

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

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17th January 2007

Cr B Graham Chairperson

Gosford

Mayor L Maher
Cr J Macfadyen
Cr R Bell
Cr M Brooks(Alternate)

Wyong

Cr N Rose
Cr K Forster
Cr R Stevens (Alternate)

Mr P Wilson Mr K Yates
Mr R Williams Mr D Cathers

Ms P McCann Mr K Grantham

Ms J Saunders Mrs L McDermott
 Ms H Cambourn

Authority Staff

Mr G Casement
Mrs K Bushnell
Mr B Fullagar

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HELD 17th JANUARY 2007 AT WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

Please find attached:-

- Minutes of the Gosford/Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board Meeting held January 17th 2007 at Wyong Shire Council.

The next scheduled Board meeting is set on 21st February (Wednesday) at Gosford City Council. 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 17th JANUARY, 2007 COMMENCING AT 8:30 am**

Present:

Cr B Graham* Chairperson

Gosford

Mayor L Maher*

Cr M Bell*

Cr M Brooks (Alternate)*

Wyong

Cr N Rose*

Cr K Forster*

Cr R Stevens (*Alternate during Cr Forster's temporary absence*)*

Cr W Welham

Mr P Wilson*

Mr R Williams*

Mr K Yates*

Mr K Grantham (Acting Director)*

Mr P Wise

Ms J Saunders

Mrs L McDermott

* Board Members with Voting Rights at this meeting.

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Mr G Casement

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Mr B Fullagar

1. RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES

Cr J Macfadyen and Mr D Cathers.

2. PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr M Brooks
001/07: **RESOLVED:**

Seconded: Mr K Grantham
1. That the Minutes of the Board meeting held
December 20th, 2006 be confirmed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) REPORT

5.1 Regular Information Report – Drought Status Report - Annexure A

Moved: Mr P Wilson
002/07: **RESOLVED:**

Seconded: Mr K Yates
That the Board note the Information and
recommend to the two Councils that:

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Chairperson

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

5.2 Progress Report on Temporary Desalination Contingency Supply Project - Annexure B

Moved: Mr P Wilson **Seconded:** Cr L Maher
003/07: **RESOLVED:** 1. That the Board note the information

5.3 Contingency Plan – Use of Groundwater - Annexure C

Moved: Cr R Bell **Seconded:** Cr N Rose
004/07: **RESOLVED:** 1. That the Board note the information

5.4 Hunter Connection Contingency Progress Report - Annexure D

Moved: Cr B Graham **Seconded:** Cr L Maher
005/07: **RESOLVED:** 1. That the Board note the information

5.5 Rainwater Tank Rebates – Queensland - Annexure E

Moved: Cr R Bell **Seconded:** Cr B Graham
006/07: **RESOLVED:** That the Board note the Information and recommend to the two Councils that:

1. Each Council write to the State Local Members requesting the introduction of a state funded rainwater tank rebate program similar to that provided by the Queensland, Victorian and South Australian Governments.
2. Following the State Election in March this year that the two Mayors and two GMs have a meeting with the incoming Minister and Premier with regard to a rebate scheme for the Central Coast.

5.6 Evaporation Desalination Plants Using Solar Energy - Annexure F

Moved: Cr M Brooks **Seconded:** Cr R Stevens
007/07: **RESOLVED:** 1. That the item be deferred to the February Meeting.

5.7 Vales Point and Munmorah Power Stations - Annexure G

Moved: Mr P Wilson **Seconded:** Cr L Maher

008/07: RESOLVED: 1. That the Board note the information.

5.8 Water Harvesting Rights - Annexure H

Moved: Cr R Bell
009/07: RESOLVED: **Seconded:** Cr N Rose
1. That the Board note the information and no further action be taken at this stage.

5.9 Water Plan 2050 Status Report - Annexure I

Moved: Cr L Maher
010/07: RESOLVED: **Seconded:** Cr M Brooks
1. That the Board note the information.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Robert Bell added that in relation to Annexure B – Progress Report on Temporary Desalination Contingency Supply Project that a report by Professor Albani relating to flushing rates from Brisbane Water should be considered as part of the investigation for temporary desalination plants.
2. Concerns were raised regarding the application of the Water Banking arrangements for nursery purchases associated with plant purchases of greater than \$50. There are some indications that nursery customers are being provided water banking credits for purchases of less than \$50 and that some customers are being advised that the credit can be used on an on going basis. Council staffs are currently investigating the application of nursery water banking scheme.

7 NEXT MEETING CONFIRMATION

The next scheduled Board meeting is set on February 21st 2007 (Wednesday) at Gosford City Council. The room location will be advised with the Agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10:15 am.