# GOSFORD – WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY INTERNAL MEMO

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17<sup>th</sup> January 2007

Cr B Graham Chairperson

GosfordWyongMayor L MaherCr N RoseCr J MacfadyenCr K Forster

Cr R Bell Cr R Stevens (Alternate)

Cr M Brooks(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 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2007 AT WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL

Please find attached:-

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

The next scheduled Board meeting is set on 21<sup>st</sup> 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 Wyong Cr N Rose\* Mayor L Maher\* Cr M Bell\* Cr K Forster\*

Cr M Brooks (Alternate)\* Cr R Stevens (Alternate during Cr

Forster's temporary absence)\*

Cr W Welham

Mr P Wilson\* Mr K Yates\*

Mr K Grantham (Acting Director)\* Mr R Williams\*

Mr P Wise

Ms J Saunders Mrs L McDermott

# **Authority Staff** Mr G Casement Mrs K Bushnell

Mr B Fullagar

#### 1. **RECEIPT OF APOLOGIES**

Cr J Macfadyen and Mr D Cathers.

#### PECUNIARY INTEREST/CONFLICT OF INTEREST 2.

Nil

#### 3. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Moved: Cr M Brooks Seconded: Mr K Grantham

001/07: **RESOLVED:** 1. That the Minutes of the Board meeting held December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006 be confirmed.

#### 4. **BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

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

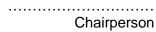
#### Regular Information Report - Drought Status Report - Annexure A 5.1

Moved: Mr P Wilson Seconded: Mr K Yates

That the Board note the Information and 002/07: **RESOLVED:** 

recommend to the two Councils that:

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<sup>\*</sup> Board Members with Voting Rights at this meeting.

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

### 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

### 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.

#### Vales Point and Munmorah Power Stations - Annexure G 5.7

Mr P Wilson Seconded: Cr L Maher Moved:

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

# 5.8 Water Harvesting Rights - Annexure H

**Moved:** Cr R Bell **Seconded:** Cr N Rose

**009/07: RESOLVED:** 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 Seconded: Cr M Brooks

**010/07: RESOLVED:** 1. That the Board note the information.

### 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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Chairperson