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SORELL CAC COUNCIL CHAMBERS

(47 COLE STREET, SORELL)

TUESDAY

13 DECEMBER 2016

5.30 pm.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Section 72B of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires the Council to hold an Annual General Meeting not later than 15 December in each year.

The Annual General Meeting of the Sorell Council will be held at the Sorell Council Chambers on Tuesday, 13 December 2015 commencing at 5.30 pm prior to the ordinary monthly Council meeting which will commence at 6 pm.

This Agenda includes an outline of the meeting procedures which will apply to this meeting.

KERRY VINCENT

MAYOR

8 December 2016



**AGENDA
FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
TO BE HELD AT THE SORELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016**

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1.0 OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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The Mayor will open the meeting, welcome those in attendance and introduce the Councillors.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

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

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



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3.0 MEETING PROCEDURES

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1. The Annual General Meeting is a meeting of the Council. However, unlike other council meetings, everyone in attendance is able to participate in the meeting. It is therefore important that questions and comments be kept brief and to the point and that common courtesy prevails when other people are speaking.
2. As the minutes of the meeting are recorded, speakers should identify themselves before speaking (i.e. full name and suburb where you reside).
3. All discussion should be addressed through the Chair.
4. Before debating any Motion, the Motion is required to be Moved and Seconded.
5. Only one Motion may be before the Chair at any one time.
6. In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*, voting is by a show of hands, and only electors of the Sorell municipal area are entitled to vote.
7. A motion is passed by one half of the electors plus one voting in favour of it.
8. Any motion passed at the Annual General Meeting will be considered at the first ordinary Council Meeting on 17 January 2017.

4.0 ANNUAL REPORT 2015/2016

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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.”

5.0 SUBMISSIONS FOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

Submissions for issues to be discussed at the Annual General Meeting was advertised in the Mercury Newspaper on 19 and 26 November with a closing date of Wednesday, 7 December 2016 by close of business and one submission was received (see attached).



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Sent: Tuesday, 6 December 2016 9:27 PM
To: sorell.council@sorell.tas.gov.au; Robert Higgins
Subject: Agenda.....Sorell Council AGM 2016

Mr Robert Higgins,
General Manager,
Sorell Council.

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.



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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

6.0 QUESTIONS

7.0 CLOSE OF MEETING



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