

SHOROC Inc
Board Meeting
& Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 31 October 2007
Councillors' Lounge, Warringah Council
Civic Centre, 725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm



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**ITEM 2. CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 August 2007**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2007 are at Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That SHOROC receive and endorse the minutes of the Board meeting held on 22 August 2007 at Mosman Council

ITEM 3. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3.1 ELECTION OF SHOROC PRESIDENT

The Board will elect a new President for 2007-8.

3.2 NEW MAYORS AND DEPUTY MAYORS

The following new Mayors and Deputy Mayors have been elected:

Mosman Mayor– Cr Denise Wilton
Mosman Deputy Mayor – Dr Anne Connon

Pittwater Mayor – Cr David James
Pittwater Deputy Mayor – Cr Patricia Giles

RECOMMENDATION:

SHOROC congratulate the new Mayors and Deputy Mayors of Mosman and Pittwater and welcome the new Mayors to the Board

3.3 SHOROC ANNUAL REPORT

A draft SHOROC annual report has been prepared by Melissa Gibbs from Blackadder Gibbs Pty Ltd. Melissa was engaged for several months as consultant executive director while recruitment action was being undertaken for the position following resignation of the previous Executive Director.

The draft annual report for the year ending 30 June, 2007 is attached for consideration and discussion by the Board. It includes:

- a report from the President and the Secretariat,
- information about the structure of the organisation,
- details of members of the Board,
- a profile of the region and
- a summary of key activities undertaken over the past year, including advocacy and joint activities.

At the time of preparation of this report, an annual financial report is not available. If it is available prior to the meeting, it will be tabled. Otherwise the information will be sent to all Board members as soon as it is available. Following the meeting, any changes or additions

shall be made to the annual report which will be forwarded to all Board members for final endorsement.

The annual report will then be sent to a graphic artist for layout and design and then to print.

Recommendation:

1. The Board adopt the Annual Report for SHOROC for the year ending 30 June, 2007 subject to any amendments and / or additions as discussed at the meeting.
2. The financial report for the year ending 30 June, 2007 be sent to all Board members for adoption when available.

3.4 ACCEPTANCE OF SHOROC INC AS A PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPERANNUATION SCHEME

Clause 10.2(b) of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme Trust Deed requires for a body or entity which is wholly owned or controlled by an employer previously admitted to the Scheme to apply and be accepted by the Trustees as an employer of the Fund. Upon acceptance in the Fund all entities are required to execute the Deed of Adherence, which binds employers and their employees to comply with the provisions contained in the Scheme's Trust Deed.

Recommendation:

That the SHOROC Board authorise the General Manager of Pittwater to sign the Deed of Adherence on behalf of SHOROC Inc.

ITEM 4. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO DELEGATES

ITEM 4.1 STRATEGIC ALLIANCE CONFERENCE AND DLG GUIDANCE PAPER

On Monday 27 August, 2007 the *Strategic Alliance Conference 2007* was conducted by Department of Local Government, Local Government and Shires Association of NSW and LGMA. It was attended by the Executive Director as well as some staff from individual member Councils.

The Minister used the occasion of the conference to launch a Guidance Paper from the Department of Local Government entitled *Collaboration and Partnerships Between Councils*. This paper is on the Department's website.

The Minister indicated:

- The government has no plans for forced amalgamation of Councils.
- That collaboration between Councils is important but should not be done because of concern about the possibility of amalgamations. Councils should work collaboratively to strengthen the sector and to better meet the needs of their communities. Councils should consider where working together can get better results for their communities.
- Stronger Councils have the opportunity to work with other Councils to support sector partnerships that have a clear strategic direction and which meet the needs of the

community. A good example is Memorandum of Understanding between Liverpool Plains Council and Blacktown Council.

- Collaborative arrangements should have a clear strategic focus and should engage all stakeholders, including staff. Any new arrangement should not be made to reduce staff or removing services from a small community.

