
WATER AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE GOSFORD WYONG COUNCILS' WATER AUTHORITY HELD IN THE TIM FARRELL AND WILFRED BARRETT COMMITTEE ROOMS, WYONG CIVIC CENTRE, HELY STREET, WYONG ON WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY 2009, COMMENCING AT 8.30 AM

PRESENT:

CR GRAHAM*

CHAIRPERSON

GOSFORD

CR HOLSTEIN*

CR MAHER

CR MCFADYEN*

WYONG

CR SYMINGTON*

MR P WILSON*

MR R WILLIAMS*

MR K YATES*

MR P WISE*

GOSFORD CITY COUNCIL STAFF

MRS PAM MCCANN

MR B KOIZUMI-SMITH

MS K GILLETT

WYONG SHIRE COUNCIL STAFF

MR G MCDONALD

MS M BRIEGER

MRS H SCHWARTZ

MS M REDMOND

* *BOARD MEMBERS WITH VOTING RIGHTS AT THIS MEETING.*

AUTHORITY STAFF

MR G CASEMENT

MR B FULLAGAR

MARDI TO MANGROVE LINK STAFF

MR R JEWELL

MS L MC DERMOTT

APOLOGIES

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Graham and seconded by Councillor Holstein:

That the Board accept apologies on behalf of Councillors McNamara, Vincent and Latella and grant leave of absence from the meeting.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Graham and seconded by Councillor Holstein:

That the Board receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and the fact that no disclosure was made be noted.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Graham and seconded by Councillor Holstein:

That the Board receive and confirm minutes of the previous Gosford / Wyong Councils' Water Authority Board Meeting held on 18 February 2009.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

THERE WAS NO BUSINESS ARISING.

2.1 Water Restrictions

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor McFadyen and seconded by Councillor Graham:

That the Board note the information and recommend to the two Councils to commence the amended Level 3 restrictions as detailed at Attachment 2 on 14 June 2009 with the amendment of hours quoted in respect of watering of Lawns and Gardens to now read as follows:

“Hand-held hoses (with a trigger nozzle) and drip irrigation systems can be used for 1 hour a day on two days of the week, between the hours of 6.00 am to 9.00 am and 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm. (Odd numbered homes Wednesday and Saturday. Even numbered homes Thursday and Sunday).”

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

2.2 Rainwater Tank Rebate Program

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor McFadyen and seconded by Councillor Graham:

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

To adopt an alternative rainwater tank rebate program as outlined in Table 4 providing rebates for only the internal connection of tanks purchased prior to 1 August 2009.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON, MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

2.3 Contract CPA 130386 - Provision of Professional Engineering Consulting Services for the Mardi to Mangrove Link Project GHD Pty Limited - Budget Allocation No 2

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wise and seconded by Mr Yates:

1 That the Board recommend that Wyong Shire Council resolve and Gosford City Council concur with the following:

- a That Wyong Shire Council note the updated forecast cost 'estimate-at-completion' of \$11.510 million for the provision of GHD's professional services (including engineering investigations, design, and documentation) for the pre-construction phase of the Mardi – Mangrove Link Project.**
- b That Wyong Shire Council approve an increase to the budget allocation for the professional services contract with GHD Pty Limited, for the pre-construction phase of the Mardi to Mangrove Project, by \$3.786 million, from \$7.724 million to \$11.510 million which includes a \$1.225 million contingency.**
- c That Wyong Shire Council approve the proposed increase in the budget allocation of \$3.786 million be drawn down against the overall Project Contingency Sum of \$10 million, being the contingency component of \$10 million within the original project cost estimate of \$110 million.**

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON, MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

2.4 Mardi to Mangrove Link Project - Preliminary Cost Estimates and Cost Reduction Options

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Graham and seconded by Councillor Holstein:

