

Present

Mayor Jane Smith and Councillors Greg Best, Jillian Hogan, Chris Burke, Louise Greenaway, Kyle MacGregor, Bruce McLachlan, Jilly Pilon, Lisa Matthews, Jeff Sundstrom, Rebecca Gale Collins, Richard Mehrtens, Chris Holstein and Troy Marquart.

In Attendance

Brian Glendenning (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Mike Dowling (Director Assets, Infrastructure and Business), Julie Vaughan (Director Connected Communities), Scott Cox (Director Environment and Planning), Kellie Reeves (Executive Manager People and Culture) and Vivienne Louie (Chief Financial Officer).

The Mayor, Jane Smith, declared the meeting open at 6.36pm and advised in accordance with the Code of Meeting Practice that the meeting is being recorded.

The Mayor, Jane Smith read an acknowledgement of country statement.

At the ordinary meeting reports were considered in the following order: 1.1, 6.1, 6.2, 1.2, 3.2, 4.3, 7.1, U5/18 and 2.1. However for the sake of clarity the reports are recorded in their correct agenda sequence.

Apology/Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Councillor Vincent.

1.1 Disclosure of Interest

2.1 Mayoral Minute – Appointment of Chief Executive Officer

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Brian Glendenning also noted that he has given direction to all of the executives present except for Ms Kellie Reeves that they are not to be present for discussion on the matter as they will be reporting to the person that Council so appoints.

6.2 Rescission Motion – Gosford Regional Library

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7.1 Notice of Motion – Ettalong Chanel Dredge Action

Councillor Gale Collins declared a less than significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as her husband is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Councillor Gale Collins chose to remain in the Chamber and participate in discussion and voting as the conflict does not impede her decision making ability.

Councillor Best left the chamber at 6.34pm, returned at 6.38pm and was absent for the vote on the motion.

Moved:	Mayor Smith
Seconded:	Councillor MacGregor

Resolved

305/18 That Council receive the report on Disclosure of Interest and note advice of disclosures.

Procedural Motion – Address by Invited Speakers

Councillor Best left the chamber at 6.34pm, returned at 6.38pm and was absent for the vote on the motion.

Moved:	Councillor Gale Collins
Seconded:	Councillor Greenaway

Resolved

306/18 That Council invite the following speakers to address Council:

SPEAKERS	REPORT
Mr Kevin Armstrong	Item No 6.1 – Rescission Motion – Regional Performing Arts
For the Motion	Conference Centre – Alternative Sites
Mrs Merril Jackson	Item No 6.1 – Rescission Motion – Regional Performing Arts
Against the Motion	Conference Centre – Alternative Sites
Mr Peter Carstairs	Item No 6.1 – Rescission Motion – Regional Performing Arts
For the Motion	Conference Centre – Alternative Sites
Ms Kay Williams	Item No 6.1 – Rescission Motion – Regional Performing Arts
Against the Motion	Conference Centre – Alternative Sites
Mr Tony Mylan	Item No 6.2 – Rescission Motion – Gosford Regional Library
In relation to the	
motion	
Ms Kay Williams	Item No 6.2 – Rescission Motion – Gosford Regional Library
In relation to the	
motion	

Procedural Motion – Suspension of Standing Orders

Councillor Best left the chamber at 6.34pm, returned at 6.38pm and was absent for the vote on the motion.

Moved: Mayor Smith Seconded: Councillor Greenaway

Resolved

307/18 That Council suspend standing orders and consider items 6.1 and 6.2 after each speaker address and then the remaining items in agenda sequence.

For: Unanimous

1.2 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved:	Councillor Burke
Seconded:	Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

- 308/18 That Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 9 April 2018 with the following amendments:
 - Q35/18 There are both Gosford and Wyong Public Art policies. Given the two policies, what is the current position of Council with public art? And what is the current procedure for the procurement of public art.
 - Q37/18 That Council please provide rationale behind the proposed name change to the section of Melville Street in Kincumber.
- 309/18 That Council confirm the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 11 April 2018.

Procedural Motion – Exception

Moved:	Councillor Gale Collins
Seconded:	Councillor Matthews

Resolved

310/18 That with the exception of the following reports, Council adopt the recommendations contained in the remaining reports:

Exception	
2.1	Mayoral Minute – Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer
3.2	2018 National General Assembly of Local Government
4.3	Investment Report for March 2018
7.1	Notice of Motion – Ettalong Chanel Dredge Action

311/18 That Council adopt the following items en-masse and in accordance with the report recommendations.

