



Minutes

of an Annual General Meeting
held at 7.31pm

23 NOVEMBER 2009

Note:

Minutes subject to confirmation at
a meeting of the Council to be held on
14 December 2009

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Central Coast Council held in the Council Chamber at the Administration Centre, 19 King Edward Street, Ulverstone on Tuesday, 23 November 2009 commencing at 7.31pm

Present

Cr Mike Downie (Mayor)	Cr Jan Bonde (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Lionel Bonde	Cr Amanda Diprose
Cr David Dry	Cr Cheryl Fuller
Cr Ken Haines	Cr Gerry Howard
Cr Brian Robertson	Cr Tony van Rooyen
Cr Philip Viney	

General Manager (Ms Sandra Ayton)
Director Development & Regulatory Services (Mr Michael Stretton)
Director Engineering Services (Mr Bevin Eberhardt)
Executive Services Officer (Miss Lisa Mackrill)

Mrs Beryl Marshall
Mr Terry McKenna
Mr Jake Weeda
Mr Greg Purton
Ms Angela Flemming
Mr Charles Goodwin
Mrs Kath Downie
Mr Colin Brown

Apologies

Cr John Deacon

Media attendance

The media was not represented.

Opening of meeting

The Mayor, in opening the meeting and welcoming those in attendance:

- . advised that the Annual General Meeting had been called in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*;

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- . advised that notice of the Annual General Meeting was given in The Advocate newspaper on Saturday, 7 November and again on Saturday, 14 November 2009; and
 - . referred the public in attendance to the agenda prepared for the meeting and which incorporated procedures for the conduct of the meeting.

Introduction of councillors

The Mayor introduced the attending Councillors to the meeting.

Annual Report

The Mayor reported that the Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2009, including financial statements and audit opinion, had been advertised as available to the public from the Administration Centre and Service Centre and on the Council's website. Electors were invited to make written submissions relating to the Annual Report.

The Mayor spoke in support of the Annual Report.

Additional comment was provided by the General Manager and Directors with a Powerpoint display of highlights from the report.

Submissions

No written submission were received.

Other Business

The Mayor invited questions or comments from the floor.

- . Mr Colin Brown made a statement in respect of the condition of various facilities at the Penguin Football Ground.
- . The Mayor advised that to respond to all the comments made by Mr Brown would take some time and indicated that over the previous years the Council has spent a substantial sum of money on the facilities.
- . Mr Brown left the meeting at this stage.

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- . Mr Weeda commended the Councillors and staff on another good year and commented on the performance of Cradle Mountain Water; which he believes to be poor.
 - . Mr Weeda advised that there are very competent Councillors and staff who can deal with issues on a local basis and he believes that the (former) Resource Planning and Development Commission is making decisions regarding the Central Coast municipal area that should not be made from an office in Hobart.
 - . Mr Weeda indicated that, after many calls to contractors who had undertaken work in the area, naturestrip reinstatement works in the vicinity of 47 Leighlands Avenue had not been completed and he would seek the Council to forward correspondence to the contractors to carry out this work as soon as possible.
 - . The Director Engineering Services indicated that he would follow up this matter.
 - . Mr Weeda asked who is responsible if someone has a trip on a raised edge of footpath. There is a section of footpath outside the property at 51 Leighlands Avenue where footpath slabs are raised approximately 30mm and two people have had trips.
 - . The Mayor advised that should people have a trip on a raised footpath slab they should contact the Director Corporate & Community Services at the time of the incident.
 - . The Director Engineering Services advised that the footpath slabs in question may be past grinding and the slabs will be assessed for attention.
 - . Mrs Marshall commented on works being undertaken in the municipal area, including the new medical centre in Ulverstone and thanked the Council for undertaking the grinding of footpath edges at Queen Street and Haywoods Reserve.
 - . Mrs Marshall also indicated that she was disappointed in the water and sewerage reform and felt that the Local Government Association of Tasmania did not fight hard enough to retain the services within local government and essentially gave the services away.
 - . The Ulverstone Senior Citizens Club is being charged a land tax for which the Council is a collection agent and Mrs Marshall sought the Council to take up this matter on behalf of the Club.

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- . Mr McKenna remarked that the Council should be concerned about the recent comments made by the State Government and Cradle Mountain Water that water and sewerage infrastructure is substandard and called upon them to indicate where the problems are as he believed that water and sewerage services in the Central Coast municipal area are commendable.
 - . The Mayor responded that he, along with the General Manager and Cr Fuller, had recently attended the Cradle Mountain Water annual general meeting and a powerpoint presentation was made indicating a number of safety issues, but those issues did not appear to relate to Central Coast.
 - . The Mayor agreed that Mr McKenna's comments were valid and the Council will write to the Chief Executive Officer of Cradle Mountain water seeking written answers regarding which are the areas or councils of concern.
 - . Mr Goodwin sought improvement in the labelling of bins at the Preston Transfer Station to clearly indicate household and other waste.
 - . The Mayor, in conjunction with the Director Engineering Services, advised that this matter would be investigated and appropriate signage would be placed at the site.
 - . Mr Goodwin questioned whether the Council had received correspondence from the Tasmanian Heritage Council in respect of the proposed listing of a water tower at Preston. The access to the water tower is owned by the Council and the surrounding area is leased by Forestry Tasmania.
 - . The Mayor advised that he was not aware of the proposed listing and would investigate the matter further and respond to Mr Goodwin in writing.
 - . Cr van Rooyen responded to Mrs Marshall's earlier comment that water and sewerage was given away without a fight and indicated that the Central Coast Council had a major role in the creation of three regional authorities instead of one large entity as the Tasmanian Government had initially proposed.
 - . Cr van Rooyen indicated that he shared Mr Weeda's earlier comments in respect of local planning matters being dealt with by an authority in Hobart.

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- Mr Weeda moved and Mr McKenna seconded, “That the Annual Report be received.”

Carried unanimously

Close of meeting

The Mayor closed the meeting at 8.45pm and, in doing so, thanked those in attendance for their participation.

Sandra Ayton
GENERAL MANAGER