

**MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF THE CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, 21 MARCH 2018, COMMENCING AT
6.30 PM**

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, Councillor R Pynsent (in the Chair) and Councillors Olsen, Doherty, Dunn, Fagg, Stapleford, Suvaal, Fitzgibbon, Gray, Dagg, Burke, Sander and Lyons.

IN ATTENDANCE: General Manager
Director Planning and Environment
Director Corporate and Community Services
Director Works and Infrastructure
Strategic Planning Manager
Acting Health & Building Manager (Ranger Team Leader)
Manager Open Space & Community Facilities
Recreation & Community Facilities Planner
Operations Accountant
Business Support & Customer Relations Manager
Environmental & Waste Services Manager
Sustainability Officer
Media & Communication Officer
Corporate Governance Officer

APOLOGY:

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg
 Seconded: Councillor Suvaal

444

RESOLVED that the Leave of Absence requested by Councillor Fagg for the period 18 April 2018 to 16 May 2018, for unavoidable absence, be accepted and leave of absence granted.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES:**MOTION****Moved:** Councillor Stapleford**Seconded:** Councillor Sander

445

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 7 March 2018, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.

FOR**AGAINST**

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Dagg
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent

Total (13)**Total (0)****CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI4/2018

SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

WI20/2018 Miller Park, Mount View Park and Turner Park Masterplans - Councillor Dagg declared a Non Pecuniary Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of a couple of the user groups who are affected by the report. Councillor Dagg advised that she would leave the Chamber and take no part in discussion and voting.

PETITIONS

NIL

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS

The following person has been invited to address the meeting of Council:

Councillor Dagg declared a Non Pecuniary Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of a couple of the user groups who are affected by the report. Councillor Dagg left the Chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

Councillor Dagg left the meeting, the time being 6.33pm

Speakers	Company	For / Against	Report	Page No.	Duration
Mr Sean Wright	Greta Branxton United Cricket Club	Against Recommendation	WI20/2018 - Miller Park, Mount View Park and Turner Park Masterplans	212	3 mins

EXTENSION OF TIME

Moved:

Councillor Suvaal

Seconded:

Councillor Doherty

446

RESOLVED

That an extension of 1 minute be granted to enable Mr Wright to complete his presentation.

FOR

Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent
Total (11)

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen

Total (1)

CARRIED

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI20/2018

**SUBJECT: MILLER PARK, MOUNT VIEW PARK AND TURNER PARK
MASTERPLANS**

Councillor Dagg declared a Non Pecuniary Significant Conflict for the reason that she is a member of a couple of the user groups who are affected by the report. Councillor Dagg left the Chamber and took no part in discussion and voting.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Sander **Seconded:** Councillor Doherty
447

RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the draft Mount View Park and Turner Park Masterplans.
2. That Council notify persons who made a submission during the public exhibition period of Council's decision.
3. That Council makes provision for the implementation of the draft Mount View Park and Turner Park Masterplans in consideration of priority and available resources including grant funding and development contributions.
4. That Council defer the draft Miller Park Master Plan to allow for further consultation with a number of user groups and the community.
5. That following consultation the draft Master Plan for Miller Park, with any appropriate changes be brought back to Council by the second meeting in May.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Dagg returned to the meeting, the time being 6.49pm

MAYORAL MINUTES

MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM1/2018

**SUBJECT: QANTAS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A PILOT TRAINING ACADEMY
IN AUSTRALIA**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent

448

RESOLVED

That the General Manager review the facility requirements as outlined by the Department Premier and Cabinet and if Cessnock Aerodrome can meet those requirements, make a submission for Cessnock Aerodrome to be considered as the site for a Qantas pilot training academy.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY

MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU4/2018

SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY

NIL

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE10/2018

SUBJECT: EXECUTION OF PLANNING AGREEMENT - 65 ABERNETHY STREET KITCHENER

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander

449

RESOLVED

1. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the Planning Agreement - 65 Abernethy Street Kitchener.
2. That Council repeal the Kitchener Section 94 Contributions Plan 2012.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE11/2018

SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF KURRI KURRI DISTRICT STRATEGY, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL CENTRE MASTERPLANS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon
450
RESOLVED

1. That Council adopt the Kurri Kurri District Strategy, including commercial centre masterplans for Kurri Kurri and Weston, as amended following community consultation.
2. That Council write to all those persons who made a submission thanking them for their input and to advise of Council's decision.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE12/2018

SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY PLANNING AGREEMENT - DEED OF VARIATION - WEST AND WYNDHAM STREETS, GRETA.

