

**GOSFORD – WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY  
INTERNAL MEMO**

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16 May 2007

**Gosford**

Mayor L Maher  
Cr J Macfadyen  
Cr R Bell  
Cr M Brooks/Cr Latella (Alternates)

Mr P Wilson  
Mr R Williams

**Gosford City Council Staff**

Ms P McCann  
Ms J Saunders

**Authority Staff**

Mr G Casement  
Mrs K Bushnell

**Wyong**

Mayor B Graham  
Cr N Rose  
Cr K Forster  
Cr R Stevens (Alternate)

Mr K Yates  
Mr D Cathers

**Wyong Shire Council  
Staff**

Mr K Grantham  
Mrs L McDermott  
Ms H Cambourn

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD 16 MAY 2007 AT WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL**

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Please find attached:-

- Minutes of the Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board Meeting held May 16<sup>th</sup> 2007 at Wyong Shire Council.

The next scheduled Board meeting is set on 20 June (Wednesday) at Wyong Shire Council (*Due to refurbishments at GCC*). The room location will be advised with the Agenda.

K Yates

**Secretary**

**Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority**

**MINUTES OF THE GOSFORD – WYONG COUNCILS’ WATER AUTHORITY  
BOARD MEETING AT WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2007 COMMENCING AT 8:40 am**

**Present:**

Cr B Graham\*    Chairperson

**Gosford**

Cr L Maher\*  
Cr M Brooks (Alternate)\*  
Cr J Macfadyen\*

**Wyong**

Cr N Rose\*  
Cr R Stevens (Alternate)\*

Mr P Wilson\*  
Mr R Williams\*

Mr K Yates\*  
Mr D Cathers\*

*\* Board Members with Voting Rights at this meeting.*

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Ms P McCann  
Mr B Koizumi-Smith  
Ms J Saunders

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Mr B Fullagar

**1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES**

Cr R Bell, Cr K Forster

**2. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved:**                      Mr K Yates  
**044/07**                      **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:**      Cr J Macfadyen  
That the Minutes of the Board meeting held  
April 18<sup>th</sup> 2007 be confirmed.

**4. BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**5. TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) REPORT**

**5.1 Regular Information Reports - Annexure A**

**Moved:**                      Cr J Macfadyen  
**045/07:**                      **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:**      Mr P Wilson  
That the Board note the information.

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Chairperson

**5.2 Summary Report on Demand Reduction Activities and Contingency Plans-  
Annexure B**

**Moved:** Cr J Macfadyen  
**046/07:** **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:** Mr P Wilson  
That the Board note the above report.

**5.3 Drought Status Report – Annexure C**

**Moved:** Cr J Macfadyen  
**047/07:** **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:** Mr K Yates  
That the Board note the above information  
and recommend to the two councils that:

1. The Board re-evaluate the need and timing of future temporary desalination capacity at its June 2007 meeting.

**5.4 Progress Report on Contingency Projects – Annexure D**

**Moved:** Mr P Wilson  
**048/07:** **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:** Mr D Cathers  
**Item J – Temporary Raising of Lower Mangrove Creek Weir**

That the Board note the information and recommend to the two Councils the following:

1. That budget for the Temporary Raising of Lower Mangrove Creek Weir be increased from \$30,000 to \$54,211.

**Moved:** Mr D Cathers  
**049/07:** **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:** Cr R Stevens  
**Item K – Groundwater**

That the Board note the information and recommend to the two councils the following:

1. That \$15,000 from the existing Narara Groundwater budget be approved to further investigate the proposed Hanlan St Stormwater Harvesting option to supplement the Dept of Ag Dam.
2. That the overall Groundwater budget be increased from \$29,958,000 to \$30,545,000, subject to:
  - Confirmation of the yield range from the Hanlan St Stormwater Harvesting option in 1. being between 100 ML pa – 200 ML pa and;
  - Approval of both Gosford and Wyong General Managers.

**5.5 Progress Report on Temporary Desalination Contingency Supply Project – Annexure E**

**Moved:** Cr R Stevens  
**050/07:** **RESOLVED:** **Seconded:** Mr P Wilson  
That the Board note the information.

**5.6 Progress Report on Capital Improvement Works – Annexure F**

**Moved:** Cr J Macfadyen  
**051/07:** **RESOLVED:** **Seconded:** Cr M Brooks  
That the Board note the information and recommend to the two councils that:

1. an application be made to the State and the Federal Government for funding for the construction of the Mardi Dam to Mangrove Dam Transfer System.
2. the State Government be requested to take all steps necessary to expedite the approval of the necessary Water Sharing Plan.

**5.7 Vales Point and Munmorah Power Stations – Annexure G**

**Moved:** Cr N Rose  
**052/07:** **RESOLVED:** **Seconded:** Cr R Stevens  
That the Board note the information.

**5.8 WaterPlan 2050 Status Report – Annexure H**

**Moved:** Cr R Stevens  
**053/07:** **RESOLVED:** **Seconded:** Cr L Maher  
That the Board note the information.

**5.9 Cloud Seeding – Annexure I**

**Moved:** Cr N Rose  
**054/07:** **RESOLVED:** **Seconded:** Cr R Stevens  
That the Board note the above Report.

**5.10 Extend Rebates for Washing Machines – Annexure J**

**Moved:** Cr L Maher  
**055/07:** **RESOLVED:** **Seconded:** Cr J Macfadyen  
That the Board note the information and recommend to the two councils the following:

1. That the current \$200 rebate for 4 star or better water efficiency rated washing machines be extended until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.
2. That each Council approve a budget of \$500,000 for the 2007/08 financial year to extend the rebate program.
3. That the Councils seek funding support from the Federal Government's "WaterSmart" program.

### 5.11 Public Health Advisory Panel – Annexure K

**Moved:** Cr M Brooks  
**056/07:** **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:** Mr P Wilson  
That the Board not support the creation of a Public Health Advisory Panel.

### 5.12 Communications Update – Annexure L

**Moved:** Cr J Macfadyen  
**057/07:** **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:** Cr B Graham  
That the Board note the above Report.

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

**Moved:** Cr J Macfadyen  
**058/07:** **RESOLVED:**

**Seconded:** Mr R Williams  
That the Board note the following:

A letter was tabled from D. Campbell to M. Andrews dated March 20<sup>th</sup> 2007, regarding the State Government's proposed rebate for rainwater tanks. The letter stated that if re-elected, the lemma Government would increase the maximum rebate amount to \$1500 for residents who purchase a tank that is larger than 7000 litres and is connected to internal plumbing.

The Board agreed that a letter be sent to The Hon Nathan Rees MP, Minister for Water Utilities, seeking clarification on the capacity of the tank to qualify for the \$1500 rebate and that the Board request the State Government to consider a rebate for water tanks 2000L and above.

## 7 NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION

The next scheduled Board meeting is set on June 20<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) at Wyong Shire Council (*Due to refurbishments at GCC*). The room location will be advised with the Agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:10 am.