



**MINUTES:**

**MOTION**            **Moved:** Councillor Dagg  
                              **Seconded:**Councillor Gray

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**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 May 2017, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as an accurate record.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

## **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST NO. DI9/2017**

**SUBJECT: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.**

**CO14/2017 - 40km/h School Zone - St Phillips Christian College - Wine Country Drive**  
– Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he has children who attend the school. Councillor Burke advised that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty.

**CO14/2017 - 40km/h School Zone - St Phillips Christian College - Wine Country Drive**  
– Councillor Dunn declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he has children who attend the school. Councillor Dunn advised that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict has not influenced him in carrying out his public duty.

## ***PETITIONS***

Councillor Doherty

### **Renaming of Acacia Street, Kurri Kurri**

Tabled a petition from the residents of Acacia Street, Kurri Kurri against changing the name of the street.

## **ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS**

Speakers	For/Against Recommendation	Report	Page No.	Duration
Sam Hamilton	For	WI33/2017 – Petition – Skate Park Branxton	171	3 mins

### **WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI33/2017**

**SUBJECT: PETITION - SKATE PARK BRANXTON**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Burke

243

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council notes the petition tabled by Councillor Dagg at the Council Meeting of 5 April 2017.
2. That Council supports the current strategic direction of establishing a ‘pump track’ at Miller Park, Branxton and a District level skate and BMX facility at Huntlee.
3. That Council writes to the petition proponents advising them of its decision.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
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Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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# MAYORAL MINUTES

## MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM10/2017

**SUBJECT: RENEWAL OF CONTRACT FOR THE GENERAL MANAGER**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Pynsent  
244  
**RESOLVED**

That Council note that the General Manager has accepted a renewal of his contract in accordance with Clause 5 of the 'Standard contract for re-employment for General Managers of Local Council in NSW' for a five (5) year term that commenced on 22 May 2017 for a total remuneration package of \$285,000 per annum.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MAYORAL MINUTES NO. MM11/2017**

**SUBJECT: STRATEGIC PROPERTY REVIEW - PROPOSED CIVIC PARK LAND -  
CORNER OF VINCENT STREET AND ABERDARE ROAD**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:**    Councillor Pynsent

245

**RESOLVED**

1.    That the **General Manager** prepares a report on the strategic benefits relating to the land currently known as Civic Park, inclusive of the old Samaritans' building and the building housing a car detailing business.
2.    That a market valuation be obtained for the highest and best use of the subject land.
3.    That the information be presented to the Strategic Property & Community Facilities Committee by 5 July 2017 to assess and make a recommendation to Council on the future potential uses of the land.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MOTIONS OF URGENCY**

**MOTIONS OF URGENCY NO. MOU9/2017**

**SUBJECT: MOTIONS OF URGENCY**

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**NIL**

## GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT

### GENERAL MANAGER'S UNIT NO. GMU9/2017

**SUBJECT: MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 2 MAY 2017**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Gray

246

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of 2 May 2017 be adopted as a resolution of the Ordinary Council.
2. That the Mayor and Councillor Dunn attend the Institute of Internal Auditors International Conference – Audit and Risk Committee Forum in Sydney on 24 July 2017.
3. That other Councillors seeking to attend the IIA International Conference submit a Request to Attend Conference application by 9 June 2017.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
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# PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT

## PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE24/2017

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 8/2016/527/1 PROPOSING THE  
SUBDIVISION OF ONE (1) LOT INTO TWO (2) LOTS**

**10 FOURTH STREET, CESSNOCK**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal  
247  
**RESOLVED**

That Council determine Development Application No. 8/2016/527/1, proposing the subdivision of one (1) lot into two (2) lots at 10 Fourth Street Cessnock, pursuant to Section 80 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, by the granting of consent subject to the conditions contained in this report.

## CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

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### CONDITIONS OF CONSENT

#### 1. Approved Plans and Documents

Development must be carried out strictly in accordance with DA No. 8/2016/527 and the following plans and supplementary documentation, except where amended by the conditions of this consent.

Plan Reference	Drawn By	Dated
Proposed Subdivision Drainage, Sheet 1 of 1, Drawing No. 1442-2001, Revision C	ACM Landmark	30/01/2017

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and supplementary documentation, the plans will prevail.

### PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

The following conditions are to be complied with, to the satisfaction of the Principal Certifying Authority, prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

#### 2. Amended Plans Required

The plans submitted in association of the CC application must incorporate the following amendments:

- a) The site filled and retaining wall along the northern boundary of proposed Lot 1, to be raised a minimum of 200mm to provide cover over the inter-allotment

- drainage line.
- b) The pipe reach 1-2 is to be replaced with a steel RHS.
- c) New boundary fencing to be provided along all dividing boundaries, except within the building setback to Fourth and Evan Streets. The dividing boundary fencing to be constructed of lapped paling or sheet metal and have a height of 1.8m, the height being above the proposed finished ground levels/retaining wall height.

The plans must be submitted to and approved by the CA as satisfying these required amendments prior to the issue of the CC.

### **3. Retaining Wall**

Where a retaining wall is in excess of 600mm in height and/or within 900mm of a property boundary, separate detailed drawings are to be submitted in conjunction with the CC, specifying wall heights, heights of retaining walls, proposed mounding and stabilisation treatment, and landscaping for the elevations of the building.

The plans submitted in association with the CC application are to demonstrate compliance with this requirement. The plans are to be approved by the CA as satisfying this requirement prior to the issue of a CC.

### **4. Inter-allotment Drainage**

A detailed drainage design shall be prepared for the Inter-allotment Drainage Line to drain proposed Lot:2. The plans must be designed in accordance with Council's 'Engineering Requirements for Development' and be submitted to, and approved by the CA as satisfying this requirement prior to the issue of a CC.

## **PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORKS**

**The following conditions are to be complied with prior to the commencement of works on the subject site/s.**

### **5. S.138 Roads Act 1993 Approvals**

Under Section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993*, should any work on the verge, footpath, or public road reserve be required, a s138 Roads Act Approval will need to be obtained from Council. In this regard, the applicant is to make a formal application to Council. The s138 application is to be submitted to, and approved by, Council prior to works commencing.

### **6. Relocation of Services**

The registered proprietor of the land shall be responsible for all costs incurred in the necessary relocation of any services affected by the required construction works. Council and other service authorities should be contacted for specific requirements prior to commencement of any works.

## **DURING WORKS**

**The following conditions are to be complied with during works.**

### **7. Location of Council Pipes**

During all phases of demolition, excavation and construction, it is the full responsibility of the applicant and their contractors to:

- a) Ascertain the exact location of the Council stormwater drainage pipeline and associated pits traversing the site in the vicinity of the works.
- b) Take measures to protect the in-ground Council stormwater drainage pipeline and associated pits.
- c) Ensure dedicated overland flow paths are satisfactorily maintained through the site.

Stormwater drainage pipes can be damaged through applying excessive loading (such as construction machinery, material storage, and the like). All proposed structures and construction activities must be sited fully clear of Council’s stormwater drainage pipes, pits, easements, watercourses and overland flow paths on the site.

If the Council pipeline is uncovered during construction, all work must cease, and the PCA and Council must be contacted immediately for advice. Any damage caused to the Council stormwater drainage system must be immediately repaired in full as directed, and at no cost to Council.

**8. Virgin Fill to be Used**

All fill used with the proposal shall be virgin excavated material (such as clay, gravel, sand, soil and rock) that is not mixed with any other type of waste, and which has been excavated from areas of land that are not contaminated with human made chemicals as a result of industrial, commercial, mining or agricultural activities, and which do not contain sulphate ores or soils.

