

### 8.3. Appointment of Council Representatives on External Bodies

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

#### **PURPOSE:**

To appoint Councillors as representatives on NSROC and provide information of other external bodies requiring Council representation.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

North Sydney Council holds positions on or participates in other groups or committees external to the Council. The following Committees and other bodies require Council to nominate representatives:

- Northern Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) - The Mayor, 1 representative and 1 alternate
- Shorelink Committee (Library Network) - 1 representative and 1 alternate
- Sydney Coastal Councils Group - 2 representatives

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial implications arising out of the recommendations of this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1.THAT** Council appoint to the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) as representatives the Mayor, and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ (alternate) as its representative for the term until September 2022.

**2.THAT** Council appoint to the Shorelink Committee (Library Network) Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ (alternate) for this term of Council.

**3.THAT** Council appoint to the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ for this term of Council.

**4. THAT** Council write to the external bodies to inform them of Council's representatives.

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

### **5. Our Civic Leadership**

#### **5.2 Council is well governed and customer focused**

## **BACKGROUND**

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- Shorelink Committee (Library Network) - 1 representative and 1 alternate
- Sydney Coastal Councils Group - 2 representatives

Appointment of Councillor representatives to these Committees and Trusts occurs in September each year.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement is not required.

## **DETAIL**

Agendas for these meetings will be sent directly to the councillor representatives.

Councillors must adhere to the respective Charter of the external body they are a representative on, in addition to Council's Code of Conduct and relevant policies.

### **Northern Suburbs Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC)**

The Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (NSROC) is comprised of eight councils from the northern Sydney area. NSROC member councils are Hornsby, Hunter's Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Mosman, North Sydney, Ryde and Willoughby.

By facilitating collaboration between member councils on projects and shared priorities, NSROC develops regional solutions that generate benefits – social, environmental and economic – not only for individual communities, but for the region as a whole.

NSROC undertakes a number of regional projects and collaborates under the direction of the General Managers' Advisory Group (GMAC). NSROC provides regional representation at the elected level, including representing regional issues in planning and other matters such as the Infrastructure Contributions Review.

Each member council is represented on the NSROC Board by the Mayor and either the Deputy Mayor or a Councillor. In addition to the Annual General Meeting, the Board meets four times a year, usually on Thursdays at 6.00pm.

Delegates are reappointed by Council in September each year.

### **Shorelink**

The Shorelink Library Network was established in 1983 to deliver both economic benefits and quality Library services to the communities of the current member councils, Lane Cove, Mosman and North Sydney.

Representatives on the Shorelink Committee (Library Network) serve a full Council term with Council's Director Community and Library Services and meets twice a year, usually on a Wednesday commencing at 6.00pm.

### **Sydney Coastal Councils Group**

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. (SCCG) was established in 1989 to promote collaboration between Member Councils on environmental issues relating to the sustainable management of the urban coastal and estuarine environment. The Group consists of 9 Councils (Bayside, Inner West, Northern Beaches, North Sydney, Randwick, Sutherland, Waverley, Willoughby and Woollahra) adjacent to Sydney marine and estuarine environments and associated waterways, and represents nearly 1.3 million Sydneysiders.

The Constitution of the SCCG states that:

*A Member Council may appoint an individual as its Delegate to represent the Member Council and exercise its rights at general meetings. The individual appointed as a Delegate must not be an Executive Committee member*

While the delegate/s do not have to be from the elected body, it is understood that most councils do send Councillors as their delegates.

In the previous term, Council was represented on the SCCG by the Manager Environmental Services. The SCCG meets 4 times a year, usually on a Wednesday commencing at 5.30pm

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The first meetings of these bodies for 2022 are scheduled as follows:

- Shorelink – 16 March
- NSROC – 17 March
- Sydney Coastal Councils Group – February/March