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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES

**The NINETY SECOND SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION
was held from Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th May 2004
at Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart.
The Annual General Meeting commenced at
11.05am on Wednesday 12 May 2004.**

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2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The President, Clr Lynn Mason, welcomed Members, accepted apologies and declared the Annual General Meeting open at 11.05am.

The Traditional Owners of the Land, the Mouheneenner People, were acknowledged.

A schedule of attendees is at Attachment A.

Apologies were received from –

Deputy Mayor Richard Rockliff
Clr Margot Smart
Mayor Robert Armstrong

Latrobe Council
Launceston City Council
Huon Valley Council

1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President reported to the 2004 Annual General Meeting as follows:

I have presented my official report to you in writing in the Annual Report to this meeting, and it is not my intention to repeat what I have written there. However, I would like to give a brief overview of the year past.

Federally, the greatest success has been with the commitment both by the Australian Government, and the Opposition, that Roads to Recovery funding will continue to Local Government after 30 June 2005. Tasmanian Councils played their part in lobbying hard to ensure that this happened, and it shows the strength of determined Local Government when we have such success. The other major event on the national scene was the release of the Hawker Report from the Cost Shifting Inquiry. It remains to be seen how this is taken forward in this year and post federal election, but it is up to us to make sure that it is taken forward, and not left to gather dust.



At State level, the Premier's Local Government Council has signed the significant Reform of Financial Relationships Agreement, and this will take effect from July 1 this year. As well as representation on that Council, Local Government is also ably represented on a large number of Boards and Committees, and I would like to thank all those who give their time and expertise to represent us at that level. The year has also been dominated by the review of the Local Government Act, and I think it safe to say we shall all be very glad when that is completed, to our satisfaction.

During this year we have seen the retirement of Premier Jim Bacon in very sad circumstances. During his terms as Premier our relationship has been open and robust. We have not always agreed, but we have always been able to talk. Premier Paul Lennon has shown in his first few weeks that he intends to carry on this practice, and that is excellent for both levels of government in Tasmania.

Within the Association, Allan Garcia has taken over as CEO with the retirement of Stewart Wardlaw, and there have been corresponding staff changes within the Association. In particular, Liz Gillam has become Policy Manager. During the year, CouncilConnect was launched with due fanfare for such a fantastic and well conducted program - thanks to the LOGONS team. The Welfare Board has also continued its quiet work, supporting where possible members of the Local Government community.

My thanks to GMC for its support and assistance, particularly to Cr Robert Legge, who has been Vice President for this term. Retiring from GMC at this time are Mayors Janie Dickenson and Terry Martin, both of whom will be greatly missed. Missed also will be Mayor Gerrity, from West Coast. West Coast Council will possibly no longer have observer status at GMC, if the Rules as amended are approved, and in this case, Mayor Gerrity will no longer be able to provide us with his most interesting contributions.

In closing I would like to draw to your attention something which I have only recently noticed about the Hawker Report, it is titled *Rates and Taxes: a fair share for responsible local government*. No problem with the reference to a fair share; that is exactly what we would like. But note also that it calls only for a fair share for those sectors of Local Government which are "responsible" - in other words, we have to make sure that we are contributing wisely to the future of our communities, and planning beyond the next year and the next election.

This is the 92nd AGM of the Association. Let's not wait for 100 years to celebrate our achievements. Enjoy the meetings and the Conference to follow, and the forthcoming year in Local Government.

President Lynn Mason/Central Highlands Council

That the President's report be received.

Carried



2 MINUTES OF 91ST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING *

The Minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting of the Local Government Association of Tasmania, held in Hobart on 4 June 2003, as circulated, are submitted for confirmation.

Minutes at Appendix to Item 2 coloured pink.

Central Coast Council/Circular Head Council

That the Minutes of the 91st Annual General Meeting, held 4 June 2003, as circulated, be confirmed.

Carried

3 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO 30 JUNE 2003

The General Management Committee recommends consideration and adoption of the Association's Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, an abridged version of which is included in the 2003/2004 Annual Report previously circulated to member Councils. A full version is available from the Association's offices or the Annual Conference registration desk upon request.

Launceston City Council/Central Highlands Council

That the Financial Statements for the period 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003 be received and adopted.

Carried

4 PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT HONORARIUMS

The Rules of the Association provide that the Annual Conference will grant an annual allowance to the President and Vice President. The 2001 Conference resolved to endorse the recommendations of an external review as detailed below:

- President allowance \$23,040.00 per annum.
- Vice President allowance \$5,760.00 per annum.
- Allowances be increased in line with adjustments to the Consumer Price Index for the financial years ending 30 June 2002 and 30 June 2003 after which a further review of allowances be conducted.

