



**MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
HELD AT THE SORELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2017**

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The meeting commenced at 5.32 pm. with Mayor Vincent in the Chair.

1.0 OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

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

2.0 ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mayor K Vincent
Deputy Mayor B McDonald
Councillor K Degrassi (arrived 5.54 pm)
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
Betty Spaulding, Community Administration Officer

ELECTORS

Tracey Jones, 172 Lewisham Scenic Drive, Lewisham
Maree Emmett, 595 Shark Point Road, Penna
Rendell Emmett, 595 Shark Point Road, Penna
Glenn Millar, 54 Alomes Road, Forcett
Mike Purdon, 187 Arthur Highway, Sorell
Rosemary Purdon, 187 Arthur Highway, Sorell
Sharon Fotheringham, 1253 Arthur Highway, Forcett



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3.0 MEETING PROCEDURES

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

4.0 ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

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

4.1 MOTION – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

“That Council adopt the Annual Report 2016/2017 including the Financial Statements.”

1/2017 McDONALD/WHITE

“That the recommendation be accepted.”

The motion was put.

For: Gala, Evans, Torenus, De Williams, Reynolds, White, McDonald and Vincent

Against: None

The Motion was **CARRIED**.

Mayor Vincent advised that both the Liberal and the Labor Parties had recently announced funding to rebuild the Sorell School with the Liberal party pledging \$22 million to funds already committed (\$3.75 million) and the Labor Party has pledged \$25 million.

Transport corridor issues had also been dealt with, to be addressed over the next 8 years with a possible four lane highway from the Nugent Road junction utilising the existing eastern bypass alignment, duplication of both causeways and upgrades to Midway Point and Airport roundabout junctions.

Clr Brett McDonald congratulated and commended the Mayor, General Manager and staff for their continued efforts with these meetings.

5.0 SUBMISSIONS FOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

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



Betty Spaulding

To: Robert Higgins
Subject: RE: Sorell Council AGM.

From: jeff brown [<mailto:jeff.jean@live.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2017 7:51 AM
To: Robert Higgins <robert.higgins@tasman.tas.gov.au>
Subject: Fw: Sorell Council AGM.

P.S.

Hello Robert, I would appreciate this matter being placed on the AGM agenda please. On reflection, I possibly did not state this clearly in my email of 4 Dec.

Thank you,
Jeff Brown
6/12/17

From: jeff brown <jeff.jean@live.com>
Sent: Monday, 4 December 2017 7:20 PM
To: Robert Higgins
Subject: Sorell Council AGM.

Hello Robert, I will appreciate advice of the amount spent by Council in the last 12 months on electricity relating to the Sorell Mens Shed.

I am very unlikely to be able to attend the AGM due to my wife being ill and requiring constant care at present.

Thank you,
Jeff Brown.
4/12/2017

GENERAL MANAGER'S RESPONSE

The power costs associated with the Sorell Men's Shed are in the vicinity of \$300 - \$330 per quarter (\$1200-\$1320 per annum). It is not possible for Council to determine the exact power usage as there is one meter to the property which is shared with the Lions Club of Sorell. The separation of meters on the property is not considered cost effective.

The Sorell Men's Shed lease has lapsed and a new draft lease has been circulated to the organisation which does not include a clause in relation to payment of electricity costs. The new draft lease is based on the adopted standard template provided by Council's Solicitors. It is submitted that formal advice from Council confirming that power will not be charged to the tenants until the \$2000.00 per annum cap has been reached is the preferred way of managing this type of joint tenant/one meter arrangement (rather than including it in the formal lease).

Council are waiting on confirmation from the Men's Shed that this approach is acceptable.

The General Manager had provided a response (see above) and advised further that there was a 12 month rolling lease as was the case with the Lions Club with the electricity for both being charged on one meter. The Lions Club had entered into a new lease and a draft lease has been forwarded to the Men's Shed.

Council to be responsible up to a particular cap then the others to take responsibility for their own power usage.

6.0 QUESTIONS

Mayor Vincent invited any questions in relation to the Annual Report 2016/17.

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

Sharon Fotheringham asked about the Council merger situation and that Clarence did not want to merge with Sorell and that the Sorell Council should respect the wishes of those residents who had participated in the recent Council community consultation survey.

Sharon Fotheringham proposed to move a motion regarding the merger issues.

A Motion was moved.

2/2017 FOTHERINGHAM/JONES

“That the Council give due regard to the results of the voluntary merger community consultation with respect to the Option 3 feedback between Sorell, Tasman and Glamorgan Spring Bay Councils.”

The motion was put.

Favour: All electors voted for the motion.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Mayor Vincent advised that Motion 2/2017 would be presented at the January 2018 Council meeting.

The Mayor requested the gallery sign the AGM Attendance Register.

Tracy Jones said she had driven over the new Carlton River Bridge recently and was very impressed with bridge. She also commented on how good the Fulham Road sealing looked.

She had also noticed kerb and guttering had been provided in some streets in Dodges Ferry. The Mayor also commented that some drainage issues were also being fixed.

Comment was also made regarding the concrete walkway provided in Forcett. Councillor Torenus has pursued this issue for some time and thanked the General Manager and Council. The State Government had funded this project through a Vulnerable Road User Grant.

Rendell Emmett from 595 Shark Point Road spoke regarding the National RAMSAR Wetlands. He submitted Council was privileged to have such a site that was the only urban wetland site in Tasmania subject to Commonwealth legislation. Given the Council acknowledges the site by its notation on their website, how does the Council fulfil its day-to-day obligations for the whole of the Pittwater-Orielton Lagoon RAMSAR wetland site?

Mr Emmett further submitted that more education, contact with Birdlife Tasmania and more signage was required. Wetlands were very important with Mr Emmett advising there was erosion occurring at the front of his property.

Russell Fox to investigate storm water in this area and the proposed Council stormwater works. He asked Mr Emmett to leave his details and he would look at this issue further with the NRM Facilitator onsite. With regard to managing future stormwater outfalls, Mr Fox advised Council would not be creating any new stormwater outlets unless absolutely necessary.

Sharon Fotheringham asked if Council could keep residents informed regarding change to plane flight paths in the municipality.

7.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.54 pm.

CONFIRMED

MAYOR VINCENT

CHAIRPERSON

12 December 2017