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

- 1 *That Cost Reduction Option B be adopted including:***
 - i The two Wyong River crossings in Sector 3 of the Mardi-Mangrove Link pipeline route corridor be pipe-bridged***
 - ii The pipeline route corridor in Sector 6 of the Mardi-Mangrove Link Project be modified and re-located to entirely within the road reserve.***
 - iii The pipeline route corridor in Sector 8 of the Mardi-Mangrove Link Project be modified to avoid the need for microtunnelling through a hill and instead cross through private land and crown land before joining the road reserve.***
- 2 *That the above recommendation be subject to approval by all relevant State Government authorities.***
- 3 *That a preliminary cost estimate range for the Mardi-Mangrove Link Project is \$125 million to \$170 million which reflects resolutions 1, 2 and 3 above and includes both the preconstruction and construction phases of the Project.***
- 4 *That a further budget allocation of \$1.9 million be approved for the provision of GHD professional engineering services for the pre-construction phase to undertake the necessary investigations, environmental assessment and design work to achieve the above cost reductions. This increases the total GHD pre-construction budget allocation from \$11.51 million to \$13.41 million.***
- 5 *That the Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils acknowledge the Federal Government funding of \$80.3 million from the Water Smart Australia Program towards the Mardi-Mangrove Link Project.***
- 6 *That Gosford City and Wyong Shire Councils share the funding of the Project cost which is not covered by the Federal Government funding and make relevant provisions for a total pre-construction budget of \$26 million which includes project management, professional services, engineering and environmental assessments and the acquisition of land easements for the pipeline.***

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, BEING 9.09 AM, MS L MCDERMOTT AND MR R JEWELL FROM THE MARDI- MANGROVE PROJECT, LEFT.

2.5 Sponsorship Towards The Central Coast Waterwatch Program

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Graham and seconded by Councillor Holstein:

That the matter be referred to the General Managers of Wyong Shire Council and Gosford City Council to further investigate the sponsorship and subject to them being satisfied in respect of this investigation the following be authorised:

- 1 That a \$10,000 (plus GST) sponsorship contribution be made towards the provision of the Central Coast Waterwatch Program for the 2009-10 financial year.***
- 2 A requirement in providing sponsorship is that the Waterwatch provider shall submit to the Board an annual report on expenditure and results.***

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON, MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

2.6 Communications Strategy 2009-10

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor McFadyen and seconded by Councillor Maher:

That the Board recommend to the two Councils the adoption and implementation of the 2009-10 Communications Strategy.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON, MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

AT THIS STAGE OF THE MEETING, BEING 9.19 AM, MS M BRIEGER, MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS, ENTERED.

2.7 Gosford Wyong Western Transfer Main Swabbing Infrastructure

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Mr Wilson and seconded by Mr Yates:

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

That funding of \$1.39m be approved for the design, construction and commissioning of infrastructure for the cleaning of the Gosford Wyong Western Transfer Main.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

3.0 Information Reports

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Graham and seconded by Councillor Holstein:

That with the exception of report number 3.1 the Board receive the Information Reports and note the information.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

3.1 Regular Information Reports

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Maher and seconded by Councillor McFadyen:

That the Board receive the Regular Information Reports and note the information.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

3.2 Project Report – Mardi Suite of Works

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Maher and seconded by Councillor McFadyen:

That the Board receive the Project Report – Mardi Suite of Works and note the information.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

3.3 Project Report – Update on Capital Improvement Works

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Maher and seconded by Councillor McFadyen:

That the Board receive the report on Project Report – Update on Capital Improvement Works and note the information.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

3.4 Communications Update

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Maher and seconded by Councillor McFadyen:

That the Board receive the Communications Update report and note the information.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON,
MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

3.5 Budget and Financial Summary

RESOLVED unanimously on the motion of Councillor Maher and seconded by Councillor McFadyen:

That the Board receive the Budget and Financial Summary report and note the information.

FOR: CR GRAHAM, CR HOLSTEIN, CR MCFADYEN, CR SYMINGTON, MR WILLIAMS, MR WILSON, MR WISE AND MR YATES

AGAINST: NIL

4.0 General Business

4.1 Media Release re elevated salinity levels

Greg McDonald, Manager Water and Waste, referred to a media release issued on 19 May 2009 regarding elevated salinity levels in the drinking water supply which advised, in part, as follows:

- Salinity levels are currently elevated in the Wyong River which has in turn increased salinity levels within Mardi Dam and in parts of the drinking water system. It is expected that it will take about four to six weeks for salinity levels to return to normal in the system.
- The drinking water remains within the *Australian Drinking Water Guidelines* recommended levels. The NSW Department of Health have advised that the water is safe to drink and does not pose any health risks.
- While there is no noticeable difference in the drinking water, the Councils are supplementing the supply with water from the Hunter to accelerate the reduction of salinity levels within the water mains.
- All turf farmers in the affected area have been contacted directly to notify them of the current situation and Wyong Shire Council will continue to liaise with these businesses.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.38 AM.