En-masse	
3.1	Community Strategic Plan
3.3	Proactive Release Program
4.1	Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee
4.2	Councillor Expenses Report and Facilities

For:

Unanimous

Procedural Motion – Suspend Standing Orders

Brian Glendenning, Acting Chief Executive Officer declared a significant pecuniary interest in the matter as his appointment as Acting Chief Executive Officer is directly affected by the appointment of a permanent Chief Executive Officer by Council. Brian Glendenning left the chamber at 9.15pm during consideration of this matter, did not vote and returned to the meeting at 9.17pm.

Moved: Mayor Smith Seconded: Councillor Burke

Resolved

312/18 That Council item 2.1 – Mayoral Minute – Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer be considered as the last agenda item of the meeting.

Procedural Motion – Closed Session

Moved:	Mayor Smith
Seconded:	Councillor Burke

Resolved

313/18 That the meeting move into Closed Session to discuss the confidential attachments to item 2.1 – Mayoral Minute – Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer.

For: Unanimous

At this stage of the meeting being 10.55pm the meeting moved into Closed Session with the members of the press and public excluded from the closed session and access to the correspondence relating to the item considered during the course of the closed session being withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10a of The Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:-

2(a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than Councillors).

Procedural Motion – Open Session

Moved:	Councillor Holstein
Seconded:	Councillor Mehrtens

Resolved

314/18 That the meeting move into Open Session.

For: Unanimous

Open Session

Council resumed in open session at 11.17pm.

2.1 Mayoral Minute – Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer

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Brian Glendenning also noted that he has given direction to all of the executives present except for Ms Kellie Reeves that they are not to be present for discussion on the matter as they will be reporting to the person that Council so appoints.

Mr Scott Cox, Mr Mike Dowling, Ms Julie Vaughan and Ms Viv Louie left the chamber at 10.55pm during consideration of this matter, did not vote and did not return to the meeting.

Moved: Mayor Smith

Resolved

- 315/18 That Council note that this process has been undertaken having given consideration to the Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers issued by the Department of Local Government (now Office of Local Government) July 2011 and provided as Attachment 1 to this report.
- 316/18 That in accordance with the Guidelines for the Appointment and Oversight of General Managers issued by the Department of Local Government (now Office of Local Government) Council authorises the Mayor to offer the preferred applicant the position of the Chief Executive Officer of Central Coast Council as set out in Confidential Attachment 3 – Selection Panel Report.
- 317/18 That Council note that the position of Chief Executive Officer is the position of 'General Manager' for the purposes of the Local Government Act 1993.
- 318/18 That pursuant to clause 400 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, the Council resolve that the seal of the Council be affixed to the Contract of Employment should terms be agreed in accordance with 2 above.
- 319/18 That in accordance with section 11(3) of the Local Government Act that Council resolves that Council resolves that Attachment 3 to this is to be treated as confidential.

For: Unanimous

U5/18 Asbestos - Wamberal and Terrigal Beaches Councillor Jilly Pilon

The Mayor determined that it was appropriate that Council determine whether this matter should be considered as a matter of urgency.

Moved: Councillor Pilon Seconded: Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

320/18 That Council consider a motion of urgency regarding Asbestos found on Wamberal and Terrigal beaches.

Moved:	Councillor Pilon
Seconded:	Councillor Gale Collins

Resolved

- 321/18 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to:
 - **1** Provide a written management plan to Council by the next Ordinary Meeting explaining how this asbestos issue will be resolved, including implementation dates to ensure safety of the public.
 - 2 Proactively release the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report" which was based on site inspections undertaken on 15 June 2016. Allow this report to be published and publicly available on the council website, minus any necessary personal information redactions.
 - 3 Report back to Council in writing of all subsequent actions taken by Council since the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report".
 - 4 Advise if all issues raised in this document and any issues raised at alternate times, were subsequently actioned and dealt with by Council adequately?
 - 5 Provide Councillors with any survey reports identifying private and public boundaries of effected properties noted in the "Wamberal Beach NSW Storm Erosion Remediation Report".
 - 6 *Proactively release the cost benefit analysis report from the Office of Environment and Heritage.*
 - 7 Publish an information sheet that is distributed to residents adjoining the Wamberal and Terrigal beaches concerning the potential risks associated with asbestos material.