The Deputy Director General indicated:

- The objective of strategic collaboration is a strong and sustainable local government sector.
- The preferred term for collaborative arrangements is now strategic collaboration.
- Strategic collaboration means Councils entering into arrangements with each other for mutual benefit. The outcome of any arrangement is to be improved services to the community.
- There is a wide variety of emerging approaches to strategic collaboration including integrated multiservice and business sharing, simple services businesses, knowledge sharing, business models etc.
- The new Guidance Paper sets out a practical guide for councils on key steps and also includes case studies of successful approaches.
- Councils need to consider legislative and policy matters when considering any strategic collaboration approach:
 - section 358 deals with the formation of entities,
 - employment protection needs to be considered – no arrangements should be designed to get around employment arrangements and employment protection requirements;
 - tendering requirements (section 55);
 - Public / Private partnerships (part 6);
 - Need to have a legal entity that has a deed of agreement with the Department of Local Government
- Strategic collaboration should make sense in its own right and should not be influenced by nor dependent on the government or minister of the day ie arrangements should be entered into because they make good sense, not because they are driven by politics or ideology.
- Councils should have regional asset management processes and plans and long term asset management and financial plans.
- Councils should remember to engage State agencies – strategic plans should be done in collaboration with State agencies and State Plan. Long term financial planning and asset management needs to link in with State government.

Recommendation:

The report on the Strategic Alliance Conference be received and noted.

ITEM 4. MATTERS OF INTEREST TO DELEGATES

ITEM 4.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

The Local Government Association Annual Conference was held at Coffs Harbour 20-24 October, 2007. It was attended by delegates from across the state, including delegates from member Councils.

The conference considered resolutions from member Councils and the Executive of the Local Government Association and also had a number of guest speakers, including the Minister for Local Government, the Shadow Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Planning.

The Minister for Local Government:

- reiterated his position that there would be no forced amalgamations;
- drew the attention of Councillors to a circular sent out earlier in the year making it clear that Councillors, not General Managers, are responsible for industrial relations policy in councils;
- stressed the importance of partnerships and collaboration;
- indicated that the Code of Conduct is being reviewed and expressed his view that a code of conduct committee should be independent and not have General Manager or Councillor / Mayor on it;
- referred to reforms in relation to integrated planning and reporting;
- recognised the importance of asset management strategies as part of integrated planning;
- reiterated that the government would not be relaxing rate capping requirements.

He also indicated that the government has no intention of changing provisions to enable the government to dismiss a single councillor rather than a whole council.

The Minister for Planning reiterated many of the matters that he had raised at the Planning conference in August, including the need for Councils to further reduce processing times for applications and his commitment to reducing the number of matters that require development applications by increasing the number of matters that can be undertaken as exempt and complying development. He also defended his decision to reduce the levy payable by developers and indicated that there may be more strict criteria for Councils to apply when determining developer contribution levies to keep the level of levies in check. He stressed the importance of the need to expend money levied from developers within a reasonable period of time.

The Minister also spoke about the time taken to produce Local Environment Plans. He indicated that he was considering whether Councils that are preparing a new LEP under the Standard Template by consolidating and converting existing LEPs with no policy change could produce the LEP without the requirement to exhibit, however he acknowledged that there may be difficulties with this, for example where there are differences in zonings. He referred to complaints he had received from Councils in relation to the time taken by his Department in processing LEPs and said he welcomed legitimate complaints but indicated that he had followed up some complaints and found that the Council had not submitted all necessary documentation etc.

Recommendation:

The report on the Local Government Association conference be received and noted.

ITEM 5. UPDATE ON SHOROC PROJECTS**ITEM 5.1 TRANSPORT AND LAND USE STUDY****Background**

SHOROC invited Halcrow to prepare a transport and land use strategy for the SHOROC region.