Central Highlands Council/Northern Midlands Council

That both the President's and Vice President's allowance for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 be adjusted in accordance with the movement in the Consumer Price Index at 30 June 2004. (The above proposition is based on the recommendations of the independent review of allowances undertaken in May 2001. The upcoming review of allowances will inform the emoluments of the President and Vice President for the ensuing four years).

Carried

5 BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS 1 JULY 2004 TO 30 JUNE 2005 *

At a General Meeting of Councils held on 26 March 2003, the framing of the 2003/2004 financial years budget was discussed.

The meeting acknowledged that subscription levels needed to be raised to remove, over time, the subscription subsidy that had existed for the previous six years.

Accordingly, it was resolved that the General Management Committee formulate a subscription budget and forward plan with annual increases spread evenly over four years to minimise impact upon Councils, but aiming for a small surplus.

The General Management Committee subsequently agreed to recommend a budget reflecting that decision.

At the time of preparation of the budget the Australian Government had not confirmed its decision to allow an extension of the funding for the LOGONS project. The net impact, in a budget sense, if the time extension is not granted is an over-statement of the grant cost recoveries to the extent of \$30,000.00.

See the Budget at **Appendix to Item 6 coloured gold.**

Central Coast Council/Waratah/Wynyard Council

That the proposed budget for the 2004/2005 financial year, as circulated, be adopted.

Carried

6 COUNCIL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR THE 2004/2005 FINANCIAL YEAR *

The subscription table for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, as included at **Appendix to Item 7 coloured mauve**, is submitted to the Annual General Meeting for adoption.

Subscriptions are determined in accordance with Rule 32 that provides that subscriptions are apportioned between Councils by a range of adjusted assessed annual value categories. There are seven ranges.

The General Management Committee has discretion to round upwards or downwards the percentage contributions by Councils to achieve a final calculation.

The schedule submitted for adoption provides the total subscriptions of \$719,884 (plus GST), which is an increase of \$85,625, or 13%, above last year.

Central Coast Council/Kingborough Council

That the subscription schedule for the period 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005, as circulated, be adopted.

Carried

A sub-committee of General Management Committee has examined the Rules of the Association. The review was generated by concerns expressed by Members at the July 2003 General Meeting about supplementary agenda items.

The opportunity was taken to review the Rules more generally. Many of the proposed changes are editorial in nature, including rewording and re-ordering. Others address issues that require amendment to reflect changes over the course of time (eg use of 'Executive Director').

The proposed amendments to the Rules were considered at the General Meeting on 7 April 2004 and a motion that the recommended changes be supported in principle and be submitted for adoption at the AGM was carried.

A copy of the proposed Rules of the Association is at **Appendix to Item 7 coloured grey**.

LGAT Comment:

Nil

Budget Implications

Nil

Current Policy

The present Rules provide:

"The Rules of the Association may be altered at any Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Association PROVIDED that such alteration of the Rules shall be by resolution in favour of the amendment passed by at least two thirds of the total voting entitlement of all members (whether present at the General Meeting or not)."

Hobart City Council/Waratah/Wynyard Council

That the Rules, as amended, including this amendment, be adopted.

Carried

Amendment Motion

Circular Head Council/Launceston City Council

"That Rule 17 (xiii) of the proposed Rules be deleted and the following sub-rule inserted -

'Determine the number and select the Employer Directors of the Board of Directors of Quadrant Superannuation Pty Ltd in accordance with the Trust Deed providing for the management and operation of the Quadrant Superannuation Scheme (formerly known as the Municipal Employees Assurance Scheme) dated 30 November 1995, as amended.'"

Carried

All representatives on statutory bodies are requested to provide a report for Conference and are also requested to provide regular reports back to the Association during the year. The Association had representation on the following bodies in the 2003/2004 financial year:

