

Hunter Councils

Minutes of the
Hunter Councils Incorporated Board Meeting
Incorporating Joint Organisation Briefing

30 June 2016

Hunter Councils, Thornton

1.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Directors Present

Cr Bob Pynsent, Mayor, Cessnock City Council
Cr Harold Johnston, Mayor, Dungog Shire Council
Cr Jodie Harrison, Mayor, Lake Macquarie City Council
Cr Peter Blackmore, Mayor, Maitland City Council
John Turner, Administrator, Mid Coast Council
Cr Nuatali Nelmes, Lord Mayor, Newcastle City Council
Cr John Martin, Mayor, Singleton Council
Cr Wayne Bedgood, Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council

In attendance

Craig Deasey, General Manager, Dungog Shire Council
Brian Bell General Manager, Lake Macquarie City Council
Glenn Handford, Interim General Manager, Mid Coast Council
Steve McDonald, General Manager, Muswellbrook Shire Council
David Evans, General Manager, Maitland City Council
Frank Cordingley, Interim CEO, City of Newcastle
Wayne Wallis, General Manager, Port Stephens Council
Jason Linnane, General Manager, Singleton Council
Waid Crockett, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

Apologies

Cr Martin Rush Mayor, Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cr Bruce MacKenzie Mayor, Port Stephens Council

Stephen Glen General Manager, Cessnock City Council

Staff in attendance

Roger Stephan, CEO, Hunter Councils

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Cr Jodie Harrison
Seconded: Cr Bob Pynsent

Carried.

2. MOTION TO RATIFY THE MINUTES OF THE 14 APRIL 2016 MEETING

Moved: Cr John Martin
Seconded: Cr Bob Pynsent

Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil advised

4. PRESENTATIONS

- A presentation was made by Brett O'Farrell, CEO, Hunter Academy of Sport in regard to the formation of a Regional Major Events Committee
- A presentation was made by Bradley Nolan, Director, Hunter Councils Environment Division, in regard to the NSW Biodiversity Reforms
- An update was delivered by the CEO on the current state of play in regard to Joint Organisations.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS

It was resolved in regard to regional events strategy that:

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. **The matter be referred to the General Managers Advisory Committee for advice / recommendation**
 2. **That Tourism Hunter be engaged in regard to the concept, opportunities and overall opportunities in regard to events strategy**
 3. **The matter be further considered at the next meeting.**
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Moved: Cr Jodie Harrison

Seconded: Cr Bob Pynsent

Carried.

5. REPORTS

5.1 Program Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the reports be received and noted.

Moved: Cr Jodie Harrison

Seconded: Cr Wayne Bedggood

Carried.

5.2 Draft Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT:

1. the draft budget 2016/2017 of Hunter Councils Inc / the Hunter Joint Organisation of Councils be adopted
 2. A further report be provided to the next meeting in regard to the funding scenario outlined in the report.
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Moved: Cr Jodie Harrison
Seconded: Cr Wayne Bedggood

Carried.

6. General Business

- Following lunch a briefing was provided by Tim Hurst, CEO of the Office of Local Government, in regard to the Joint Organisations: Towards a new model for regional collaboration discussion paper.

MEETING CLOSED