**9. Stormwater – Impact on Adjoining Land – Natural Drainage**

Filling shall not be placed in such a manner that natural drainage from adjoining land will be obstructed.

**10. Stormwater – Impact on Adjoining Land – Surface Water**

Filling shall not be placed on land in such a manner that surface water will be diverted to adjoining land.

**11. Erosion and Sediment Controls**

The control of erosion, and the prevention of silt discharge into drainage systems and waterways, will be necessary in accordance with Council’s “Engineering Requirements for Development”, and Landcom’s Soils and Construction Manual - April 2004. Erosion control measures are to be implemented prior to the commencement of any earthworks, and shall be maintained until satisfactory completion and restoration of site earthworks, including revegetation of all exposed areas.

**12. Stormwater Runoff**

Alterations to the natural surface contours must not impede or divert natural surface water runoff, so as to cause a nuisance to adjoining property owners.

**PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF A SUBDIVISION CERTIFICATE**

**The following conditions are to be complied with prior to issue of a Subdivision Certificate by Council.**

**13. Requirement for a Subdivision Certificate**

Prior to the issue of a SC, the applicant shall submit an original plan of subdivision plus six (6) copies for Council's endorsement. The plan of subdivision must show street names and house numbering as allocated by Council. The following details are also to be submitted:

- a) Evidence that all conditions of Development Consent have been satisfied
- b) Evidence of payment of all relevant fees
- c) The 88B instrument plus six (6) copies
- d) All surveyor's or engineer's certification required by the Development Consent
- e) Evidence that all boundary fencing has been constructed in accordance with the conditions of this consent and the plans approved prior to the issue of the CC.

#### 14. Section 94 Contributions Payable

A contribution pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the *EP&A Act 1979* for the services detailed, and for the amount detailed, must be made to Council prior to the issue of a SC:

<b>Contribution Type</b>	<b>Amount Payable</b>
District Open Space	\$1,321.20
District Community Facilities (Halls)	\$809.22
District Community Facilities (Libraries)	\$216.05
District Community Facilities (Bushfire)	\$60.23
District Roads (Urban Areas)	\$1,006.94
Studies (Plan Preparation)	\$75.95
Plan Administration	\$288.07
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,777.66</b>

A copy of the Section 94 Contributions Plan may be inspected at Council's Customer Service Section, Administration Building, Vincent Street, Cessnock or can be accessed on Council's Website at [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au)

The amount of contribution payable under this condition has been calculated at the date of consent. In accordance with the provisions of the Contributions Plan, this amount shall be indexed at the time of actual payment in accordance with the Consumer Price Index. Indexation of contributions for payment occurs quarterly.

#### 15. All Services Provided Within Lots

A registered surveyor shall provide certification that all services (eg drainage, stormwater, water supply, gas, electricity, telephone) as constructed are contained within each lot, or within appropriate easements to accommodate such services. The certification is to be provided to the PCA, prior to the issue of a SC.

#### 16. Works-As-Executed Plan

Two (2) copies of a WAE Plan prepared by a registered surveyor (both marked up in red), must be submitted to, and approved by, Council clearly showing all aspects of the constructed drainage and / or OSD. The plan must include:

- a) Sufficient levels and dimensions to verify the constructed storage volumes
- b) Location and surface levels of all pits
- c) Invert levels of the tanks, internal drainage line, orifice plates fitted, and levels within the outlet control pit
- d) Finished floor levels of all structures and driveways

- e) Verification that trash screens and/or GPTs have been installed
- f) Locations and levels of any overland flow paths
- g) The WAE plan information should be shown on a stamped copy of the approved civil works drawings
- h) Surface levels of pits and surrounding ground levels
- i) Levels of spillways and surrounding kerb
- j) Floor levels of buildings, including garages
- k) Top of kerb levels at the front of the lot
- l) Dimensions of stormwater basins and extent of inundation
- m) Calculation of actual detention storage volume provided

The plan shall be accompanied by a report from the designer stating the conformance, or otherwise, of the as-constructed basins in relation to the approved design.

