

NOTICE OF MEETING
SHOROC BOARD
Wednesday 18th April 2007
Councillors Lounge, Warringah Council
commencing 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

DISTRIBUTION:

Board Members	Position	Organisation
Clr Alex McTaggart	Mayor SHOROC President (Chair)	Pittwater Council
Mr Mark Ferguson	General Manager	Pittwater Council
Cr Denise Wilton	Mayor SHOROC Vice President	Mosman Council
Mr Viv May	General Manager	Mosman Council
Councillor Dr Peter Macdonald	Mayor	Manly Council
Mr Henry Wong	General Manager	Manly Council
Mr Dick Persson AM	Administrator	Warringah Council
Mr Rik Hart	General Manager	Warringah Council
Secretariat		
Ms Margie Brown Andrea Dawson	Executive Director Administrative Project Officer	SHOROC Inc. SHOROC Inc.

PRESENTATION AT 3.30PM: LGSA REPRESENTATIVES

Clr Genia McCaffery Mayor of North Sydney	President	Local Government Association of NSW
Clr Col Sullivan OAM	President	Shires Association of NSW
Mr Bill Gillooly	Secretary General	LGSA
Mr Sascha Moege	Special Project Officer	Strengthening Local Government

AGENDA

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1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Executive Director's Recommendation:

To welcome the new General Manager of Warringah, Mr Rik Hart to his first Board meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION PREVIOUS OF MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting held 28th February 2007.
Refer **Appendix 1**.

Executive Director's Recommendation:

That the Minutes of Meeting held 28th February 2007 be endorsed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Refer Action Items **Appendix 2**

Executive Director's Recommendation:

To note progress.

4. LGSA Briefing 'Strengthening Local Government Taskforce'

Executive Director's Advice:

As members are aware, the Local Government and Shires Association of NSW has established the 'Strengthening Local Government Task Force' to review and respond to the findings and recommendations of the *Independent Inquiry into Financial Sustainability of NSW Local Government*.

The LGA President, Clr Genia McCaffery, and the Shires President, Clr Col Sullivan OAM, have requested an opportunity to meet with our Board to discuss the progress of this initiative.

This invitation has been extended and accepted by other Regional Organisations of Councils.

Executive Director's Recommendation:

To welcome Clr Genia McCaffery, Clr Col Sullivan and LGSA staff Mr Bill Gillooly and Mr Sascha Moege to discuss the progress of the "Strengthening Local Government Task Force" initiative.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20 June 2007 from 3pm – 5pm at Pittwater Council.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
Wednesday 18 April 2007
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm at Warringah Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Board Members	Position	Organisation
Cr Alex McTaggart	Mayor SHOROC President (Chair)	Pittwater Council
Mr Mark Ferguson	General Manager	Pittwater Council
Cr Denise Wilton	Mayor SHOROC Vice President	Mosman Council
Mr Viv May	General Manager	Mosman Council
Cr Dr Peter Macdonald	Mayor	Manly Council
Mr Henry Wong	General Manager	Manly Council
Mr Dick Persson AM	Administrator	Warringah Council
Mr Rik Hart	General Manager	Warringah Council
Secretariat		
Ms Margie Brown	Executive Director	SHOROC Inc.
Andrea Dawson	Administrative Project Officer	SHOROC Inc.

PRESENTATION AT 3.30PM:

LGSA Representatives	Position	Organisation
Cr Genia McCaffery Mayor of North Sydney	President	Local Government Association of NSW
Mr Ryan Fletcher	Director Policy & Research	Shires Association of NSW

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair, Cr Alex McTaggart opened the meeting and welcomed Mr Rik Hart, General Manager Warringah, to his first Board meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of previous meeting held 28 February 2007.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of Meeting held on 28 February 2007 be endorsed.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion Wilton/Ferguson

That the Minutes of Meeting held on 28 February 2007 be endorsed.

CARRIED

3. ACTION ITEMS

3.1 SPORTSGROUND MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Chair welcomed Mr Brett Rodgers and invited him to speak to his Position Paper, which had been distributed to Members of the Board.

Mr Rodgers advised that the development of improved communication systems between Councils and the MWPSU was progressing whilst gathering data to develop benchmarks had been slow. It was acknowledged that progression of the objectives listed in Stage 2 was dependent upon the receipt of information from the MWPSU and an extension to the deadline for completion of Stage 2 is therefore necessary.

Discussion was adjourned at 3.40pm to welcome guests.

4. LGSA BRIEFING 'STRENGTHENING LOCAL GOVERNMENT TASKFORCE'

The Chair welcomed Cr Genia McCaffery, President of Local Government Association of NSW and Mr Ryan Fletcher, Director Policy and Research, Shires Association of NSW. The Chair invited them to advise the Board on the progress of the "Strengthening Local Government Task Force" initiative.

