



Council Chambers
14 November 2019

The 3725th EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of COUNCIL will be held at the Council Chambers, North Sydney at 7.00pm on Monday, 18 November 2019. The agenda is as follows.

KEN GOULDTHORP
GENERAL MANAGER

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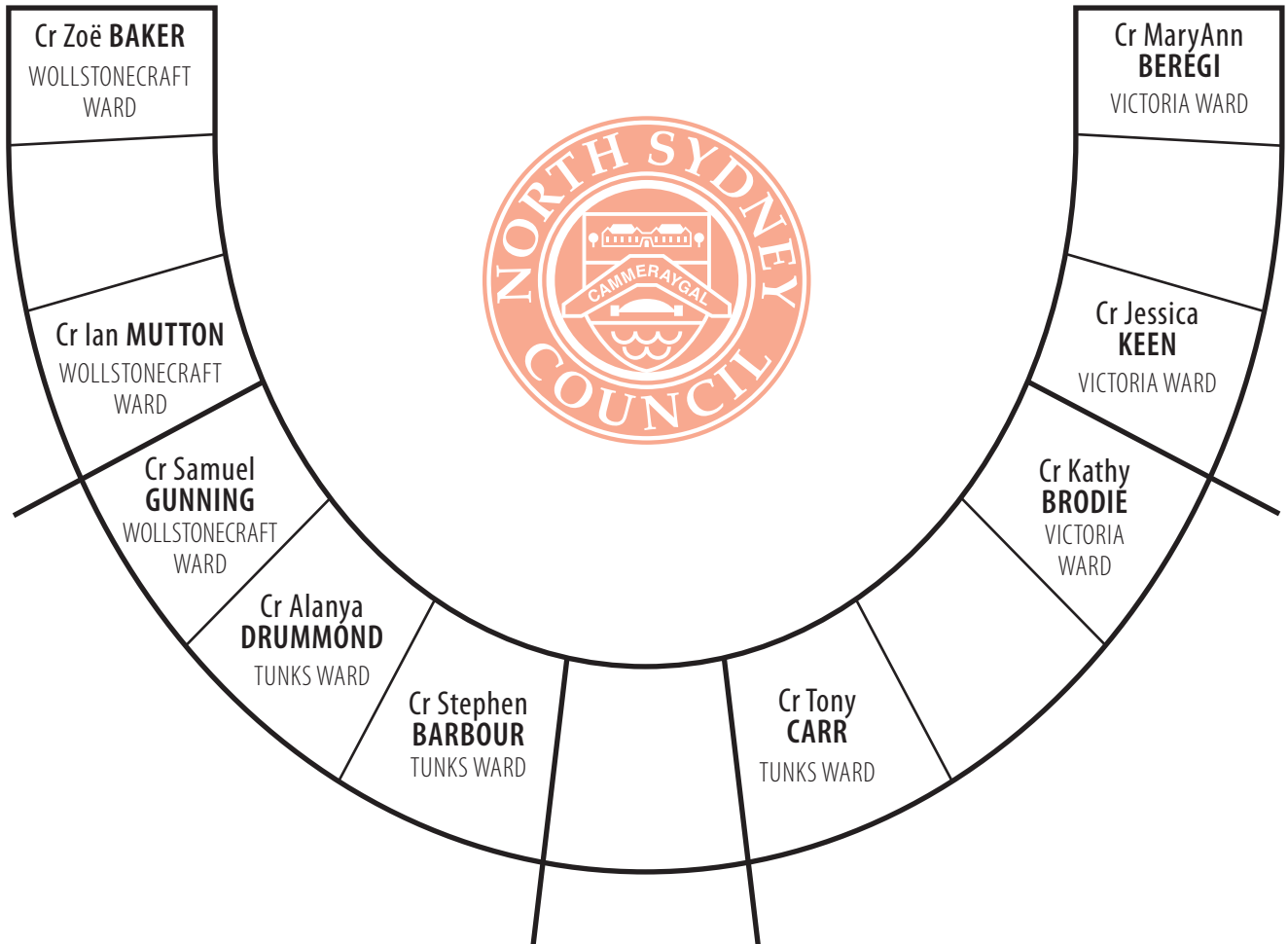
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- **Opening Meeting**
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**COUNCILLORS PLEASE NOTE - ANY PAPERS RELATING TO FUTURE COUNCILLOR
INSPECTIONS OR RESCISSION MOTIONS SHOULD BE KEPT**



COUNCIL OFFICERS

DIRECTOR Open Space & Environmental Services Mr Robert EMERSON	DIRECTOR Community & Library Services Mr Martin ELLIS	DIRECTOR Engineering & Property Services Mr Duncan MITCHELL	DIRECTOR City Strategy Mr Joseph HILL	MANAGERS	MANAGERS
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COUNCIL MEETINGS



