



Council Chambers
16 January 2020

The **3727th EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of **COUNCIL** will be held at the Council Chambers, North Sydney at **6.30pm** on Monday, 20 January 2020. The agenda is as follows.

KEN GOULDTHORP
GENERAL MANAGER

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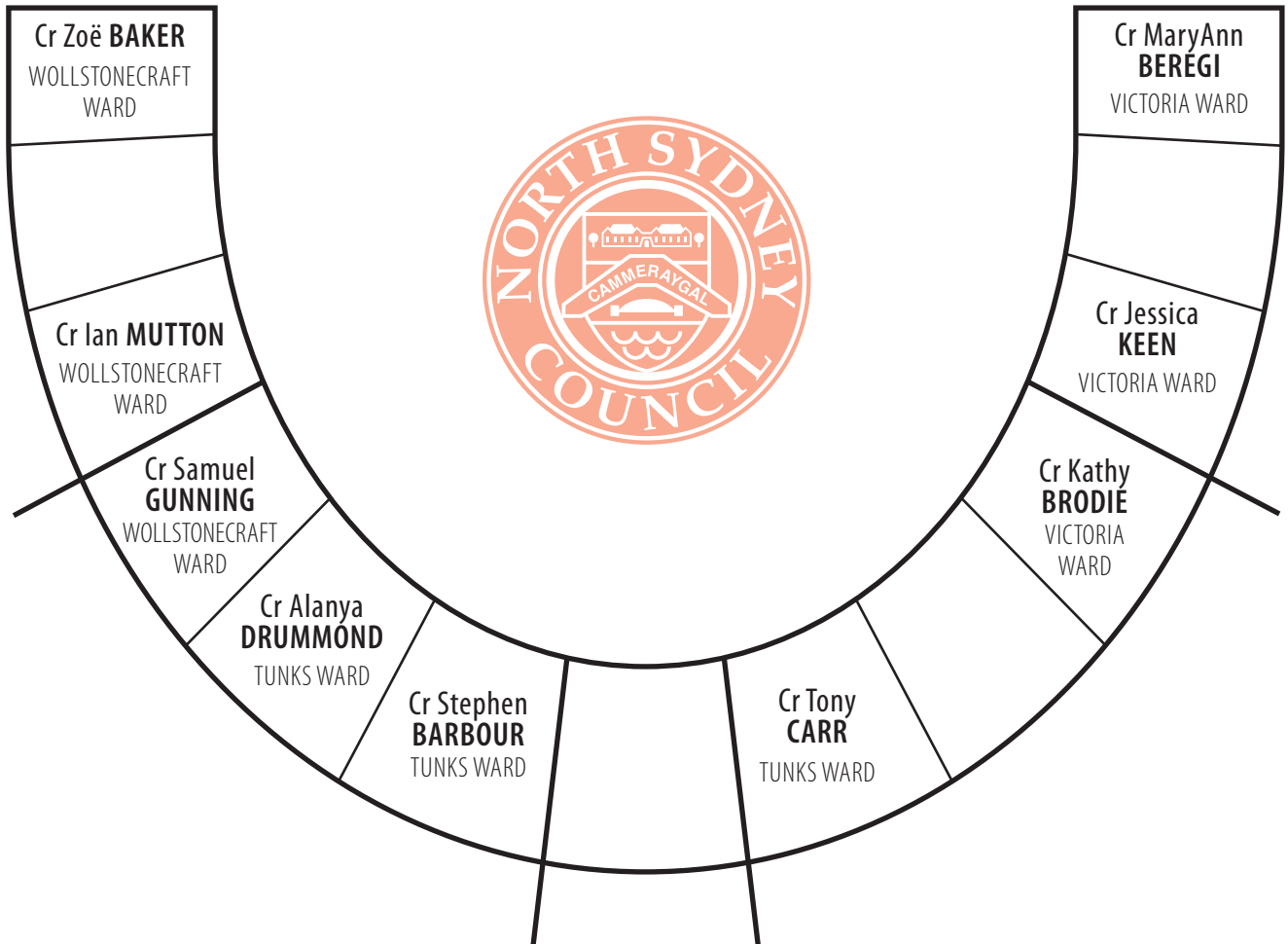
Item 1: Ward Boundaries – Update and Post Exhibition

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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



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

SUBJECT: 3727th EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20 JANUARY 2020

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Reports to Council

1. **Item 1: Ward Boundaries – Update and Post Exhibition**

Report of Ian Curry, Manager Governance and Committee Services

After submitting the proposed Ward boundaries for the 2020 election to the NSW Electoral Commission (NSWEC), Council was advised by the Office of Local Government (OLG) on 1 November 2019 (Attachment 1) that it needs to take immediate steps to review its Ward structure.

At its meeting on 18 November 2019, Council considered an amended proposal for the Ward boundaries and resolved:

1. *THAT Council note the advice from the Office of Local Government 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 the proposed two (2) Ward structure be placed on public exhibition in accordance with s210(A) of the Local Government Act.*
4. *THAT a further report be provided to Council to consider any submissions received.*

A further resolution was made:

1. *THAT Council name the proposed two new Wards St Leonards (North) and Cammeraygal (South).*
2. *THAT Council specifically seek community feedback through the exhibition period on the naming of the Wards.*

The proposal endorsed by Council (Attachment 2) was placed on public exhibition from 27 November 2019 until 8 January 2020. A total of 174 submissions were received. The majority of submissions support the North/South ward boundary proposal. In accordance with the above resolution, a summary of the submissions received is attached.

Council must now adopt a final Ward boundary structure consistent with the requirement of the *Local Government Act 1993* prior to the 31 January 2020 deadline to enable the NSWEC to calculate and announce election expenditure caps in accordance with the *Electoral Act 2017*.

As previously reported, Council has received a cost estimate from NSWEC of \$491,557 (excluding GST) to conduct the 2020 Council elections. This quotation 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.

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

Costs will also be incurred in completing a review of governance policies in preparation for the 2020-2024 term. The *Local Government Act 1993* requires a range of policies and structures to be reviewed and presented to the new Council for their consideration following the election. An additional temporary senior governance resource will be sourced to assist with the preparation and election process.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council adopt the North/South two (2) Ward boundary proposal as exhibited and attached to this report.
 2. **THAT** Council confirm that the proposed two new Wards be named St Leonards (North) and Cammeraygal (South).
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