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
451
RESOLVED

1. That pursuant to section 7.5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Council give 28 days public notice of the Deed of Variation and amended Planning Agreement between Cessnock City Council and Hardie Greta Pty Ltd.
2. That Council authorise the General Manager to execute the Deed of Variation and amended Planning Agreement between Cessnock City Council and Hardie Greta Pty Ltd in the event no submissions are received during the public notice period.
3. That a further report is brought back to Council for consideration, only if submissions received during the public notice period are unable to be resolved.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE13/2018

SUBJECT: SERVICE NSW - EASY TO DO BUSINESS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon
452

RESOLVED

1. That Council delegate the relevant customer service functions related to the administration of the Easy to do Business initiative to the Chief Executive Officer, Service NSW in accordance with the Service Partnership Agreement as required under the Service NSW (One-stop Access to Government Services Act 2013).
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the Easy to Do Business agreement with Service NSW and to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE14/2018

SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ANIMAL MANAGEMENT (AIAM) ANNUAL WORKSHOP

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Sander
453
RESOLVED

- 1 That Council note the information contained within this report
- 2 That Council sponsors the 2018 Annual Australian Institute of Animal Management workshop as a platinum sponsor for \$10,000.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Olsen
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (1)

CARRIED

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE15/2018

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF STRATEGIC PROPERTY AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING - 21 FEBRUARY 2018

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Burke

454

RESOLVED

1. That the Minutes of the Strategic Property and Community Facilities Committee Meeting held on the 21 February 2018 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.
2. That Council commence the planning proposal process to reclassify Lots 507 and 508, DP755215 being 10 & 12 Quorrobolong Road, Cessnock from Community Land to Operational Land.
3. That the General Manager investigates the strategic value of retaining LOT: 2 SEC: 44 DP: 32655 (163 Cessnock Road WESTON) and report back to the Strategic Property and Community Facilities Committee at the meeting scheduled for 18 April 2018.
4. That the General Manager arrange a Councillor site visit and inspection of the Cessnock Airport.
5. That the General Manager investigate the concept of a Caravan Park on vacant land to the western extent of the Airport, being LOT: 2 DP: 1072432 (455 Wine Country Drive POKOLBIN).

FOR

AGAINST

Councillor Olsen
Councillor Doherty
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Fagg
Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Suvaal
Councillor Fitzgibbon
Councillor Gray
Councillor Dagg
Councillor Burke
Councillor Sander
Councillor Lyons
Councillor Pynsent

Total (13)

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC16/2018

SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMITTEE OF CESSNOCK CITY COUNCIL HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2018

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Gray **Seconded:** Councillor Lyons
455

RESOLVED

1. That the Minutes of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee held on 16 February 2018 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.
2. That the advice provided by the Committee for 'Wonnarua Country' as the wording for an Acknowledgement of Country on all indicated Cessnock LGA Gateway Signs and the proposed use of an image of a Wedge-tailed Eagle with outstretched wings inform a further phase of consultation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups and organisations.
3. That Council support the Committee to re-consider the wording of the Acknowledgement of Country for the proposed plaque in the Council Administration Building foyer and it include Wonnarua language.
4. That Council support the Committee to re-consider the Acknowledgement of Country wording and design of the proposed portable pull up banner.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC17/2018

**SUBJECT: NOMINATION FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE
ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMITTEE**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Doherty **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
456
RESOLVED

That Council accepts the nomination of Cheryl Kitchener for community representative to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Committee.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC18/2018

SUBJECT: TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF ROAD BASE MATERIALS (T371718HUN)

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
457
RESOLVED

1. That Council accept the Regional Procurement Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Road Base Materials (T371718HUN).
2. That Boral Resources NSW Pty Ltd, Buttai Gravel Pty Ltd t/a Daracon Quarries, and Quarry Products Pty Ltd be accepted to a panel for Cessnock City Council under Regional Procurement Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Road Base Materials (T371718HUN).
3. That Council note the contract term for the Supply and Delivery of Road Base Materials (T371718HUN) is from 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019 with an option for a 12 month contract extension based on satisfactory supplier performance.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC19/2018

SUBJECT: TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION / SUPPLY ONLY OF ROAD SAFETY BARRIER SYSTEMS (REGPRO511718)

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
458
RESOLVED

1. That Council accept the Regional Procurement Tender for Supply and Installation / Supply only of Road Safety Barrier Systems (REGPRO511718).
2. That Destraz Pty Ltd t/as D&P Fencing Contractors, Guardrail Systems Pty Ltd, and Irwin Fencing Pty Ltd be accepted to a panel for Cessnock City Council under Regional Procurement Tender for Supply and Installation / Supply only of Road Safety Barrier Systems (REGPRO511718).
3. That Council note the contract term for Supply and Installation / Supply only of Road Safety Barrier Systems (REGPRO511718) is from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020 with an option for a 12 month contract extension based on satisfactory supplier performance.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC20/2018

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT - FEBRUARY 2018

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
459

RESOLVED

That Council receive the report and note the information.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC21/2018

SUBJECT: RESOLUTIONS TRACKING REPORT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
460

RESOLVED

That Council receive the report and note the information.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC22/2018

SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT 2017-18 - CONSIDERATION OF RESERVE ALLOCATION

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
461
RESOLVED

1. That the reserve funds of \$249,068 from the general purpose component of the financial assistance grant be retained in reserve for use as leverage as matching funds for future grant opportunities.
2. That the reserve of these funds be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis.