In February 2007 Halcrow facilitated a workshop for SHOROC Councils which developed a wishlist of transport improvements. The findings of that workshop were contained in a report produced in March. SHOROC Councils agreed to work collaboratively to raise the profile of transport in the subregion as an issue at State level. The Transport and Landuse Study is being considered in concert with the Employment Study which is being undertaken concurrently.

Study Progress***Phase 1 Draft report***

A draft report was prepared by the consultants in September, 2007.

It provides details on the context of the study and the study area; summarises relevant existing information; describes current transport mode share and existing travel patterns and details future requirements including issues related to mode share, trips, population and employment changes and growth and reviews the relationship between transport improvements and landuse changes.

The report indicates:

- From the results of the traffic study, that there is a high level of containment with 50% of all work trips being contained within the region. This level of containment varies between Council areas: 20% in Mosman, 40% in Manly, 54% in Warringah and 62% in Pittwater.
- There is a higher propensity to use cars for trips within the region than for trips from SHOROC to outside the region.
- That while there is a high level of bus service provision for north south journeys, there is a need to improve public transport for east west journeys.
- Park and ride facilities facilitate public transport use.
- Ferry is an important form of transport, particularly for Manly residents.
- There is a lack of effective and safe commuter routes for cyclists.
- For car use, three main corridors (being the Spit Bridge, Warringah Road and Mona Vale Road) are heavily congested in peak periods. There is also congestion within SHOROC area on weekends.

Matters that affect future transport options include:

- Anticipated housing growth of about 5-7%;
- The type and location of future employment with a likely decrease in manufacturing and increase in jobs in the service sector;

- The current policy of Councils to favour infill development results in dispersal of employment and residential growth which is less likely to result in a change of travel patterns;
- State Plan targets for Sydney Metropolitan Region would require a mode share shift towards public transport of about 3-5%;
- There is a relationship between accessibility and employment and residential densities so that where there is an increase in accessibility there is likely to be an increase in densities over time.

SHOROC Transport Forum and Briefing

A briefing was held on 11 October, 2007 at Manly Council. It was attended by about 25 Councillors and staff. Stephen Moore from Halcrow Consulting spoke to a power point presentation and advocated that both sustainability and accessibility need to be embraced when developing a transport and landuse strategy.

The talk raised the following points:

- There are about 197,000 car movements in the SHOROC area each weekday. If half could be captured this would be sufficient for a toll road, however this may not be a long term solution because of the social impact. The government would not be likely to undertake the project but it may be of interest to a private sector operator.
- The wish list that had been prepared from previous discussion focussed largely on improvements to north south travel but there is substantial demand for access east west. There may be scope to address capacity issues on the north south routes (and therefore reduce the traffic burden on the Spit / Military Road areas) by reinforcing an east west approach through Roseville and Mona Vale Roads with links to existing infrastructure at Chatswood and Gordon (which could also link to areas such as Macquarie Park).
- Decisions about transport options are also decisions about lifestyle for present and future residents as major infrastructure will have impacts on lifestyle.
- Sustainability can be improved by a number of means including making fewer trips, making shorter trips, making more trips by public transport, by foot, by bike and thus making more efficient use of existing road space.
- Employment strategies and key worker strategies and action to increase containment are relevant transport strategies.
- At the workshop he ran through several options for a future approach and considered other technologies.

Next steps

SHOROC Councils need to decide which strategies should be incorporated into the transport policy.

A further report is anticipated and may be available prior to the Board meeting. If so it will be discussed at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That SHOROC receive and note the report on the Transport and Land Use Study

ITEM 5. UPDATE ON SHOROC PROJECTS

ITEM 5.2 REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT STUDY

Background

SHOROC has received funding from the Department of Planning from the Planning Reform Fund to undertake a study to evaluate the existing and potential employment generating activities and land use patterns in the SHOROC region. The study will inform the North East and Inner North Subregional Strategies and LEP reviews and the development of a regional economic strategy. HillPDA have been appointed as consultants for the study.

