Director Infrastructure Services - Jeff Organ, Acting Director Support Services - Emma Galea, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Vanessa Browning, Manager Corporate Communication - Suzanne Stuart, Corporate Planning and Performance Strategist - Stephanie Kissun, Manager Corporate Services and Governance - Charles McElroy and Administrative Support Coordinator - Tracey Easterbrook.

### APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received from Councillors.

The Acting General Manager advised that a request was received from Councillor Paul Rasmussen to attend Ordinary and Extraordinary Council Meetings from 20 April 2021 to 31 July 2021 by Audio-Visual Link due to health reasons.

### 99 RESOLUTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett and seconded by Councillor Garrow that approval be granted for Councillor Rasmussen to attend Council Meetings from 20 April 2021 to 31 July 2021 by Audio-Visual Link due to health reasons.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Kotlash declared an interest on Item 069.

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### **Acknowledgement of Official Visitors to the Council**

There were no official visitors.

### **SECTION 1 - Confirmation of Minutes**

#### **100 RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Richards and seconded by Councillor Zamprogno that the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 25 March 2021, be confirmed.

#### **101 RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett and seconded by Councillor Richards that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 30 March 2021, be confirmed.

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### SECTION 3 – Reports for Determination

#### GENERAL MANAGER

**Item: 069**                      **GM - Draft Operational Plan - 2021/2022 - (79351, 95496, 96332)**

**Directorate:**                General Manager

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Councillor Kotlash declared a pecuniary interest in this matter as the organisation she works for receives membership fees from Hawkesbury Council. She left the Chamber and did not take part in voting or discussion on the matter.

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#### **MOTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett, seconded by Councillor Calvert.

#### ***Refer to RESOLUTION***

#### **102 RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett, seconded by Councillor Calvert.

That:

1. The report regarding the Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan be received and noted.
2. The Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan, attached as Attachment 1 to the report, be approved for public exhibition and that Council give public notice of the exhibition of the Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan for a minimum of 28 days, in accordance with Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.
3. The Draft 2021/2022 Operational Plan be reported back to Council, post the public exhibition period, to consider any public submissions received and to consider the adoption of this document and to make and fix rates and charges for the year ended 30 June 2022.

**For the Motion:**                Councillors Conolly, Lyons-Buckett, Calvert, Garrow, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross, Wheeler and Zamprogno.

**Against the Motion:**        Councillors Richards and Tree.

**Absent:**                         Councillor Kotlash.

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### SECTION 5 – Notices of Motion

**Item: 070**                      **NM1 - Environment Committee Conduct Public Meetings on Cool Burning - (80093)**

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#### **MOTION:**

#### **103 RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett, seconded by Councillor Wheeler.

That Ms Erin Wilkins be allowed to address Council, on this item.

Ms Erin Wilkins addressed Council, speaking on this matter.

A MOTION was moved by Councillor Calvert, seconded by Councillor Kotlash.

That Council request the Environment Committee investigate and research the possible introduction of "Cool Burning" (Cultural Burning) trials within the Hawkesbury Local Government Area. The Committee is to:

1. Engage with the local Darug community to discuss cultural burning as practiced in the Hawkesbury.
2. Prepare a short discussion paper with information from and liaison with Aboriginal representative groups and people who have knowledge and experience with respect to the matter, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW National Parks and other relevant State and Commonwealth Departments.
3. Hold an Environment Committee meeting to facilitate debate on the draft discussion paper and invite representatives from the above to participate in that meeting.
4. If required hold a further Environment Committee meeting to continue the discussion, however if not required that the Committee members draft a report in conjunction with staff to submit to Council within four months.

An AMENDMENT was moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Lyons-Buckett.

That Council:

1. Engage with the local Darug community to discuss cultural burning as practiced in the Hawkesbury.
2. Invite cultural and scientific experts to brief Councillors on the use of cultural (cool) burning and its use, both current and potential, in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area.
3. Invite relevant agencies and groups including local Darug representatives, NSW Rural Fire Service, NSW National Parks to attend the briefing.
4. Prepare a discussion paper on the use and implementation of cultural (cool) burning in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area through the Environment Committee or formation of an expert working group, to come back to Council within four months.



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**For the Amendment:** Councillors Lyons-Buckett, Garrow, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Ross and Wheeler.

**Against the Amendment:** Councillors Conolly, Calvert, Kotlash, Richards, Tree and Zamprogno.

**Absent:** Nil.

The Amendment was lost on the casting vote of the Mayor.

### MOTION:

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Calvert, seconded by Councillor Kotlash.

#### *Refer to RESOLUTION*

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**For the Motion:** Councillors Conolly, Lyons-Buckett, Calvert, Garrow, Kotlash, Reynolds, Richards, Tree, Wheeler and Zamprogno.

**Against the Motion:** Councillors Rasmussen and Ross.

**Absent:** Nil.

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**Item: 071**                      **NM2 - Resource Allocation - Natural Disasters - (79351, 125612)**

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**MOTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett, seconded by Councillor Wheeler.

*Refer to RESOLUTION*

**105 RESOLUTION:**

RESOLVED on the motion of Councillor Lyons-Buckett, seconded by Councillor Wheeler.

That Council commit to allocating a minimum amount each year to the Crisis Management Response Reserve.

**For the Motion:**                      Councillors Conolly, Lyons-Buckett, Calvert, Garrow, Kotlash, Rasmussen, Reynolds, Richards, Tree, Wheeler and Zamprogn.

**Against the Motion:**                Councillor Ross.

**Absent:**                                Nil.

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### QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

**Item: 072**

**Responses to Councillor Questions Taken On Notice at the Council Meeting -  
30 March 2021 - (79351)**

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Responses to Questions Taken On Notice at the Council Meeting on 30 March 2021 were provided and additional follow up questions were asked and answered. An additional question was asked regarding exemption under the Infrastructure Environmental Planning Policy which was taken on notice and will be answered in the Business Paper for the next Council Meeting.

The meeting terminated at 7:36pm.

Submitted to and confirmed at the Ordinary meeting held on 27 April 2021.

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Mayor