3.1	Community Strategic Plan
Moved: Seconded	Councillor Gale Collins I: Councillor Matthews
Resolved	
322/18	That Council endorse the draft "Community Strategic Plan, One – Central Coast", for the purposes of public exhibition for at least 28 days and invite public submissions in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993.
323/18	That Council give public notice of the draft "Community Strategic Plan, One – Central Coast", in accordance with: s.402(6) of the Local Government Act 1993, and publicly exhibit the draft "Community Strategic Plan, One – Central Coast", in accordance with that public notice.
324/18	That Council authorise the Acting Chief Executive Officer to make appropriate amendments to the draft "Community Strategic Plan, One - Central Coast", to correct numerical or typographical errors.
325/18	That Council note that the Council will consider final adoption of the draft "Community Strategic Plan, One – Central Coast", and related draft Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2018-2019 and draft Resourcing Strategy, at a meeting of the Council on 25 June 2018.

For:

Unanimous

3.2 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government

Moved:	Councillor Best
Seconded:	Councillor McLachlan

Resolved

- 326/18 That Council endorse the attendance of the following to attend the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held 17 – 20 June 2018 in Canberra;
 - Mayor, Councillor Smith
 - Councillor Best
 - Councillor Burke
 - Councillor Pilon
- 327/18 That Council determine that the one voting delegate to which Central Coast Council is entitled be the Mayor, Councillor Smith.
- 328/18 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer provide clarification on voting and other rights at the Assembly.

3.3 Proactive Release Program

Moved:	Councillor Gale Collins
Seconded:	Councillor Matthews

Resolved

- 329/18 That Council receive the report providing an update on the ongoing release of information under the Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009.
- 330/18 That Council notes the revised Notice of Intention to deal with Matters in Confidential Session template which sets out greater detail as to recommended reasons for confidentiality.
- 331/18 That Council requests the Acting Chief Executive Officer to write to the NSW Information Commissioner regarding the impact of the Copyright Act 1968 (Cth) on Council's ability to proactively release documents that are of interest to the community.

For: Unanimous

4.1 Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee

Moved:	Councillor Gale Collins
Seconded:	Councillor Matthews

Resolved

332/18 That Council note the meeting record that is attached to this report.

For: Unanimous

4.2 Councillor Expenses Report and Facilities

Moved:	Councillor Gale Collins
Seconded:	Councillor Matthews

Resolved

333/18 That Council receive the report on Councillor Expenses and Facilities in accordance with the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

4.3 Investment Report for March 2018

Moved: Councillor Best Seconded: Councillor Marquart

Resolved

334/18 That Council receive the Investment Report for March 2018.

For: Unanimous

6.1 Rescission Motion - Regional Performing Arts Conference Centre - Potential Alternative Sites

Mr Kevin Armstrong addressed Council at 6.38pm.

Mrs Merril Jackson addressed Council at 6.43pm.

Mr Peter Carstairs addressed Council at 6.52pm.

Ms Kay Williams addressed Council at 6.56pm.

Moved:Councillor HolsteinSeconded:Councillor Burke

That Council rescind the following resolution carried at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 April 2018:

- 294/18 That Council note this report and its attachments.
- 295/18 That Council resolve that the site at 51-71 Mann Street, Gosford is to be the nominated site for the proposed Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre (RPACC), however, following the recent announcements from the Minister for Planning, RPACC will be discussed as part of an integrated precinct together the Regional Library
- 296/18 That Council request that the Acting Chief Executive Officer:
 - a Seek the consent of the Central Coast Conservatorium Inc (CCCI) to the development of the RPACC in the precinct referred to in resolution 2 above; and
 - *b* Inform the NSW Government and Commonwealth Government funding bodies of resolution 2 above.
- 297/18 That Council resolve that confidential attachments 1, 2, 5, 7, 9 and 10 to this report remain confidential because those attachments includes commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or confer a commercial

advantage on a competitor of the Council. 298/18 Council request the CEO to continue discussions with ET Australia to commit to provide accommodation for ET Australia and its tenants within an integrated precinct incorporating both the Regional Library and RPACC.

For:	Against:
Councillors Marquart, Holstein, Gale Collins,	Mayor Smith, Councillors Mehrtens,
Pilon, McLachlan, Burke and Best	Sundstrom, Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway
	and Hogan.

The Rescission was put to the vote and declared LOST with the casting vote of the Mayor.

6.2 Rescission Motion - Gosford Regional Library

Councillor Holstein declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in the matter as any decision would impact his current part time employer in regional youth support services. Councillor Holstein left the chamber at 7.22pm during consideration of this matter, did not vote and returned at 9.11pm.

The meeting was adjourned from 8.45pm until 9.01pm during consideration of this item.

Mr Tony Mylan addressed Council at 7.22pm.

Ms Kay Williams addressed Council at 7.38pm.