The objectives of the study are:

1. To provide an indication of the employment capacity under existing planning controls; analyse the relationship between residential growth and the demand for different types of employment land and infrastructure derived from this growth.
2. To analyse the trends of different types of employment generating activities, including retail, commercial, industrial, home business, public services, not for profit, non-government sector and volunteering work.
3. Particular attention should be paid to the condition of the existing centres/corridors.

Progress

The study is currently in a consultation phase.

On 24 October, 2007 there was a consultation session with representatives from each Council and relevant government agencies including Sydney Buses, HMAS Penguin, Ministry of Transport; Department of Planning, TAFE, Health etc.

The purpose of the session was to understand issues from the perspective of key agencies and to identify constraints and opportunities.

A further consultation is proposed for 1 November with landowners and developers.

A draft report is anticipated for late November / early December.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That SHOROC receive and note the report on the regional employment study.

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ITEM 5.3 REGIONAL STATE OF THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT

Background

SHOROC has resolved to prepare a regional SoE report. A working group of council officers responsible for preparing SoE reports has been convened to prepare the report. The group is chaired by Stephen Clements, Manly Council, and Kym Thrift of Manly Council has resumed responsibility for compiling the regional report with information and draft chapters provided by the council officers.

Progress

While it had initially been anticipated that a draft report would be ready for consideration at this meeting, the report has not yet been finalised. There is no formal requirement for SHOROC to adopt the report.

It is therefore recommended that each Council consider inclusion of the report on the agenda of their respective Council meetings so that each Council can adopt the report prior to it being forwarded to the Department of Local Government by the end of November.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That SHOROC receive and note the report on the regional State of the Environment report.
2. That each Council consider inclusion of the draft report on their business paper for a November Council meeting so that it can be forwarded to the Department of Local Government at the end of November.

ITEM 5. UPDATE ON SHOROC PROJECTS

ITEM 5.4 PROCUREMENT

Background

SHOROC has a Procurement Group comprised of officers from member councils responsible for procurement. The group meets once each month.

Progress

There have been three Procurement Meetings held since the last board meeting; 23 August, 20 September and 25 October.

Regional Procurement Initiative

On 23 August, a presentation was given by a representative of the (RPI), which is a division of Hunter Councils, further outlining the benefits of the Industry Partners Program and Tender Link.

Eight Tenders were subsequently advertised in the press on 22 September (with a closing date of 16th October) these being for Traffic Signs; Hygenic Services; Galvanised Post and Caps; Stationery; Readymix Concrete; PVC; Concrete Pipes and General Hardware.

A review of these tenders by Council representatives will take place in November. Final Deeds of Agreement will be drawn up in January 2008 after assessment and reference checks and referral to any Council meeting if deemed necessary.

Public Auction

The date for the Public Auction has been delayed from November until April 2008.

SHOROC Website

Approval for a Tenderlink portal on the SHOROC website is pending. A Service Level Agreement has been forwarded to SHOROC for sign off. Each Council will also have the opportunity of providing a link on their website to tender documents.

Novated Leases

Mosman are proceeding with offering Novated Leases to their staff.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That SHOROC receive and note the report on regional procurement.

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ITEM 5.5 SPORTSGROUND MANAGEMENT

SHOROC convened a meeting of the Sportsfields Management Group on Monday 24 September, 2007. The Management Group comprises representatives from member councils and the Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union (MWPSU).

The key areas of discussion were Ground Managers Duties, Cost of Provision Report, Need for Extra Grounds and Fee Structure for sporting fields.

Ground Manager Duties

The Sporting Union requested that Councils formulate a standard approach with regards to ground safety. The agreed standard could then be applied to all ground managers during match days.

Cost of Provision Report.