The WAE plan and report shall be submitted to, and approved by, Council prior to the release of the SC.

**17. 88B Certificate Required**

The Section 88B instrument will be submitted to Council with all relevant signatures and company seals (where applicable) prior to endorsement of the linen plan of subdivision and issue of the SC. Alternatively, Council will accept, at their discretion, a copy of the Section 88B instrument with an accompanying letter from the acting solicitor or surveyor giving an undertaking that the Section 88B Instrument will be signed and submitted as presented to Council, unaltered, and registered with the linen plan of subdivision.

**18. Inter-allotment Drainage Easement**

The applicant shall provide a 1.5m wide inter-allotment drainage easement to drain proposed Lot 2. Construction of the drainage line, together with the necessary grated yard inlet pits, to be carried out in accordance with Council's 'Engineering Requirements for Development' - full details must be approved by Council prior to release of the SC.

Note:

- a) A suitable 88B instrument creating the easement, in accordance with the requirements of the *Conveyancing Act 1919*, shall be submitted to Council, prior to endorsement of the surveyor's transparency.
- b) Construction shall be completed prior to endorsement of the surveyor's transparency

**19. Section 50 – Hunter Water Board (Corporation) Act 1991**

Evidence shall be submitted to Council that the registered proprietors of the land on whose behalf the application was made have complied with the requirements of Section 50 of the Hunter Water Board (Corporation) Act 1991. Such evidence must be submitted to Council prior to the release of the final plan of survey for the subdivision and the SC.

**ONGOING USE**

**The following conditions are to be complied with as part of the ongoing use of the premises.**

**20. Stormwater – Impact on Adjoining Land**

Filling shall not be placed in such a manner that obstructs natural drainage from adjoining land.

Filling shall not be placed on land in such a manner that surface water will be diverted to adjoining land.

**ADVISORY NOTES**

**1. Other Approvals and Permits**

The applicant shall apply to Council for all necessary permits including crane permits, road opening permits, hoarding or scaffolding permits, footpath occupation permits, and/or any other approvals under *Section 68 (Approvals)* of the *Local Government Act, 1993* or *Section 138 of the Roads Act, 1993*.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT NO. PE25/2017**

**SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORT - MARCH 2017 QUARTER**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Burke  
248  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council receive the report and note the information.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC36/2017**

**SUBJECT: 2016-17 LOAN BORROWING PROGRAM**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Burke  
249

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council raise a loan facility in the amount of \$1,106,444 for a maximum period of ten (10) years with a fixed interest rate for the period of the loan, repayable by monthly instalments of principal and interest.
2. That Council authorise the General Manager to determine the timing and negotiate with various financial institutions to obtain the best available loan facilities in accordance with Policy F12.2 Loan Borrowing.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC37/2017**

**SUBJECT:     DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN 2017-2021**

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**MOTION**       **Moved:**   Councillor Dagg       **Seconded:**   Councillor Suvaal  
250

**RESOLVED**

1.   That Council notes the outcomes of the public exhibition period for the Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021 and the amendments made to the Plan.
2.   That Council adopts the amended Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021.
3.   That the adopted Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017-2021 be forwarded to the Disability Council NSW prior to 1 July 2017.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY NO. CC38/2017**

**SUBJECT: FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Fitzgibbon  
251

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council note the information regarding the deferral of the Fire and Emergency Services Levy and that the Levy will not be collected on behalf of the NSW State Government on Council's rate notice from 1 July 2017.
2. That a further report come back to Council outlining the costs of Council's preparation and reversal of systems for the Fire and Emergency Services Levy, including the training of staff, all capital investments and administration costs, together with the extent of compensation available from the State Government.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
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Councillor Burke	
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Councillor Pynsent	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI31/2017

**SUBJECT: NEW ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CONTRACTS FOR LARGE SITES AND STREET LIGHTING**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal  
252

#### **RESOLVED**

1. That Council pursue a closed tender system to secure new electricity supply contracts for street lighting and large sites from 1 January 2018;
2. That Council delegate authority to the General Manager to accept the preferred tenderer due to the limited timeframe of pricing offers by retail electricity suppliers;
3. That a report be presented to Council on the outcome of the tender process with details of pricing achieved.
4. That renewable energy options for Council continue to be investigated.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (11)</b>	<b>Total (1)</b>

**CARRIED**

**WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE NO. WI32/2017**

**SUBJECT: CESSNOCK LGA TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Dagg      **Seconded:** Councillor Burke  
253

**RESOLVED**

1. That Council place the Draft Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy on public exhibition for a period of six weeks.
2. That a report on the outcomes of the exhibition be provided to Council prior to adopting the final Draft Cessnock LGA Traffic and Transport Strategy.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**BUSINESS OF WHICH WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

**BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN26/2017**

**SUBJECT: DUST ABATEMENT - KLINE STREET, WESTON**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Sander      **Seconded:** Councillor Dunn  
254  
**RESOLVED**

1. That the General Manager bring back costings to tar seal approximately 120 metres of Kline Street, Weston within one month.
2. That Council consider including sealing the unsealed section of Kline Street between Eighth and Ninth Street, Weston in its Delivery Plan 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2017-2018.
3. That Council revisit its existing unsealed Council Roads Policy to include a current list of unsealed roads in residential and rural areas.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	Councillor Stapleford
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
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Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (11)</b>	<b>Total (1)</b>

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS WITH NOTICE NO. BN27/2017**

**SUBJECT: OPENING A DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF HARNESS RACING IN THE HUNTER REGION**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal      **Seconded:** Councillor Burke  
255  
**RESOLVED**

1. That Council write to the Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Scot Macdonald, MLC and the Newcastle Harness Racing Club with a copy sent to the State Member for Cessnock, Clayton Barr, MP requesting a meeting to discuss the possible need to relocate the Newcastle Paceway and outlining how Council could assist with finding a new location for it in the Cessnock Local Government Area.
2. That the General Manager investigate possible sites for the new Paceway that should include, but not be limited to, vacant land with easy access to the Hunter Expressway and also existing sites like the Cessnock Showground.

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ72/2017**

**SUBJECT: REGULATORY INSPECTIONS AT CESSNOCK SHOWGROUND**

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The answer was noted.

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ73/2017**

**SUBJECT: BUS SHELTER - PELAW MAIN PUBLIC SCHOOL**

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The answer was noted.

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ74/2017**

**SUBJECT: RV FRIENDLY SIGNAGE**

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The answer was noted.

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING NO. AQ75/2017**

**SUBJECT: DESTINATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

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The answer was noted.

## **QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING**

*Councillor Melanie Dagg*

### **NORTH ROTHBURY SEWER CONNECTION**

During the past week, Councillor Dagg had received advice from Hunter Water that a meeting would be taking place to discuss this issue, amongst others. Could a report be provided as to the outcome of that meeting and whether any changes have been made to the connection timeline. Will there be a briefing arranged for Councillors on this issue?

*Councillor Melanie Dagg*

### **DALWOOD STREET, GRETA**

Councillor Dagg notes that this has been a long standing issue which Council staff have been working on. Could advice please be provided as to when a briefing will be provided to the Councillors.

The Director Works and Infrastructure advised that a briefing session to Councillors has been scheduled for 28 June 2017.

*Councillor Anthony Burke*

### **KERB AND GUTTERING STRATEGY**

When can Councillors expect the Draft Strategy to come before Council?

*Councillor Anthony Burke*

### **GINGERS LANE - SPEED LIMIT**

Can there be a review of the speed limit on Gingers Lane?

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO11/2017**

**SUBJECT:        PROPOSED SALE OF WOLLOMBI PUBLIC SCHOOL SITE -  
                    RESPONSE LETTERS FROM THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION  
                    RECEIVED BY MEMBER FOR CESSNOCK, CLAYTON BARR, MP**

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**MOTION            Moved:**   Councillor Dagg           **Seconded:**   Councillor Stapleford  
256  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council note the correspondence received.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO12/2017**

**SUBJECT: NEW LOWER HUNTER HOSPITAL -  
CORRESPONDENCE FROM CLAYTON BARR'S OFFICE**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Gray      **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg  
257  
**RESOLVED**

**That Council note the correspondence received.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO13/2017**

**SUBJECT: TESTERS HOLLOW - FUNDING COMMITMENT**

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**MOTION**      **Moved:** Councillor Suvaal      **Seconded:** Councillor Dagg  
258

**RESOLVED**

**That Council note the correspondence received.**

<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>
Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
Councillor Fagg	
Councillor Stapleford	
Councillor Suvaal	
Councillor Fitzgibbon	
Councillor Gray	
Councillor Dagg	
Councillor Burke	
Councillor Sander	
Councillor Lyons	
Councillor Pynsent	
<b>Total (12)</b>	<b>Total (0)</b>

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE NO. CO14/2017**

**SUBJECT: 40KM/H SCHOOL ZONE - ST PHILLIPS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE - WINE COUNTRY DRIVE**

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*Councillor Burke declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he has children who attend the school. Councillor Burke advised that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting.*

*Councillor Dunn declared a Non Pecuniary Less Than Significant Conflict for the reason that he has children who attend the school. Councillor Dunn advised that he would remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting.*

**MOTION**            **Moved:** Councillor Dagg            **Seconded:** Councillor Suvaal  
259

**RESOLVED:**

**That Council note the correspondence received.**

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Councillor Doherty	
Councillor Dunn	
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**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

# COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Dagg

## Hunter Water Community Consultative Committee.

Councillor Dagg attended as Council's delegate to the meeting held 30 May 2017 in Maitland. In attendance was HWC Managing Director, Jim Bentley who spoke of Hunter Water's 2017-20 Strategy in achieving its long term plan and as part of that plan the strategic priorities and goals. Strategic priorities included:

1. To be a thoughtful leader in developing a sustainable and resilient water and wastewater future.
2. To enable good development.
3. To provide great services to customers, consumers and communities.
4. To realise the benefits that being a digital utility can provide.
5. To lead the water industry in efficiency and productivity.
6. To be a great employer.

Hunter Water's aspirational goals were provided as follows:

1. Being carbon neutral by 2030.
2. Maintaining prices in line with inflation.
3. Adding 10 years to the timing of future source augmentation (delaying the need for an additional water source, e.g. dam).
4. Achieving full support from customers and the community for the company's decisions.

Mr Bentley spoke further of the role Hunter Water can play in the future by reflecting and shaping the community's attitude to water use via means such as encouraging the recycling of water, reuse of water, reducing waste, use of water tanks, alternate sources and non-water solutions including digital connection and data collection.

Further presentations were provided regarding Hunter Water's operating licence and customer contract, Hunter Water's tracking of its reputation, as well as current investigations into carbon neutrality and cogeneration through the treatment of bio-solids and their transformation into bio-gas (methane) for energy generation.

The meeting was interesting, with a focus on providing services in the most efficient and environmentally sustainable way. The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, 19 September at Medowie, with a site visit of the local pump station.