Moved:	Councillor Best
Seconded:	Councillor McLachlan

Resolved

- 335/18 That Council rescind the following resolution carried at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 11 April 2018 be rescinded:
 - 299/18 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to continue to advance the development of Concept 1, however, design it to take additional levels, and secure funding and / or investment before proceeding with additional development beyond the current scope of Concept 1.
 - 300/18 That Council request the CEO to order to facilitate submission of a Development Application consistent with part 1
 - 301/18 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to terminate the consultants on the alternative concept.
 - 302/18 That Council request the Chief Executive Officer to proceed to public tender for a detailed design & construction proposal on the concept selected by council.

- 303/18 Council request the CEO to continue discussions with ET Australia to commit to provide accommodation for ET Australia and its tenants within an integrated precinct incorporating both the Regional Library and RPACC.
- 304/18 That Council request that the Chief Executive Officer when presenting future draft budgets includes the required Council funding and any confirmed external grant funding to deliver the selected concept for the Gosford Regional Library based on the staged program of works.

For: Councillors Marquart, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Burke, Hogan and Best Against: Mayor Smith and Councillor Greenaway

Moved: Councillor Best Seconded: Councillor McLachlan

- 1 That further to Councils recent decision around the Gosford Regional Libraries' options 1 and 2 at a potential cost of \$67m plus overrun contingencies Council now defer this decision with a view to delivering to our residents and ratepayers a far more commercially viable and affordable outcome through seeking to leverage maximum site yields etc.
- 2 That Council notes the need to support the various current tenants/owners that are not for profits in developing the project plans.
- 3 That Council note that there are no funding or regulatory imperatives that are currently driving this project timelines.
- 4 That Council notes with great concern that the delivery of any such 'Regional Facility' will ultimately result in the closure of a number of current district libraries.
- 5 It is with this understanding that Council further recognises the need to develop a thorough libraries closure plan, details of locations, community consultation, impact mitigation options and staffing issues/redundancies etc.

Amendment Moved:Mayor SmithAmendment Seconded:Councillor Greenaway

1 That further to Councils recent decision around the Gosford Regional Libraries' options 1 and 2 at a potential cost of approximately \$67m Council now defer this decision with a view to delivering to our residents and ratepayers a far more commercially viable and affordable outcome through seeking to leverage maximum site yields etc. 2 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to continue discussions with ET Australia to commit to provide accommodation for ET Australia and it's tenants within an integrated precinct incorporating both the Regional Library and RPACC.

For: Mayor Smith and Councillors Burke and Greenaway Against: Councillors Marquart, Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan, Hogan and Best

The Amendment was put to the vote and declared LOST.

Resolved

- 336/18 That further to Councils recent proposals around the Gosford Regional Libraries' options 1 and 2 at a potential cost of approximately \$67m Council now defer this decision with a view to delivering to our residents and ratepayers a far more commercially viable and affordable outcome through seeking to leverage maximum site yields etc.
- 337/18 That Council enters into discussions with ET Australia and their tenants about their future.
- 338/18 That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer conduct a workshop with all Councillors and then bring a report back to Council at the Ordinary Meeting to be held on 28 May 2018.

For:AbstainedMayor Smith and Councillors Marquart,Councillor GreenawayMehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins,Councillor GreenawayMatthews, MacGregor, Pilon, McLachlan,Burke, Hogan and Best

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Moved:Councillor Gale CollinsSeconded:Councillor Marquart

That Council apply for the 'Rescue Our Waterways' funding for immediate dredging works on the Ettalong Chanel with NSW State Government.

Amendment Moved:	Mayor Smith
Amendment Seconded:	Councillor Mehrtens

That Council request the Acting Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) request information from relevant NSW government agencies to determine the income to the NSW Government from the marine activities in Brisbane Waters, with consideration of funding for a pool of funds to be available for dredging.
- b) urgently investigate the 'Rescue Our Waterways' funding for dredging works on the Ettalong Channel, noting that legal advice provided to Council confirms that it is the State Government's responsibility to maintain the navigation channel;
- c) request a Council delegation to meet with the Minister for Roads and Maritime requesting that the Dredging Strategy be amended so that Brisbane Water is recognised as a priority for the NSW Government.
- d) authorise the publication of a fact sheet in local media, sent to marine users and to local residents in the vicinity of Brisbane Waters, that explains the basis for Council's assertion that the dredging of Brisbane Water to maintain the navigation channel is a responsibility of the NSW government and what residents can do to request action.
- e) request emergency funding from the NSW Government to undertake urgent dredging of the navigable channel.

