

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION



**MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
HELD AT THE SORELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016**

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The meeting commenced at 5.30 pm. with Mayor Vincent in the Chair.

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Mayor opened the meeting, welcome those in attendance and explained the meeting procedures.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mayor K Vincent
Deputy Mayor B McDonald
Councillor K Degrassi
Councillor V Gala
Councillor G Evans
Councillor C Torenus
Councillor N Reynolds
Councillor L White

APOLOGY

Councillor D De Williams (Leave of Absence)

COUNCIL STAFF

Robert Higgins, General Manager
Russell Fox, Manager Engineering & Regulatory Services
Tina House, Manager Finance and Information
Jess Radford, Manager HR, Customer & Community Services
Betty Spaulding, Personal Assistant to the General Manager

ELECTORS

Jeff Brown, 234 Carlton Beach Road, Carlton 7173
Tracey Jones, 172 Lewisham Scenic Drive, Lewisham 7173
Sharon Fotheringham, 1253 Arthur Highway, Forcett 7173
Rex Bolton, 8/9 Whitelea Court, Sorell 7172



3.0 MEETING PROCEDURES

The Mayor advised that the meeting procedures were outlined in the Agenda.

The General Manager spoke briefly about the Annual Report 2015/16.

4.0 ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

Copies of the Annual Report are available at the Council Offices and on the Council Website.

4.1 MOTION – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

“That Council approve the Annual Report 2015/2016, which includes the Financial Statements.”

1/2016 DEGRASSI/EVANS

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Degrassi, Gala, Evans, Torenus, Reynolds, White, McDonald and Vincent

Against: None

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

Mayor Vincent invited any questions in relation to the Annual Report 2014/15.

There were no questions from the gallery in relation to the Annual Report.

5.0 SUBMISSIONS FOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

The Mayor advised that one (1) written submission for issues to be discussed had been received.

Re: Agenda for Sorell Council AGM 13 December 2016

Dear Mr Higgins

I request that matters of misgovernance, misconduct, mismanagement, and bullying at the Sorell Mens Shed be included on the agenda for discussion at the AGM.

I have been bullied, falsely accused of making untrue statements regarding the council lease of the shed premises, and had my membership of the shed cancelled by the committee without regard or adherence to the shed constitution.



A constitutional requirement that I be advised of my rights of appeal has been ignored by the public officer.

A request for advice of my rights, following the aforementioned misconduct of the public officer, was also ignored.

A subsequent request for an appeal, lodged by me in accord with the constitution, was ignored by the public officer.

My referral of the matter to the Complaints Committee of the national body, the Australian Mens Shed Association, resulted in AMSA advising the Sorell Mens Shed that they had not acted in accord with the shed constitution, and advised that the cancellation of my membership was “not binding”.

AMSA directed the Sorell Mens Shed to arrange an appeal some months ago. The shed committee ignored that direction.

I request that Sorell Council intervene and request the shed committee to quash my membership cancellation.

I am a Sorell Council ratepayer, and I observe that my rates contribute to very significant sponsorship of the Sorell Mens Shed, through payment of significant electricity account payments on behalf of the shed, and very significant funding by council of the difference between the market rent value of the building, and the nominal amount actually paid. There will be other costs, such as maintenance costs, met by council from ratepayers contributions. As a ratepayer, I am being unreasonably deprived of use of a facility that I contribute funding to.

I request that, at the AGM, disclosure be made of the extent of the dollar costs of the subsidizing of the shed by council.

I am available to meet with you to provide further clarification of these matters if you so desire; in fact, I would appreciate a meeting.

The matters that I have set out above are in brief.

I have documentary evidence to substantiate all of the statements made here.

Yours faithfully

Jeff Brown
6 December 2016

The General Manager advised he had received a written submission from Jeff Brown for the Annual General Meeting. He had met with Mr Brown on 13th December to discuss the submission with him and that the General Manager would further advise Mr Brown in due course after making his own enquiries.

Mr Brown advised he appreciated the General Manager's effort, was happy with the advice he received at the meeting and awaited his reply.

6.0 QUESTIONS

Sharon Fotheringham asked that Council pursue the upgrading of the Arthur Highway to secure a better highway. The Mayor advised Council would do so.

The Mayor reminded the gallery to sign the AGM Attendance Register.

7.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.43 pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR VINCENT

