MINUTES
OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
HELD AT THE SORELL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2013

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1.0 OPENING OF MEETING, WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance.

2.0 ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLORS

Mayor K Vincent
Deputy Mayor B McDonald
Councillor G Evans
Councillor J Dunbabin
Councillor K Degrassi
Councillor M Purdon
Councillor L White
Councillor R Leach
Councillor Clr R Bunyan

COUNCIL STAFF

Robert Higgins, A/General Manager
Bill Hyndes, Manager Environment & Development
Steve Hodge, Manager Engineering Services
Jess Radford, Manager HR & Community Services
John Molnar, Senior Planner
Jenny Richmond, Planning Officer
Betty Spaulding, Personal Assistant to the General Manager

APOLOGY

Dean Taylor, Manager Finance and Information

ELECTORS

Mrs Judy Young, 154 Arthur Highway, Dunalley 7177
Ms Sharon Fotheringham, 1253 Arthur Highway, Forcett 7173
Mr A Jackson, 84 Pawleena Road, Sorell 7172
Mr M Large, 82 Pawleena Road, Sorell 7172
Mr Peter J Grierson, 185 Arthur Highway, Sorell 7172
Mr Barry Curtain, 36 Pawleena Road, Sorell 7172
Mr Joseph Curtain, 36 Pawleena Road, Sorell 7172
3.0 MEETING PROCEDURES

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 21 January 2014.

4.0 ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

Copies of the Annual Report were available on the Council Website and also at the Annual General Meeting.

4.1 MOTION – APPROVAL OF ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

“That Council approve the Annual Report 2012/2013, which includes the Financial Statements.”

1/2013 DEGRASSI/McDONALD

The Motion was put.

For: Evans, Dunbabin, Degrassi, Purdon, White, Leach, Bunyan, McDonald and Vincent

Against: None

The Motion was CARRIED.
5.0 SUBMISSIONS FOR ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED

The Mayor advised that no written submissions for issues to be discussed were received.

6.0 QUESTIONS

Mayor Vincent invited any questions in relation to the Annual Report 2012/2013. The gallery advised that they had no questions.

Sharon Fotheringham spoke about the road works happening at Arthur Highway, Forcett. She said Delmore Road and Arthur Highway had been completely shut down for periods of up to 25 minutes at a time and had caused traffic chaos. She asked could Council speak to the Government re this issue.

Mayor Vincent and the Manager Engineering Services, Steve Hodge would speak to DIER concerning this matter. Mayor Vincent said they were conscious of this matter and worked night crews to minimise disruption to traffic. It was a no win situation.

Sharon also asked if Council could enquire why road signs were being left up when no works were happening.

She also asked about voting on the merger. She felt the Council voted on this issue and the general public and the ratepayers had no say in the decision. She asked when the issue arose again if Council could consider comments and attitudes of ratepayers.

7.0 CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 7.02 pm. However, the Mayor re-opened the meeting as Sharon Fotheringham advised that she did have some questions as per the above.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm