

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held at the Council Chambers 2 Pulteney Street, Taree, with participation via weblink provided to Councillors

30 March 2020 at 1.00pm

Please Note:

- Recent changes to the Local Government Act allow Councillors to participate in Council Meetings remotely by audio-visual means. Councillors were provided with login details to attend the Meeting by audio-visual means prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- Councillors who participated in the Council Meeting remotely are indicated by an asterisk next to their names on Page 1, under the 'Present' heading.
- While members of the public were not able to physically attend the Meeting, the public were able to view the Meeting via live stream through an audio-visual weblink. Access to the audio-visual live stream of the meeting was provided on Council's website.

Adrian Panuccio General Manager

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Minutes of the ExtraOrdinary Meeting of the MidCoast Council held at the Council Chambers, 2 Pulteney Street, Taree on 30 March 2020, commencing at 1:00pm.

PRESENT

Present: Cr D West*, Cr K Smith*, Cr L Roberts*, Cr C Pontin*, Cr K Bell*, Cr T Fowler*, Cr K Hutchinson* Cr B Christensen

Absent from Meeting: Cr P Epov, Cr J McWilliams, Cr D Keegan

Please Note: An asterisk '*' indicates which Councillors chose to participate in the meeting remotely via weblink.

General Manager - Adrian Panuccio

Minute Taker - Corporate Support Officer - Korryn Knight

The following document is the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 30 March 2020.

These Minutes are subject to confirmation as to their accuracy at the next available meeting and therefore subject to change.

Please refer to the Minutes of the next available Council meeting.

The Mayor, Cr David West, read aloud the following statement:

"Welcome everyone. My name is David West and I am the Mayor of MidCoast Council.

Council will be observing current requirements relating to Social Distancing and Hygiene.

Following the adoption of the COVID-19 Legislation Amendment (Emergency Measures) Act 2020, Council's now can conduct council meetings remotely without councillors being physically present in the council chamber.

While members of the public will not be able to physically attend today's meeting, they will be able to view the meeting through a weblink accessed via Council's website.

The meeting is being live streamed and/or recorded for on-demand viewing via council's website and a person's image and/or voice may be broadcast.

Attendance at the meeting is to be taken as consent by a person to their image and/or voice being webcast.

All speakers should refrain from making any defamatory comments or releasing any personal information about themselves or another individual without their consent.

Council accepts no liability for any damage that may result from defamatory comments made by persons attending meetings – all liability will rest with the individual who made the comments.

Individuals acting in a disorderly manner can be asked by the Chairperson to leave the meeting under the council's code of meeting practice

The meeting must not be recorded, distributed or circulated by others without the prior written consent of the council in accordance with the council's code of meeting practice.

I now call the meeting to order and declare the meeting open"

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS

The Mayor recognised the traditional custodians of the lands contained in the MidCoast Council area - being the Gathang speaking people and paid respect to their heritage and their elders - past and present.

PRAYER

The Mayor read the Local Government prayer.

APOLOGIES

At the 26th February Ordinary Meeting, Cr Jan McWilliams requested to be granted a leave of absence for the month of March 2020 as a Matter of Urgent Business. Leave was granted unanimously as per Resolution 52/2020.

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

NOTICES OF RESCISSION

RESCISSION MOTION FOR WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Report Author Rob Griffiths, Manager Governance
File No. / ECM Index Council Meetings/Rescission Motions
Date of Meeting Extraordinary Meeting 30 March 2020

Notice of Rescission by Councillors Epov, Bell & McWilliams

We the undersigned Councillors hereby move that the Resolution passed at the MidCoast Council Meeting of 25 March 2020 resulting from Staff Report 22 "REQUEST FOR TENDER FOR THE HEAD CONTRACT FOR THE CONVERSION AND OFFICE FITOUT OF 2 BIRIPI WAY TAREE SOUTH" being:

That Council;

1. Award the contract for "Head Contractor for the Conversion and Office Fitout of 2 Biripi Way Taree South to AW Edwards Pty Ltd

subject to:

- (i) Contract negotiations
- (ii) Financial viability check
- (iii) Insurance compliance checks
- 2. Authorise execution of the contract by the General Manager.

be rescinded.

Moved Cr K Bell/Seconded Cr L Roberts

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FOR VOTE - Cr K Bell AGAINST VOTE - Cr D West, Cr K Smith, Cr B Christensen, Cr L Roberts, Cr C Pontin, Cr T Fowler, Cr K Hutchinson ABSENT. DID NOT VOTE - Cr J McWilliams, Cr P Epov, Cr D Keegan

The Rescission Motion was lost.

This is the last page of the minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting of MidCoast Council held on 30 March 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.13pm

CHAIRPERSON