

**STRATEGIC COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

10 FEBRUARY 2009

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Great Lakes Council held at the Council Chambers, Breese Parade, Forster on Tuesday, 10 February 2009 commencing at 9.30am.

Present           Councillor J McWilliams (Chairperson) Clrs L Gill,  
K Hutchinson, C McCaskie, L Roberts,  
J Stephens, M Tuffy, L Vaughan and J Weate.

In Attendance    General Manager - Keith O'Leary, Director Engineering  
Services - Ron Hartley, Director Planning & Environmental  
Services - Glenn Handford and Director Corporate &  
Community Services - Steve Embry.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES - STRATEGIC COMMITTEE MEETING DATED 11  
NOVEMBER 2008**

006           RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Strategic Meeting of 11 November 2008, copies of which were distributed among the Councillors, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record of proceedings.

(Gill/Vaughan)

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY CONFLICTS OF  
INTEREST**

The following Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Conflicts of Interest were declared:

Nil

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Event Approvals Process**

The Committee received a presentation from Council's Engineering Executive Coordinator in relation to the current process and proposed improvements in relation to Event Approvals in the Council area.

**Council Strategic Plan**

The Director of Corporate and Community Services provided a presentation to the Committee on the current actions being taken to address the Strategic Planning challenges faced by Council.

**2009/10 Budget Preparation**

Council's Revenue Accountant provided an overview of the potential effect of the 2008 re-valuation of the Council area.

*The Committee adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm.*

*The Committee reconvened at 1.15pm.*

**DIRECTOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' REPORT  
ATTACHED DATED 10 FEBRUARY 2009**

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**Item: D1**  
**Subject: Control of Open Burning Regulation**

007 RESOLVED that Council nominate to be listed in Schedule 8 Parts 2 and 3 of Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2002 with the following two amendments to the detail contained in the report.-

1. "Implications  
Burning of vegetation that can be practically re-used, recycled or disposed of by an alternate means".
2. "Fees  
As a result a fee of \$25 for residential premises should cover the administration costs while a fee of \$120 should be applied to all areas zoned 1(c) (Future Urban Investigation) and all areas zoned 7 including all sub clauses (such as wetland, conservation, environmental protection)".

(Gill/Vaughan)

**DIRECTOR CORPORATE & COMMUNITY SERVICES' REPORT ATTACHED  
DATED 10 FEBRUARY 2009**

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**Item: D1**  
**Subject: Tea Gardens District Contributions Plan (2009)**

008 RESOLVED that:-

1. The proposed plan be exhibited for 28 days in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act with the section relating to Surf Clubs being reworded to provide a general reference to Surf Club equipment.
2. That a further report, dealing with any submissions received, be presented to the Committee.

(Gill/McCaskie)

**PRESENTATIONS**

**2009/10 Budget Preparation (Cont'd)**

Council's Manager of Finance outlined preliminary budget information relating to the 2009/10 Budget including the need to renew the Council's Environmental Special Rate due to the Minister for Local Government approving the rate on a fixed term basis.

009 RESOLVED that Council endorse in principle, the continuation of the Environmental Special Rate and that a report be brought forward on the potential to increase the level of the rate to address issues of navigational dredging; sustainability initiatives such as completion and maintenance of the cycleway network, energy efficiency and climate change; and implementation of Water Quality Improvement Plans.

(McCaskie/Gill)

**DIRECTOR ENGINEERING SERVICES' REPORT ATTACHED DATED  
10 FEBRUARY 2009**

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**Item: D1**  
**Subject: Urban Roads Rehabilitation Priority Program**

010 RESOLVED that the rolling priority program listed in Annexure B be adopted.

(Gill/Hutchinson)

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**Item: I1**  
**Subject: Monthly Works Progress Report**

011 RESOLVED that the information be noted.

(Hutchinson/Roberts)

**LATE BUSINESS**

*Clr Tuffy left the Meeting at 2.26pm.*

**Tuncurry Convenience Centre**

The Director Planning and Environmental Services provided a report on the Tuncurry Convenience Centre.

012 RESOLVED that The Mayor, General Manager and Director Planning and Environmental Services meet with the Tuncurry Convenience Centre proponent in relation to the Peer Review and should the proponent not be prepared to fund the Peer Review that the Development Application be referred to Council for consideration.

(Vaughan/McCaskie)

*The meeting closed at 2.36pm.*

CHAIRMAN