There was further discussion on the cost of provision report that was prepared by Brett Rogers and which sets out a detailed analysis of the cost of provision and maintenance of sportsfields. The discussion included discussion about how to determine the best way of charging for various codes. The meeting decided that SHOROC and the Sporting Union should write to the NSW Government seeking a more equitable contribution and flexible use of grant funding to improve sporting infrastructure on the peninsula.

Need for Extra Grounds

The meeting agreed to draw up terms of reference and set up a subcommittee to investigate suitable sites in Many Warringah including Crown land holdings, National parks and golf courses where possible extra fields could be located. Locations could have a dual function for example, as a sporting field and as a fire break.

Fee Structure

Councils identified the need to receive \$345,000 per annum from the Sporting Union to go towards grounds maintenance. The Sporting Union agreed to come back with comments to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Sportsfields Management Group will be held on Tuesday 30 October, 2007.

Recommendation:

That the report on Sportsground Management be received and noted.

That SHOROC write a joint letter with the Sporting Union to the NSW Government seeking a more equitable contribution and flexible use of funding to improve sporting infrastructure on the peninsula.

ITEM 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTHERN BEACHES YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Mayor of Manly has received a proposal for SHOROC to take part in establishing a Northern Beaches Youth Orchestra. The project would provide an opportunity for young musicians in the area to develop their skills and help unite diverse groups through their love of music. It is hoped that the orchestra would soon provide a high standard of musical performance that could be enjoyed at community events across the Northern Beaches. The Mayor of Manly commends the project to fellow SHOROC representatives in keeping with one of the core aims of Councils to provide cultural services and youth activities to the community.

6.2 STATE GOVERNMENT REDUCTION TO PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING

On 21 August the Minister for the Arts, Hon Frank Sartor announced an independent review of library funding is to be conducted by Dr Tom Perry.

Mosman and Manly Councils have considered this matter and raise concerns about the likely redirection in funding in the 2007-8 budget.

Recommendation:

SHOROC adopt a regional response and write to the Minister for the Arts, the Public Libraries Association and Local Government and Shires Association opposing any cuts to public library funding and any cuts to the per capita funding and the Local Priority Grants.

ITEM 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 December, 2007 from 3pm-5pm at Manly Council.

Attachments

1. Minutes of the SHOROC Board Meeting held on 22 August, 2007 at Mosman Council
2. Draft Annual Report

SHOROC Inc

MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday 31 October 2007
Councillors' Lounge, Warringah Council
3.00 pm – 5.00 pm



IN ATTENDANCE

Warringah Council

Mr Dick Persson AM, Administrator
Mr Rik Hart, General Manager

Manly Council

Cr Dr Peter Macdonald, Mayor

Mosman Council

Mr Viv May, General Manager

Pittwater Council

Mr Mark Ferguson, General Manager

SHOROC Inc

Ms Leta Webb, Executive Director
Ms Andrea Dawson, Administrative Officer

APOLOGIES

Mr Henry Wong, General Manager, Manly Council
Cr Denise Wilton, Mayor Mosman
Cr David James, Mayor Pittwater

Item 1

APOLOGIES AND WELCOME

At the commencement of the meeting there were insufficient members present to form a quorum. For the purposes of Chairing the meeting, it was decided to assume that Cr Dr Peter Macdonald would be the new President of SHOROC for the term 2007-8. The formal election of the President and Vice President would take place once a quorum was achieved with the anticipated arrival of Mr Dick Persson at approximately 4pm.

Cr Dr Macdonald then opened the meeting and welcomed those present, noting apologies from Cr David James, Mayor of Pittwater, Cr Denise Wilton, Mayor of Mosman and Mr Henry Wong, General Manager Manly Council.

Item 2

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held 22 August was recommitted for approval once a quorum was formed.