For:	Against:
Mayor Smith, Councillors Holstein, Mehrtens,	Councillors Marquart, Pilon, McLachlan, Burke
Sundstrom, Gale Collins, Matthews,	and Best
MacGregor, Greenaway, Hogan	

The Amendment was put to the vote and declared CARRIED. The Amendment became the Motion.

Procedural Motion – Motion be Put

Moved: Mayor Smith

That Council put the amendment to the vote.

For:	Against:
Mayor Smith and Councillors Marquart,	Councillors Holstein, Gale Collins, Pilon,
Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Matthews,	McLachlan and Burke.
MacGregor, Greenaway, Hogan and Best	

The motion was put to the vote and declared CARRIED. The Amendment will now be put to the vote.

Resolved

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For:	Against:
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Mehrtens, Sundstrom, Gale Collins,	Burke and Best
Matthews, MacGregor, Greenaway, Hogan	

Procedural Motion

Resolved

Moved: Mayor Smith Seconded: Councillor Matthews

Resolved

340/18 That Council extend the Ordinary Meeting of Council to consider questions on notice and then item 2.1 - Mayoral Minute - Appointment of the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the adopted Code of Meeting Practice.

Questions on Notice

Q45/18 Code of Meeting Practice Councillor Chris Holstein

Can staff please advise what aspect of the Code of Meeting Practice is breached if debate includes aspects of a subsequent motion proposed in dealing with a rescission motion?

Q46/18 John Whiteway Drive, Gosford Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins

Why has the Council erected the red rectangle no stopping signs on John Whiteway Drive in Gosford?

Q47/18 Parking Tickets Councillor Rebecca Gale Collins

Why was there a parking ticket blitz with Council Rangers around Lyons Park Gosford on Saturday afternoon, when we had 15,000 people attending the NRL game at Central Coast Stadium with inadequate parking?

Q48/18 Council Agenda Items Councillor Lisa Matthews

Can staff please advise when we are going to get some agenda items that are further north than Gosford?

Q49/18 Mayoral Chains Councillor Lisa Matthews

Can staff advise of any ongoing costs that may be related to the keeping of both Mayoral Chains for both the former Gosford and the former Wyong and what is the cost of insuring them?

Q50/18 Library at Warnervale Councillor Kyle MacGregor

Are there any existing plans for a public library at Warnervale or in the surrounding suburbs on the agenda for the current term of this council and can Council provide detail on any historical or future commitments and there progress that have been made in regards to a public library by either the former Wyong Shire Council or the Central Coast Council?

Q51/18 NSW Labor Funds - Libraries Councillor Kyle MacGregor

Is council aware of the recent funding commitment from the NSW State Labor Opposition to increase funding for public libraries by \$50 million dollars if elected in March 2019, NSW Labor has committed to doubling the library subsidy in its first term by \$1.85 per capita to \$3.70 per capita. Can Council staff report back to Councillors on how Central Coast Council, our libraries and residents will benefit from this potential increased level of funding subsequent to March 2019 and how this increased funding could be potentially utilised by the Central Coast Council?

Q52/18 Monthly Report - Grants Councillor Jilly Pilon

Can staff please advise when a report will come to Council on available grants, including grants Council have applied for, received and not received?

Q53/18 Pelican Feeding, The Entrance Councillor Bruce McLachlan

What options do we have to monetarise The Entrance Pelican feeding, an example would be photo stand and processional photography linked to website, or photo next to giant Pelican statue. ? This can be leased to an operator or Council run. We have bus loads of overseas tourist visiting the site and not adding to the local economy, before heading off to the Hunter Valley to spend their tourism dollars.

Q54/18 Wash Area - Picnic Point Councillor Bruce McLachlan

Can staff please look at providing the grey nomads with a wash area at Picnic Point to bring in RV vehicles as part of their destination? Shopkeepers are saying in the winter time the RV's would be very active if we could provide some wash area's where they could take their sullage and some laundry areas to encourage that kind of tourism for The Entrance.

Q55/18 Beach Showers Councillor Louise Greenaway

Is there a policy about removing the showers at some of the beaches or are they just happening to become vandalised or malfunctioning at the same time?

Response: Mike Dowling, Director Assets Infrastructure and Business

There were some showers that were removed as a result of vandalism and breakdown. Those showers are now progressively either being relocated to a more appropriate location or being replaced and upgraded. There is a process and we have carried out a number over the last 3 weeks up and down the coast and will continue to roll that out.

The Meeting closed at 11.18pm.