Explanatory Notes for Members of the Public Attending Meetings

1. Council meetings comprise the full membership of the Council with a quorum of six Councillors. Ordinary Council meetings consider reports from all Divisions of Council.
2. The Chairperson shall be the Mayor or, in her absence, the Deputy Mayor.
3. Reports are published on Council's website (www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au) by close of business on the **Thursday** before the meeting or printed copies may be viewed at Stanton Library or the Council Chambers.
4. Members of the public wishing to address Council at the Public Forum held at 6.30pm prior to the Council meeting on an agenda item may register by submitting a written request to Council by completing the form available at https://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/Council_Meetings/Meetings/Council_Meetings or email to governance@northsydney.nsw.gov.au by **4.00pm** on the day of the meeting. Items will be considered at the Public Forum in the order that they appear on the agenda.
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Note: The Code of Meeting Practices may be viewed on Council's website, at Council Offices or Stanton Library.

TO: The Mayor, Jilly Gibson and Councillors Baker, Barbour, Beregi, Brodie, Carr, Drummond, Gunning, Keen and Mutton.

SUBJECT: 3725th EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2019

THAT THE MINUTES of the previous 3724th Council Meeting held on Monday, 28 October 2019 be taken as read and confirmed.

Declarations of Interest

Apologies and Applications for Leave of Absence by Councillors

Item 1: Leave of Absence – Cr Carr

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance and Committee Services

Councillor Carr is seeking leave of absence for the period 18 to 24 November 2019 inclusive as he will be interstate.

A leave of absence is a formal permission granted by way of council resolution to a councillor excusing that councillor's attendance at a particular meeting. It is sought by way of application to the Council. It is recognised in the Code of Meeting Practice.

Recommending:

1. THAT Councillor Carr be granted leave of absence for the period 18 to 24 November 2019 inclusive.

Reports to Council

Item 2: Ward Boundaries – amended proposal for 2020 election

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance and Committee Services

At its meeting on 23 September 2019, Council considered a report submitted to the Governance and Finance Committee regarding the Ward boundaries and resolved:

- 1. THAT Option 1 be selected as Council's preferred option for the revised North Sydney Council Ward boundaries.*
- 2. THAT the NSW Electoral Commission be advised of Council's resolution.*
- 3. THAT a further report be submitted to Council following public advertising of the approved option.*

Option 1 made minor boundary alterations to the current three ward structure to ensure the number of electors in each remained within quota.

After submitting the proposed boundaries to the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC), Council was advised that, due to the result of the 2012 and 2017 referendum regarding the election of the Mayor by Councillors, Council will continue to have ten (10) civic offices or councillor positions (including the Mayor) at the next election and not nine (9) as previously thought. As there must be an equal number of Councillors in each ward and the Mayor is no longer to be elected by all the electors of the Local Government area, it is necessary to alter the number of wards.

Council has received a cost estimate from NSWEC of \$491,557 (excl GST) to conduct the 2020 Council elections. This quote was provided prior to the advice regarding the number of councillors to be elected and is subject to change should extra costs be incurred, such as the preparation of new electoral rolls.

Council Staff will attempt to minimise the actual cost in consultation with NSWEC as more detailed planning takes place and bookings for polling places are finalised.

Recommending:

- 1. THAT** Council note the advice from the OLG regarding the number of civic offices to be elected at the 2020 elections and the need to alter the ward structure.
- 2. THAT** Council endorse the revised two (2) Ward boundary proposal attached to this report.
- 3. THAT** Council name the proposed two new Wards North and South.
- 4. THAT** The proposed two (2) ward structure be placed on public exhibition in accordance with s210(A) of the Local Government Act.
- 5. THAT** A further report be provided to Council to consider any submissions received.

Item 3: Corporate Advertising

Report of Sandra Moore, Manager Communications & Events

Council advertises a wide range of information to the community, including development applications, notices of meetings, policies and major projects and community events. Legislation mandates advertising for a wide range of public

notices to be in a widely circulated newspaper. While the legislation ensured transparency in the pre-digital era, readership of newspapers is declining and digital advertising (often less expensive) is increasing. IPART recommended the NSW Government review the legislation in this regard, however, the NSW Government did not support this recommendation.

An internal review of newspaper advertising options has been undertaken. As the review contains commercial-in-confidence financial and business information, it has been provided to Council as a confidential report in accordance with Section 10A(2) (c) and (d) of the Local Government Act.

In order for Councillors to discuss the content of this Confidential report it will be necessary to close the Council meeting to the public.

Funding for corporate advertising is included in the current operational budget. Council currently spends in the order of \$225,000 per year on newspaper advertising to meet the different legislative requirements.

Funding for the project is appropriate.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council endorse the proposed advertising plan for 2020.