RESOLUTION

Motion Ferguson/Hart

**That the Minutes of the meeting held 22 August 2007 be endorsed
CARRIED**

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 22 AUGUST

Referring to Item 3.2 when it was decided to invite the Local Government Minister to attend a SHOROC meeting, Members were asked to nominate items for inclusion on the agenda for this meeting. Leta Webb advised that to date only two suggestions had been received that being (1) that the Minister outlines his position on Council amalgamations and (2) Kimbriki.

Leta Webb further advised that at the recent Local Government Conference in Coffs Harbour, the Minister stated that he would not support mandatory amalgamations.

Referring to Item 4.1 the report on the Planning Forum was forwarded to all Councils.

Referring to item 5.1 (Transport Study) A Resolution from Mosman Council in response to the Transport Study was received and forwarded to the Consultant, Halcrow.

Referring to Item 5.6 The Regional Approach to Auditing is not proceeding at this time.

Referring to Item 6 Councils have been asked to individually respond to the Department of Recreation in relation to Child Protection Seminars.

Item 3.0

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Item 3.1

Election of SHOROC President and Deputy President

This item was recommitted once a quorum was formed at approximately 4pm.

Cr Dr Peter Macdonald was duly elected as President of SHOROC Inc and Cr Denise Wilton was elected as Deputy President.

RESOLUTION

Motion May/Ferguson

- **That Cr Dr Peter Macdonald, Mayor of Manly, be elected as President of SHOROC for the term 2007-2008**
- **That Cr Denise Wilton, Mayor of Mosman, be elected Deputy President of SHOROC for the term 2007-2008**

	<p>CARRIED</p>
<p>Item 3.2</p>	<p>New Mayors and Deputy Mayors</p> <p>Pittwater Council: Cr David James was elected as Mayor of Pittwater and Cr Patricia Giles as Deputy Mayor</p> <p>Mosman Council: Cr Denise Wilton was elected Mayor of Mosman (for the third time) and Cr Anne Connon was elected as Deputy Mayor</p> <p>RESOLUTION Motion Hart/May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Board note the election of the Mayors and Deputy Mayors of Mosman and Pittwater. • That SHOROC write to congratulate them upon their appointment <p>CARRIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>
<p>Item 3.3</p>	<p>SHOROC Annual Report</p> <p>Discussion ensued with regard to the content of the draft 2007 Annual Report. It was considered that the profiles on each of the Board Members were too lengthy and should be reduced.</p> <p>The audited financial statements are to be presented to the next Board Meeting on 12th December.</p> <p>RESOLUTION Motion Ferguson/Hart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Annual Report be amended to reflect the Board's wishes to reduce the length of the Board Member profiles • That the Annual Report and audited financial statements for SHOROC be presented at the next Board Meeting on 12 December. • That when scheduling meetings for 2008 a SHOROC Board Meeting be scheduled in November so that the Annual Report can be approved and lodged end November in accordance with SHOROC constitution. <p>CARRIED</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>
<p>Item 3.4</p>	<p>SHOROC As a Participating Employer of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme</p> <p>Following acceptance by the Trustee Board of Directors of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme of SHOROC as a Scheme employer, it became necessary for the Deed of Adherence to be signed by a General Manager.</p> <p>Accordingly Mr Mark Ferguson Executed the Deed on 31st October 2007.</p> <p>RESOLUTION Motion Persson/Hart</p>

- That Mark Ferguson be delegated authority to sign the Deed of Adherence so that SHOROC can be a participating employer of the Local Government Scheme
- That the signed Deed be returned to Mr Peter Lambert, Fund Secretary of the Local Government Superannuation Scheme.

CARRIED

Item 4 **MATTERS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS**

Item 4.1 **Strategic Alliance Conference and DLG Guidance Paper**

Leta Webb spoke to her report as tabled.

Discussion followed with regard to strategic alliances. The Chair invited the General Managers to comment.

Rik Hart advised that the Kimbriki agreement between all four councils had the support of the Kimbriki staff and was almost at completion. There had been discussion with both the Minister and the Unions but to date the Minister has not given approval.

