

Hunter Councils Inc Board Meeting as the Hunter Pilot Joint
Organisation of Councils

Minutes of the 5 February 2016 Meeting

Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

1.1 **WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Cr Bob Pynsent	Mayor, Cessnock City Council
Cr Harold Johnston	Mayor, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Jan McWilliams	Mayor, Great Lakes Council
Cr Peter Blackmore	Mayor, Maitland City Council
Cr Martin Rush	Mayor, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cr John Martin	Mayor, Singleton Council
Cr Wayne Bedggood	Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council

In attendance

Stephen Glen	General Manager, Cessnock City Council
Craig Deasey	General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
Glenn Handford	General Manager, Great Lakes Council
David Evans	General Manager, Maitland City Council
Steve McDonald	General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Frank Cordingley	Acting General Manager, Newcastle City Council
Wayne Wallis	General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Waid Crockett	General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Cr John Rosenbaum	Mayor, Gloucester Shire Council
Cr Jodie Harrison	Mayor, Lake Macquarie City Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes	Lord Mayor, Newcastle City Council
Cr Bruce MacKenzie	Mayor, Port Stephens Council

Danny Green	General Manager, Gloucester Shire Council
Brian Bell	General Manager, Lake Macquarie City Council
Lindy Hyam	General Manager, Singleton Council

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted

Moved: Cr John Martin
Seconded: Cr Harold Johnston

Carried.

2. **Presentations / Discussions**

Presentations were made to the Board by the following:

- Scot MacDonald MLC, Parliamentary for the Hunter and Central Coast
- Bill Tatnell, Senior Regional Coordinator, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet: regional action plan process, infrastructure, disaster coordination and recent reports.
- Ashley Albury, Department of Planning and Environment Acting General Manager for the Hunter and Central Coast: Hunter Regional Plan, regional plan governance and introduction of new General Manager, Monica Gibson
- Chris Presnall, Director Innovation at the OLG and Jenna Hazelwood, Principal Policy Officer: Joint Organisations current state of play / timelines / future directions / legislative framework / county councils
- Will Creedon, Tourism Hunter: likely face of RTOs, tourism strategy and related matters.

3. **Business Arising from Presentations / Discussions**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. A letter be sent to Brigadier Darren Naumann thanking him for his leadership and support during the recovery process from the April 2015 storms in the Hunter Region
2. A letter also be sent to the Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter thanking him for his personal interest and support as well as the State Government generally during the recovery period.

Moved: Cr Harold Johnston

Seconded: Cr John Martin

Carried.

8. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Nil items

MEETING CLOSED