Councillor Doherty

## 2040 Committee

Councillor Doherty thanked Council Officers on behalf of the Kurri Kurri people and the Chairman for their presentation last Tuesday 6 June 2017 on the Weston CBD Plan, the Kurri Kurri CBD Plan and the Kurri Kurri District Plan. Councillor Doherty is hoping that many people read these documents and put in submissions to Council regarding these

Councillor Gray

## **Bushfire Management Committee**

Councillor Gray attended the abovementioned Committee meeting this morning 7 June 2017 and reports that during this meeting the Lower Hunter Risk Management Plan was endorsed, the Hunter Risk Management Plan, which Cessnock Council is a part of, is being revised and will start to be worked on in June/July 2018. Eight (8) Community Protection Plans were revised, with two (2) being presented at the meeting being for Oyster Cove and Salt Ash. Currently, the Community Protection Plans for Abernethy and Kitchener are being developed. Ausgrid have informed them that the gates have been locked at the Kurri Kurri Hospital. Through the Lucifer Program, the Cessnock City Council Local Government Area has been identified as a hotspot for arsonists, meaning that most of the bushfires which have occurred in the Local Government Area are arson related. A draft Ignition Prevention Plan is being supplied for assessment by the Committee within the next two (2) weeks. A Sub-Committee will then be formed to address and support this Plan by September 2017. Councillor Gray offered to supply copies of this Plan to any Councillors who were interested, and has welcomed any comments they wish to make.

Mayor Pynsent

## **Opening of Abermain Fire Station**

Mayor Pynsent attended the opening of the new \$1M Abermain Fire Station. He was given the opportunity to speak to the attendees, and on behalf of the community, he thanked NSW Fire and Rescue for the magnificent job they did over the summer in our LGA protecting both property and person, particularly given the amount of arson attacks which occurred over the latest fire season.

Mayor Pynsent

## **Meeting of the Joint Organisations**

The Joint Organisation has been dealing with a City Deal proposition with the 5 Metropolitan Councils of Port Stephens, Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland and Cessnock. This City Deal had reached a stalemate because the agencies involved Regional Development Australia (RDA), Department of Planning & Environment and the Department of Premier and Cabinet were not supportive of what the Councils were putting forward. The result of this is that the City Deal is going to revolve around the Metropolitan Plan that comes out of the Regional Plan, and it's going to be the implementation of that Metropolitan Plan that's going to drive the prospective City Deal. It is now in a formative stage, and the Department of Planning and Environment are leading the way. The Head Planner in NSW is addressing the Joint Organisation tomorrow morning, 8 June 2017, in relation to the direction that he sees the City Deal following, with the most likely opportunity to be funded. This is a critical meeting and the Joint Organisation is now the advocate for the whole Hunter region, so it's important that every Council across the Hunter supports the City Deal so we have this level of Government all on the same page looking for the benefits of a City Deal. Mayor Pynsent will update Councillors through each stage of the negotiations.

Mayor Pynsent

## **Meeting with Hunter Water**

Mayor Pynsent and the General Manager met with Jim Bentley, Managing Director of the Hunter Water Corporation to discuss future development within the Cessnock Local Government Area and sewerage to North Rothbury. One of the outcomes of the meeting is that an IPART enquiry needs to be conducted to put a case for the servicing of utilities to our

community, focussing on the wider community benefit if North Rothbury is sewerred, rather than just the 240-250 residences having a sewer connection. This includes some of the pollution and environmental issues, which gives us a good starting point, and some of the other development issues in North Rothbury contribute towards those environmental issues. Mr Bentley also stated that he would supply staff to assist Council with this submission before IPART. This would be very beneficial to Council as these staff members know the systems better than Council staff and they can use the information from an audit Council conducted of most of the onsite systems in North Rothbury to further track the environmental damage that is being done from not having North Rothbury sewerred. Mr Bentley also assured the Mayor that he would still supply a written report as well. The meeting was positive in terms of support to put our case, but there was no assurance yet that Hunter Water would spend the money and sewer North Rothbury.

*The Meeting Was Declared Closed at 7.05 pm*

**CONFIRMED AND SIGNED** at the meeting held on 21 June 2017

.....**CHAIRPERSON**

.....**GENERAL MANAGER**