Councillor Doherty left the meeting, the time being 7.30pm

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (12)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC23/2018

SUBJECT: NATURAL DISASTER FUNDING - 2015 STORM EVENT

Councillor Doherty returned to the meeting, the time being 7.33pm

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg
462

RESOLVED

1. That Council note the funds received of \$546,382 from the Natural Disaster Relief Assistance Program and that the funds are transferred to reserve for use as leverage as matching funds for future grant opportunities.
2. That the appropriate adjustment be made in the next Quarterly Budget Review to reflect the funding received and transfer to reserve.
3. That the reserve of these funds be reviewed on a 6 monthly basis.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC24/2018

**SUBJECT: 2018 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT -
CALL FOR MOTIONS AND COUNCILLOR NOMINATIONS TO ATTEND**

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Gray **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal

463

RESOLVED

1. That Councillors submit any motions for consideration for referral to the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government to the General Managers office by Friday 23 March 2018.
2. That Councillors seeking to attend the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government submit a Request to Attend Conference application by Friday 23 March 2018.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	

Total (13)

Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI21/2018

SUBJECT: WASTE SERVICES REVIEW - ADDITIONAL STAFF AND PLANT REQUIREMENTS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Burke
464

RESOLVED

1. That Council endorse the appointment of eight additional Waste Service Operators in order to adequately manage the expanding waste service operations.
2. That Council endorses the purchase of plant items in order to provide efficient operation of the waste service. The plant to be purchased include:
 - Compactor
 - Excavator
 - Tracked loader
 - Water cart
 - Hooklift truck
3. That the new staff be funded from the landfill operational budget.
4. That the plant purchases be funded from the Waste Reserve.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI22/2018

SUBJECT: SPONSORSHIPS & SUBSIDIES REVIEW

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal **Seconded:** Councillor Stapleford
465

RESOLVED

1. That Council notes the existing Property Management Policy 2013 and supports the on-going re-negotiation of leases and licences in accordance with the Policy and associated Guidelines;
2. That the General Manager prepare a draft Community Sponsorship and Subsidies Policy that promotes and supports the delivery of key objectives in the Community Strategic Plan and that the draft Policy be brought back to Council for consideration within 3 months.

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Olsen	
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ23/2018

SUBJECT: CESSNOCK REGIONAL ART GALLERY - LAND CLASSIFICATION

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ24/2018

SUBJECT: ACCIDENTS DEAKIN / BOOTH STREETS, KURRI KURRI

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ25/2018

SUBJECT: BAILEYS LANE

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ26/2018

***SUBJECT: PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – RITCHIES IGA – WOLLOMBI ROAD,
CESSNOCK***

The answer was noted.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ27/2018

SUBJECT: ROUNDABOUT - DUFFIE DRIVE, CESSNOCK

The answer was noted.

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

Councillor Mark Lyons

INSTALLATION OF CRICKET NETS

Councillor Lyons asked what are the estimated costs of installing cricket nets on a playing field?

Councillor Mark Lyons

MAINTENANCE OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

Councillor Lyons asked what is Council's responsibility for maintaining pedestrian crossings on Council's Rights of Way?

Councillor Ian Olsen

EXTENDED OPENING TIMES AND FREE SUNDAY ACCESS TO POOLS

Councillor Olsen referred to the extended opening times and free access to the pools and asked if Councillors will be getting any feedback?

The General Manager advised that part of the decision by Council to run the Sunday Fun day was that a report was to come back to Council within a couple of months after the summer season had concluded.

Councillor Paul Dunn

CESSNOCK ART GALLERY

Councillor Dunn asked whether Cessnock Art Gallery, if they supply their annual programs in letter box size envelopes, could include them with Council's annual rate notice.

The Director Corporate & Community Services advised that if the Cessnock Art Gallery send the request to himself the decision can be made under Delegated Authority.

Councillor Anne Sander

CLEAN UP AFTER NBN WORKS

Councillor Sander advised that there are concerns regarding the clean up after the NBN has been through Kurri Kurri, Abermain etc and asked who is maintaining the restorations from Council's point of view?