An overview was given of the NSW Local Government Inquiry, augmented by a powerpoint presentation. (Copy attached)

Questions and discussion followed.

Assistance from the LGA was offered to member Councils.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

To thank Cr Genia McCaffery and Mr Ryan Fletcher for attending and for their informative presentation which was very much appreciated.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion May/McTaggart

To thank Cr Genia McCaffery and Mr Ryan Fletcher for attending and for their informative presentation which was very much appreciated.

CARRIED

3. ACTION ITEMS (resumed)

3.1 SPORTSGROUND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (continued)

Discussions resumed at 4.35pm.

Dr Peter Macdonald left the meeting at 4.45pm.

Mr Rodgers is collating feedback for incorporation into the User Agreement. Once compiled, the User Agreement will be provided to the Board Members. A special meeting is to be convened in 1 month's time at Manly to reassess the Position Paper options.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion Ferguson/Wong

To note progress and to convene a Special Meeting in 1 month's time to reassess the Position Paper options.

CARRIED

3.2 REVIEW OF DRAFT REPORT FROM HALCROW

The Executive Director advised that the Transport Working Group met on 12 April attended by Stephen Moore from Halcrow.

A report will be forthcoming, providing projects and estimated costings for submission at the next GMAC

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

To note these advices.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion Ferguson/Wong

To note these advices

CARRIED

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

5.1 NSROC

The General Manager, Mosman, noted receipt of an e-mail from the Executive Director, NSROC, noting that as Margie Brown was leaving SHOROC, it was an appropriate time to consider bringing SHOROC and NSROC together as one region. It was indicated to the meeting that there had been similar approaches in the past that had been rejected.

The correspondence from NSROC noted that while there was some regional variance, there would be significant strategic and resource benefits - particularly in light of the Department of Local Government's current policy of alliance building and stress on regional arrangements.

Discussion took place amongst those present and it was agreed that the existing structure of SHOROC worked well and was of considerable benefit to member Councils.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion Persson/Wilton

That no further action be taken in relation to the matter.

CARRIED

5.2 REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT STUDY FUNDING

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADVICE

The Executive Director advised that the MoU had been completed and forwarded to the Department of Planning, enclosing our tax invoice for first installment of \$20,000. We are awaiting final approval by the Director General Sam Haddad before commencement of the project. We have been advised that this might take between 6-10 weeks.

A project steering committee has been formed with representation from our 4 participating councils to be chaired by Mark Ferguson. The Department to advise their representation on this steering committee.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. To note this advice.
2. Commend the work of the Steering Committee achieving this outcome.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion Wong/Wilton

1. To note this advice.
2. Commend the work of the Steering Committee achieving this outcome.

CARRIED

5.3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Chair made a presentation on behalf of the Board to the departing Executive Director Margie Brown, noting with appreciation the gratitude of not only the Board members but Councillors and staff from member Councils for the excellent work that has been achieved through SHOROC under Margie's leadership.

The General Manager, Mosman, reported that the General Managers group had met and the recruitment process was about to commence, and realistically would take in the order of three months. Arrangements were in hand to organise additional temporary assistance until the permanent position was filled.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion Wilton/Persson

That the advices be received and SHOROC formally acknowledge the excellent work of Margie Brown, wishing her well in her future endeavours.

CARRIED

5.4 NSCCAHS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ADVICE

The Board may wish to invite Dr Stephen Christley to attend the next Board Meeting to inform them of progress with regard to matters relating to the new hospital.

It was agreed that a letter under the signature of the President should be sent to Dr Christley to formally invited him to attend the next Board Meeting on 20 June at Pittwater Council

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion McTaggart/May

That the President invite Dr Christley to attend the next Board Meeting on 20 June at Pittwater Council in order to brief the Board on progress with issues relating to the new hospital.

CARRIED

5.5 FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

It was proposed that the Board might explore the opportunity of accessing federal funding for local projects by inviting the two Federal Members to a briefing and presentation.

The Mayor of Mosman offered to host a dinner at a time convenient to the Member for Warringah when a short presentation would be made by each of the Councils, followed by general discussion over a meal.

A Position Paper would need to be prepared by relevant staff.

SHOROC RESOLUTION:

Motion McTaggart/Wong

1. The Mayor of Mosman's kind invitation to host a dinner be noted.
2. A Position Paper be prepared.

CARRIED

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20 June 2007 from 3.00pm to 5.00pm at Pittwater Council.

7. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.

ATTACHMENTS

- Presentation by the LGSA