

## **Council Report to NRDCAA Meeting September 19 2016.**

There was one meeting of Council since the August Report, 30th of August and Council Elections Saturday 10th of September 2016.

The report covers main issues as determined by the CoM that could affect residents and ratepayers, or could be a matter of public interest.

This report should not be relied upon by residents and ratepayers. The Reports, motions and resolutions are mostly truncated.

Council Business Papers and Minutes of each meeting are available on the Council website.

### **Council Meeting 30th of August 2016.**

**Apologies:** Councillors M. Creed and J. Reardon.

#### **Item: 185. Draft Voluntary Planning Agreement (DVPA) 136 Longleaf Road Kurmond.**

There was one speaker in support.

The Voluntary Planning Agreement provides for **not more than four housing lots** can be created. The contribution is \$30,000.00 per housing lots.

The DVPA was approved.

Councillors, Conolly, Ford Mackay Paine, Porter and Tree supported the DVPA.

Councillors Calvert, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen and Williams opposed the DVPA.

#### **Item: 186. Planning Proposal (PP) to Amend Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 2012, 1442 and 1442A Kurmond Road, Kurmond.**

There was one speaker (NRDCAA) opposing the recommendation.

The PP provided for not more than 13 lots ranging from 4.000m<sup>2</sup>, 1ha and 4ha.

The NRDCAA sought the PP be deferred the next Ordinary meeting of Council, which failed.

Councillors, Calvert, Lyons-Buckett, Paine, Rasmussen and Williams supported the NRDCAA's position in the first instant.

Councillors, Conolly, Ford, Mackay, Porter and Tree supported the staff's recommendation, with Councillor Ford using his right to vote twice which provided the majority to prevail.

In a subsequent vote, Councillors, Conolly, Ford, Paine, Mackay, Porter and Tree supported the staff recommendation.

Councillors Calvert, Lyons-Buckett, Rasmussen and Williams opposed the staff recommendation.

**Item: 188. Kurmond and Kurrajong Investigation Area Survey Results.**

There were two speakers for the recommendation and two speakers against the recommendation, NRDCAA and one other.

The Council meeting resolved to defer the item to the first ordinary meeting of the new Council.

**Reports of Committees.**

**The Human Services Advisory Committee** minutes held on the 28 July 2016 were received.

**Local Traffic Committee** (RMS initiated Committee) minutes held on the 8 August 2016 were adopted.

**Notices of Motion.**

NoM 1) Councillor Calvert moved and Councillor Rasmussen seconded that Council write to Premier Baird MP and Member for Hawkesbury, Minister Perrottet MP to ask if the State Government plans to compensate businesses of the Hawkesbury which will lose significant trade if the Richmond greyhound track is closed.

Carried.

NoM 2) Councillor Paine moved and Councillor Lyons-Buckett second that Council undertake a review of the Signs and Banners Policy within the first three months of the new Council.

Carried.

**Questions: Councillor Williams 1.**

**Other Matters.**

**Council Elections Results:**

**Sarah RICHARDS (LIB)** was declared elected to position 1 on 17 September 2016.

**Barry CALVERT (LAB)** was declared elected to position 2 on 17 September 2016.

**Peter REYNOLDS (IND)** was declared elected to position 3 on 17 September 2016.

**Tiffany TREE (LIB)** was declared elected to position 4 on 17 September 2016.

**Amanda KOTLASH (LAB)** was declared elected to position 5 on 17 September 2016.

**Patrick CONOLLY (LIB)** was declared elected to position 6 on 17 September 2016.

**Danielle WHEELER (GRN)** was declared elected to position 7 on 17 September 2016.

**Mary LYONS-BUCKETT (IND)** was declared elected to position 8 on 17 September 2016.

**Emma-Jane GARROW (IND)** was declared elected to position 9 on 17 September 2016.

**Paul RASMUSSEN (IND)** was declared elected to position 10 on 17 September 2016.

**Nathan ZAMPROGNO (LIB)** was declared elected to position 11 on 17 September 2016.

**John ROSS** was declared elected to position 12 on 17 September 2016.

Total Number of Electors: Residential and non-residential electors enrolled in this Council area on 1 August 2016 were 47,747.

Approximately 10% of the votes were informal. This is of major concern.

The Referendum to have wards was defeated 30.87% for and 69.13% against.

**Comment:** The previous Council had 6 Liberals, the new Council 4.

And, the Labor Party had 1, the new Council 2. The Greens, 1 Councillor in the old Council and 1 in the new Council.

The independents had 4 Councillors in the old Council and 5 in the new Council.

The referendum question was overwhelmingly defeated.

It was disappointing that the old Council wasted ratepayer's money on this question. It is worth noting the support for the referendum question was from the Liberal Councillors and Councillor Porter.

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 226**

### **What is the role of the mayor?**

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The role of the mayor is:

- to exercise, in cases of necessity, the policy-making functions of the governing body of the council between meetings of the council
- to exercise such other functions of the council as the council determines
- to preside at meetings of the council
- to carry out the civic and ceremonial functions of the mayoral office.

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(1) The role of a councillor is, as a member of the governing body of the council:

- to provide a civic leadership role in guiding the development of the community strategic plan for the area and to be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the council's delivery program
- to direct and control the affairs of the council in accordance with this Act
- to participate in the optimum allocation of the council's resources for the benefit of the area
- to play a key role in the creation and review of the council's policies and objectives and criteria relating to the exercise of the council's regulatory functions
- to review the performance of the council and its delivery of services, and the delivery program and revenue policies of the council.

(2) The role of a councillor is, as an elected person:

- to represent the interests of the residents and ratepayers
- to provide leadership and guidance to the community
- to facilitate communication between the community and the council.

Authorised by the NRDCAA CoM September 2016.

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