- **Aged Care Planning Advisory Committee (ACPAC)**
Ms Rebeca Essex, Glenorchy City Council
- **Animal Welfare Advisory Committee**
Mr David Sales, Devonport City Council
- **Assessment Committee for Dam Construction (ACDC)**
Mr Bruce Cole
- **Building & Plumbing Regulations Board**
Mr Peter Martin, Glamorgan Spring Bay Council
- **Building Appeals Board**
Mayor Deirdre Flint, Central Highlands Council
- **Building Regulations Advisory Committee (BRAC)**
Mr Stewart Wardlaw
- **Child Care State Planning Committee**
Ms Tracey Bradley, Burnie City Council
- **Crime Prevention and Community Safety Council**
Ald Sandra French, Burnie City Council
- **Development Controls for P&W Reserves Project Committee**
Mr Andrew Goodsell, Kingborough Council
- **Environmental Health Training Package Working Party**
Mr Mark Dwyer, Hobart City Council
- **Environmental Management Pollution Control Board**
Mr Stephen Ashton, Hobart City Council
- **Environmental Health Industry Advanced Diploma Working Party**
Mr Mark Dwyer, Hobart City Council
- **Flood Warning Consultative Committee**
Mr Harry Galea, Northern Midlands Council
- **Food Advisory Council**
Mrs Adele Gliddon, Launceston City Council
- **Forest Practices Board**
Mayor Roger Chalk, Waratah/Wynyard Council
- **LGAT Welfare Trust Fund**
Mr Max Doyle
- **Local Government Board**
Ms Christine Mucha and Mr Brian Dowse (These terms have expired and new appointments are Mrs Mary Binks and Mr Roger Howlett)
- **Marine Farming Review Panel**
Clr Jock Campbell, Clarence City Council
- **National Black Spot Funding Programme Committee**
Ald Ray Shipp, Launceston City Council, Ald James Smith, Circular Head Council and Mayor Colin Howlett, Southern Midlands Council
- **Needle and Syringe Availability Working Party**
Mr Mark Dwyer, Hobart City Council
- **Plumbers and Gasfitters Registration Board**
Mr John Palmer
- **Premier's Physical Activity Council**

- Mayor Kim Polley, Northern Midlands Council
- **Regional Flood Mitigation Program State Assessment Panel**
Mr Andrew Lawrence, Glenorchy City Council
 - **Regional Health Services Advisory Committee and Working Party**
Mayor Deirdre Flint, Central Highlands Council
 - **Resource Planning and Development Commission**
Mr Geoffrey Davis, Consultant
 - **State Bicycle Advisory Committee**
Mr Mark Broadby, Hobart City Council
 - **State Coastal Advisory Committee**
Clr Flora Fox, Kingborough Council and Mr Tony Ferrier, Huon Valley Council
 - **State Fire Commission**
Clr Marie Gill, Devonport City Council and Clr Richard Bowden, Central Highlands Councils
 - **State Fire Management Council**
Mr Rod Sweetnam, Launceston City Council
 - **State Grants Commission**
Mr Barry Southorn and Mr Hugh Denny
 - **State Marine Pollution Committee**
Mr Frank Henderson, Clarence City Council
 - **State Salinity Strategy Committee**
Mr Harry Galea, Northern Midlands Council
 - **State Skating Committee**
Ald Stuart Slade, Glenorchy City Council
 - **Tasmanian Cultural Heritage Council**
Ms Denise Gaughwin and Mr Roger Howlett, Clarence City Council
 - **Tasmanian Forest Health Advisory Committee**
Mr Andrew Robert-Tissot, Hobart City Council
 - **Tasmanian Library Advisory Board**
Ald. Eva Ruzicka, Hobart City Council, Ald Sandra French, Burnie City Council, Clr Jack Rheinberger, Sorell Council and Clr Roger McLennan, Dorset Council
 - **Tasmanian Medical Emergency Service Plan for Rural and Remote Areas**
Clr Patricia Thompson, Dorset Council
 - **Tasmanian Rural Partnership Committee**
Mrs Lorraine Green, Northern Midlands Council

The reports received for presentation are at **Appendix to Item 8** coloured yellow.

Clarence City Council/Dorset Council

- (a) That the reports from representatives on various bodies be received and noted.
- (b) That Conference acknowledges the time and effort put in by all Association representatives on boards, working parties, advisory groups and committees etc.

Carried

Amendment Motion

Southern Midlands Council/Flinders Council

- (c) That the representatives on the various bodies be required to circulate minutes of each meeting to all councils, or a brief summary of issues discussed at each meeting

Lost

Amendment Motion

Hobart City Council/Northern Midlands Council

- (c) That should a representative be approached by a council, that they provide relevant information within the bounds of confidentiality.

Carried

9 OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSE

With the leave of the meeting, a member may bring forward for discussion items of business relevant to the Annual General Meeting.

There being no further business the President declared the Annual General Meeting closed at 11.45am.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE AND CORRECT RECORD.

Dated this day of 2004.

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PRESIDENT

