

Special Meeting of Council

held at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough on Tuesday 14 February 2017.

Minutes

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Nillumbik Shire Council

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Nillumbik Shire Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Nillumbik Shire Council held Tuesday 14 February 2017. The meeting commenced at 6.45pm.

Councillors present:

Cr Peter Clarke	Wingrove Ward (Mayor)
Cr Grant Brooker	Blue Lake Ward
Cr Karen Egan	Bunjil Ward
Cr John Dumaresq	Edendale Ward
Cr Peter Perkins	Ellis Ward
Cr Jane Ashton	Sugarloaf Ward
Cr Bruce Ranken	Swipers Gully Ward

Officers in attendance:

Mark Stoermer	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Pauline Gordon	General Manager Community and Leisure
Andrew Port	General Manager Corporate Services
Ransce Salan	General Manager Environment and Planning
Conal Creedon	General Manager Infrastructure Services
Allison Watt	Manager Governance and Communications

Welcome

1. Reconciliation statement

The reconciliation statement was read by the Mayor, Cr Peter Clarke.

2. Good governance pledge

The good governance pledge was read by the Mayor, Cr Peter Clarke.

3. Apologies

Nil

4. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

Nil

5. Officers' reports

OCM.011/17 Councillor Code of Conduct

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Summary

Council is required by the *Local Government Act 1989* (the Act) to have a Councillor Code of Conduct.

The Act also requires each Council to review their Councillor Code of Conduct within four months of each general election, and this review must be considered at a Special Meeting of Council.

Feedback has been sought from Councillors in relation to any matters that needed to be considered as part of that review. As a result there have been several minor changes proposed to be made to the existing Councillor Code of Conduct.

Previously, the Councillor Code of Conduct has been incorporated into Council's much larger Governance Code, the purpose of which is to provide a broad good governance framework for Councillors.

Councillors have requested that the Councillor Code of Conduct become a separate, stand-alone document and that the remaining content of the Governance Code which details principles and practices about key roles and relationships, as well as decision-making processes, becomes a separate Good Governance Policy.

The Councillor Code of Conduct is presented to Council for approval in line with statutory requirements under the Act. Within one month of approving amendments to the Councillor Code of Conduct, Councillors must declare in writing that they will abide by the Code of Conduct and this declaration must be witnessed by the CEO.

The Good Governance Policy is being updated and will be reported to a future meeting for endorsement.

Motion

Cr Karen Egan

Cr Bruce Ranken

That Council:

- 1. Notes the review and minor amendments to the Councillor Code of Conduct and that it has been extracted from the broader Governance Code as a separate, stand-alone document.**
- 2. Approves the Councillor Code of Conduct (February 2017) presented in Attachment 1.**
- 3. Receives a further report to approve the Good Governance Policy.**

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Special Meeting of Council minutes

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The meeting closed at 6.48pm.

Confirmed: _____

Cr Peter Clarke, Mayor