



Hawkesbury City Council

extraordinary  
meeting  
business  
paper

date of meeting: 05 November 2013  
location: council chambers  
time: 6:30 p.m.



mission  
statement

***“To create opportunities  
for a variety of work  
and lifestyle choices  
in a healthy, natural  
environment”***

## **How Council Operates**

Hawkesbury City Council supports and encourages the involvement and participation of local residents in issues that affect the City.

The 12 Councillors who represent Hawkesbury City Council are elected at Local Government elections, held every four years. Voting at these elections is compulsory for residents who are aged 18 years and over and who reside permanently in the City.

Ordinary Meetings of Council are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month (except January), and the last Tuesday of each month (except December), meeting dates are listed on Council's website. The meetings start at 6:30pm and are scheduled to conclude by 11pm. These meetings are open to the public.

When an Extraordinary Meeting of Council is held, it will usually also be held on a Tuesday and start at 6:30pm. These meetings are also open to the public.

### **Meeting Procedure**

The Mayor is Chairperson of the meeting.

The business paper contains the agenda and information on the items to be dealt with at the meeting. Matters before the Council will be dealt with by an exception process. This involves Councillors advising the General Manager by 3pm on the day of the meeting, of those items they wish to discuss. A list of items for discussion will be displayed at the meeting for the public to view.

At the appropriate stage of the meeting, the Chairperson will move for all those items which have not been listed for discussion (or have registered speakers from the public) to be adopted on block. The meeting then will proceed to deal with each item listed for discussion and decision.

### **Public Participation**

Members of the public can register to speak on any items in the business paper other than the Confirmation of Minutes; Mayoral Minutes; Responses to Questions from Previous Meeting; Notices of Motion (including Rescission Motions); Mayoral Elections; Deputy Mayoral Elections; Committee Elections and Annual Committee Reports. To register, you must lodge an application form with Council prior to 3pm on the day of the meeting. The application form is available on Council's website, from the Customer Service Unit or by contacting the Manager - Corporate Services and Governance on (02) 4560 4444 or by email at [council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au).

The Mayor will invite registered persons to address the Council when the relevant item is being considered. Speakers have a maximum of three minutes to present their views. The Code of Meeting Practice allows for three speakers 'For' a recommendation (i.e. in support), and three speakers 'Against' a recommendation (i.e. in opposition).

Speakers representing an organisation or group must provide written consent from the identified organisation or group (to speak on its behalf) when registering to speak, specifically by way of letter to the General Manager within the registration timeframe.

All speakers must state their name, organisation if applicable (after producing written authorisation from that organisation) and their interest in the matter before speaking.

## **Voting**

The motion for each item listed for discussion will be displayed for Councillors and public viewing, if it is different to the recommendation in the Business Paper. The Chair will then ask the Councillors to vote, generally by a show of hands or voices. Depending on the vote, a motion will be Carried (passed) or Lost.

## **Planning Decision**

Under Section 375A of the Local Government Act 1993, voting for all Planning decisions must be recorded individually. Hence, the Chairperson will ask Councillors to vote with their electronic controls on planning items and the result will be displayed on a board located above the Minute Clerk. This will enable the names of those Councillors voting For or Against the motion to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting and subsequently included in the required register. This electronic voting system was an innovation in Australian Local Government pioneered by Hawkesbury City Council.