Councillor John Fagg

GILLIES BRIDGE UPDATE

Councillor Fagg asked if an update could be circulated to the residents regarding the bridge?

Councillor Jay Suvaal

CHANGES TO PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Suvaal asked if Council notifies or can Council notify business and residents in the area when changes are made to parking arrangements by the Traffic Committee?

CORRESPONDENCE

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO7/2018

SUBJECT: STRATEGIC EMERGENCY SERVICES PRECINCT

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Gray
466

RESOLVED

That Council note the correspondence received.

FOR	AGAINST
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Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
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Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
Total (13)	Total (0)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO8/2018

SUBJECT: LOADING ZONES AND TAXI RANKS

MOTION **Moved:** Councillor Dagg **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal
467

RESOLVED:

That Council note the correspondence received.

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COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Gray

Local Government Tourism Conference at Parkes

I would like to inform the Chamber that last week I attended, along with the Mayor and members of economic development Team - the Local Government NSW Tourism Conference at Parkes in Western NSW.

As this was my first Tourism conference I found it most educational in learning how LG NSW supports tourism and the supports that are available through the State Government via Destinations NSW.

Cessnock Visitor Information Centre was highly praised for its efforts and our program for working with the long term unemployed. This initiative is looking to be emulated by other Visitor Information Centres across the state.

I found particularly interesting A session involving opportunities of short term letting, the likes of Air B&B. This where a suburban house turns into short term accommodation, without the checks and balances of Council Regulation.

The down side is the well-known party houses etc, where a minority of generally younger people rent a home for a party and run amuck, upsetting the local amenity.

However, the upside is that for large events, your available accommodation can rapidly expand to meet market demand, thus local businesses can capitalise and maximise its earning potential.

I found the visit to The Rejuvenation of Peak Hill Gold mine fascinating and a great example of a local town leveraging its historic mineral extraction industry into a Destination Tourism development, at a relative inexpensive cost.

Peak Hill a relative small town of 14000 people rejuvenating its economy by Self-directed tours of the area, passive short walks around the site, historic interpretation stops, and the views of the surrounding district, this was a great example of leveraging what you have. A big hole on a small hill at the edge of town.

What was profound was “it’s not the what you have! It’s the why that draws the tourists in, the history, the story, the narrative”.

The parallels to what we have here with the Historic South Maitland Coal Complex that encompasses effectively all the settlements of the LGA and the Richmond Vale Mining Museum, our natural environment and location relative to Sydney, confirm to me that our Coal heritage is untapped tourism gold and something that should be embraced as an opportunity going forward.

The other major take away from this conference was the session on Caravan and Camping Industry across Australia, over 25 thousand people employed, \$17.44 Billion value added to the economy and \$1.26 Million Average contribution from commercial parks. – In the most popular activities, 3.8 Million Bushwalkers and 3.3 million visited parks and forests, 4.1 million Sightseeing, this is an industry that is expanding at an exponential rate.

647, 319 Australians registered Caravans, Motor Homes and campervans. This is an industry that we need to promote and expand as we become the hinterland playground of NSW.

Councillor Lyons

Cessnock Council Staff Awards

Councillor Lyons reported on his attendance at the Cessnock Council Staff Awards that were held last week and advised that it was amazing to see the Chamber filled with staff that had done so much to actually improve the efficient delivery of services, innovation and to make this a better place to work in and also to provide better services to our ratepayers and constituents.

Of particular note were the award winners, the Procurement and Stores team David Lomas, Brad Haggarty, Ben Sillay and Stephen Bailey for their support and customer service to internal staff which has been fantastic, in particular their assistance to the CYCOS team for Council events.

The other award went to the Parks team David Crebert and Brian Morrison who's innovative thinking in developing an attachment to the ride on mowers for spraying purposes has provided a great result for the team.

Mayor

Local Government Tourism Conference at Parkes

The Mayor advised that the one thing that Councils needs to take on board in regards to caravan and camping is the number of caravans have increased by nearly 30% over the last 5 years, 21% for campervans and the other fallacy is that caravan and camping is not just for the grey nomads. 45% of all caravan and camping trips are undertaken by the 30 – 54 year olds and this is a massive market.

As Council looks at developing a caravan park free camp at Branxton there are a number of organisations who run them for Councils and he thinks that that is important for Council to look at when thinking about caravan and camping.

The other topic is AirBNB which he sees as a threat to the 3,000 beds that council has in the Vineyards Precinct and the management of AirBNB, that we as a Council need to take on board in regards to compliance compared to the issues of a B&B or other requirements of accommodation. Finally, Waverly Council has 25,000 rooms or houses, 5,000 of those are list on AirBNB.

The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 8.09pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 4 April 2018

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**