



MINUTES

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held at the
Council Chambers, North Sydney
at 6:30 PM on Monday 16 January 2023.



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1. Opening Meeting

Statement of ethical obligations

Councillors are reminded of the oath or affirmation taken upon commencement of office that they will undertake the duties of the office of councillor in the best interests of the people of North Sydney and the North Sydney Council and that they will faithfully and impartially carry out the functions, powers, authorities and discretions vested in them under the [Local Government Act 1993](#) or any other Act to the best of their ability and judgment.

Councillors are also reminded of their obligations under the Code of Conduct to disclose and appropriately manage conflicts of interest.

At the commencement of business (6:30 pm) those present were: The Mayor Councillor Baker, in the Chair, and Councillors Bourke, Gibson (remotely), Santer at 6.32pm (remotely), Spenceley at 6.31pm (remotely), Mutton and Welch.

The meeting was opened by the Mayor.

Also in attendance for Item 8.1: Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022:

- Unaib Jeffrey (NSW Audit Office)
- Alex Hardy (Prosperity)

2. Acknowledgement of Country

RECOGNITION OF THE CAMMERAYGAL PEOPLE

We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters of North Sydney local government area, the Cammeraygal people.

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the Mayor, Councillor Baker.

3. Apologies and applications for leaves of absence or attendance by audio-visual link by councillors

It was moved by Councillor Bourke and seconded by Councillor Mutton

1. **THAT** Council grant permission for Councillors to attend remotely for the following reasons:

- Councillor Gibson: travel
- Councillor Santer: travel
- Councillor Spenceley: work

2. **THAT** Council grant a leave of absence to Councillors Beregi and Lamb for this meeting of 16 January 2023.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 6 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Spenceley and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Councillor Santer

1. RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** Council grant permission for Councillors to attend remotely for the following reasons:

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2. **THAT** Council grant a leave of absence to Councillors Beregi and Lamb for this meeting of 16 January 2023.

4. Disclosures of Interest

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

5. Public Forum

There were no requests to address Council as part of Public Forum.

6. Items Considered by Exception

7. Mayoral Minutes

7.1. Councillor Dr Alanya Drummond Resignation

On 11 January 2023, North Sydney Councillor Dr Alanya Drummond resigned after five years of service to the North Sydney community.

Councillor Drummond was first elected to Tunks Ward in September 2017 and was re-elected in December 2021 to the newly created St Leonards Ward.

Councillor Drummond has been a strong supporter of sustainability initiatives, introducing notices of motion to introduce a textile recycling service and organic waste collection.

Council has formally notified the NSW Electoral Commissioner of the resignation. A Returning Officer will be appointed within 14 days and the process for a “countback election” will begin. It is expected that this process will be completed by the end of March 2023

On behalf of Council, the North Sydney community, Councillors and staff I would like to thank and recognise Councillor Drummond for her service.

I would also like to take the opportunity to wish both Councillor Drummond and her family every happiness in the future.

I therefore recommend:

1. THAT Council recognise and thank Councillor Dr Alanya Drummond for her service as a North Sydney Councillor.

The Motion was moved by The Mayor.

1. THAT Council recognise and thank Councillor Dr Alanya Drummond for her service as a North Sydney Councillor.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Mutton, Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

2. RESOLVED:

1. THAT Council recognise and thank Councillor Dr Alanya Drummond for her service as a North Sydney Councillor.

8. Reports to Council

8.1. Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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To present to Council the audited Annual Financial Statements and the related submissions received for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Council endorsed its draft Annual Financial Statements and referred them to audit at its meeting of 12 December 2022. Report 10.02 Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2022 detailed the statutory process required to finalise the Statements. It also provided detailed analysis of the financial performance relative to original budget and analysis of the financial position. The audit is now complete, and the Statements will be tabled. A representative of the Audit Office of New South Wales will be available to comment on the conduct of the audit.

For the year ended 30 June 2022, Council's net operating result including capital grants and contributions was a surplus of \$23.5 million. This was \$7.2 million less than forecast in the original budget. Before capital grants and contributions, the result was a surplus of \$2.8 million. This was \$2.2 million less than forecast in the original budget.

Council's 30 June 2022 financial position is sound. Council exceeded all the Financial Performance benchmarks specified in the Office of Local Government's (OLG's) Code of Accounting Practice. The Unrestricted Current Ratio of 2.71:1 shows Council maintains sufficient working capital to meet its short-term commitments.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the presentation of Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022, incorporating the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Schedules, be received and noted in accordance with section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.

Unaib Jeffrey (NSW Audit Office) and Alex Hardy (Prosperity) were present for this Item.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Mutton and seconded by Councillor Welch.

The Motion was put and **Carried**.

Voting was as follows:

For/Against 7 / 0

For: Councillor Baker, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Mutton,
Councillor Santer, Councillor Spenceley and Councillor Welch

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

3. RESOLVED:

1. THAT the presentation of Annual Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2022, incorporating the General Purpose Financial Statements and the Special Schedules, be received and noted in accordance with section 419 of the Local Government Act 1993.

9. Matters of Urgency

Nil.

10. Closure

The Meeting concluded at 6:36 pm.