## **Business Papers**

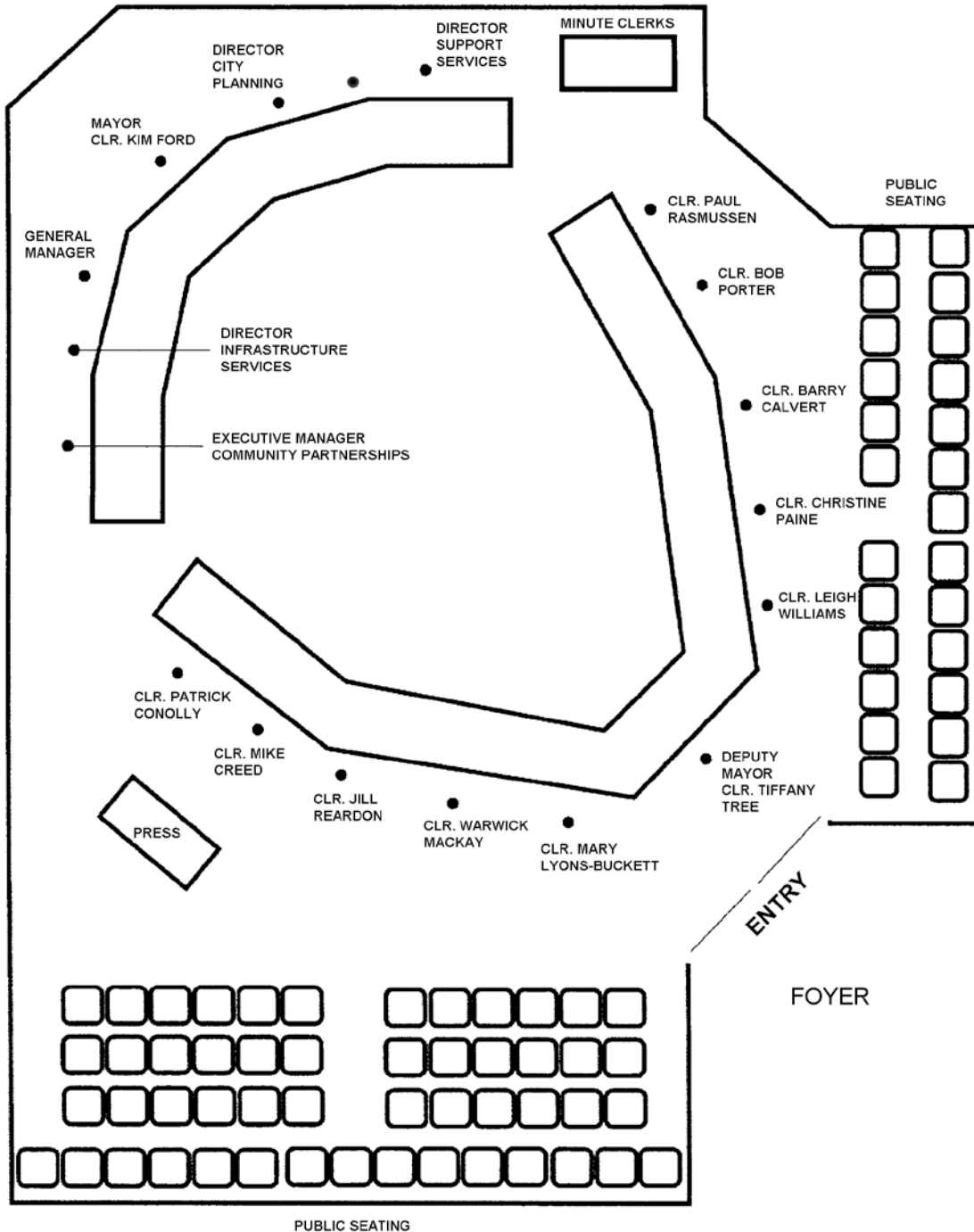
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Hard copies of the business paper can be viewed at Council's Administration Building and Libraries after 12 noon on the Friday before the meeting, and electronic copies are available on CD to the public after 12 noon from Council's Customer Service Unit. The business paper can also be viewed on the public computers in the foyer of Council's Administration Building.

## **Further Information**

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**NM - Planning Proposal - Grose Vale Road, North Richmond - Redbank, North Richmond - (80093, 125612)**

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**Submitted by:** Councillors B Calvert and M Lyons-Buckett

**NOTICE OF MOTION:**

That Council resolve to obtain further information on the following prior to proceeding with any decisions on the rezoning of land comprising Redbank Residential Development:

1. Strategic analysis of Hawkesbury River crossings and a study of current and possible future options for such crossings to cope with future expansion/development of the Hawkesbury LGA west of the river.
2. Detailed plans and studies, comprising sufficient data to allow an informed decision to be made, of the proposed crossing through Navua and Yarramundi Reserves.
3. Official response from the State Government regarding funding commitments for infrastructure in the area west of the river for the next 10 years.
4. Projected impacts on Council's budget, specifically in relation to Council's identified infrastructure 'gap'.

**BACKGROUND:**

Inadequate infrastructure west of the river is identified as a major reason for disallowing rezoning of land until adequate improvements have been made. This has been confirmed in the Sydney Housing Evaluation Report published by the NSW Department of Infrastructure and Planning in March 2013 with specific reference to the proposed Redbank Development, Gross Vale Road, North Richmond.

At its Ordinary Meeting of 8 May 2012, Council resolved (Item 59, point 7) that:

*"The North Richmond Joint Venture in preparing a Transport Management & Accessibility Plan for the proposed development is to include at least one other alternative to the proposed access route and Yarramundi Bridge crossing for consideration by Council, relevant public authorities and the community."*

The alternate river crossing required by Council has not yet materialised.

Details for the proposed crossing at Yarramundi and Navua Reserve are insufficient to enable a decision to be made. More extensive data and studies are required to understand the economic and environmental impacts, especially in terms of the implications for Council's budget.

Ideally, a strategic analysis of the Hawkesbury River crossings is required to address existing infrastructure problems and to consider options to alleviate existing problems, and factor in the needs for projected growth west of the river. The need for this is comprehensively detailed in the submission on proposed 'Redbank Residential Development' prepared by Christopher Hallam, an experienced traffic engineer. This would include a financial analysis of required infrastructure provision, maintenance and upgrades and the capacity of Council to meet these needs in light of the State Government's failure to commit to funding towards this in the foreseeable future. In particular, clarification of the terms of the Voluntary Planning

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Agreement is required to consider the possibility that proposed infrastructure will be undeliverable if the developer exercises the option to hand over cash in lieu of building the proposed bridge. What guarantees can be delivered to the community that Council has the capacity to administer and deliver this bridge in this circumstance?

Given the magnitude of this development, the wide range of impacts on the local area, and the gaps in available data relevant to infrastructure issues, further information is required before a decision can be made on the rezoning of this site.

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