RESOLUTION

Motion Ferguson/Hart

That the report on the Strategic Alliance Conference be noted.

CARRIED

Item 4.2 **Local Government Conference, Coffs Harbour**

Leta Webb spoke to her report as tabled and added general comments about the conference.

RESOLUTION

Motion Hart/May

That the report on the Local Government Conference be noted.

CARRIED

Item 5 **UPDATE ON SHOROC PROJECTS**

5.1 **Transport and Land Use Study**

The information provided at the Transport Forum on 11 October was discussed. It was recognised that consultation should take place with North Sydney, Willoughby and Ku ring Gai Councils but it was agreed that SHOROC should firstly establish a regional vision for what it wanted.

It was agreed that the transport strategy should not drive the vision for the area and that employment issues and economic development should be taken into consideration when deciding upon our transport strategies. To this end both the employment strategy and the transport strategy should inform but not necessarily determine a broader vision for the SHOROC region.

The Metro Strategy and the strategic visions and plans of member councils could be used as a basis on which to build a long term vision for the region.

Once a regional vision is decided, it was generally agreed that planning staff should have dialogue with each other in order to produce a regional or common LEP to give effect to that vision and to achieve consistency in approach.

The Phase 2 Halcrow Report and the Employment Study should be discussed at the December meeting.

RESOLUTION

Motion Hart/May

(i) That both the Transport and Land Use study and the Employment Strategy need to take account of each other before they are finalised and adopted by the SHOROC Board and member Councils.

The Board recognises that while both the Transport and Land Use Study and the Employment Strategy will inform further discussion on the future of the SHOROC region, the studies will not necessarily be determinant in shaping a future strategic plan for the SHOROC area.

That SHOROC and its member Councils develop a broader vision and strategic plan for the SHOROC area over the next year which take account of the Transport and Land Use study, the Employment Strategy and various strategic plans that have been developed by member Councils and State government.

(ii) That the success of the Transport Forum held at Manly Council on 11th October be acknowledged.

CARRIED

5.2 Regional Employment Study

As noted in 5.1 above, the outcomes of the Employment Study should be considered when formulating our regional transport study. The Employment Study is due for completion in December should be discussed at the December meeting.

RESOLUTION

Motion Hart/Ferguson

To consider the outcomes of the Employment Study in conjunction with the Transport Study in formulating a Regional Strategy

CARRIED

5.3 Regional State of the Environment Report

The report on the progress of the Regional State of the Environment Report was noted.

So that the SoE Report can be approved by Councillors prior to being forwarded to the Department of Local Government at the end of November, it

will be necessary for each Council to include the draft SoE in the Business Papers in the respective November Council Meetings.

RESOLUTION

Motion May/Ferguson

That the progress of the Regional State of the Environment Report be noted.

CARRIED

5.4

Procurement

The report on the progress of the Procurement Steering Committee was noted.

RESOLUTION

Motion Hart/May

That the progress of the Procurement Steering Committee be noted.

CARRIED

5.5

Sportsground Management

Mark Ferguson reported on the issues discussed at the Sportsground Management Meeting on 30 October including proposals to increase fees based on a separate fee for seniors and juniors. The MWP Sporting Union is seeking a service level agreement with Councils.

Proposals discussed at the meeting will be considered at the MWP Sporting Union AGM on 21st November. This includes proposals for the new fee structure, service level agreement and the responsibilities of clubs and councils, including allocations.

The proposals as discussed will be considered by sporting groups at the AGM.

The next meeting will be on 15th November and it will consider an implementation plan, including service level agreement. It is hoped that following that meeting a joint media release will be issued by councils and the MWPSU.

RESOLUTION

Motion Persson/May

That the advices as reported above be noted,

That Mark Ferguson and Rik Hart be congratulated on the successful outcome of the meeting.

CARRIED

Item 6

GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1

Northern Beaches Youth Orchestra

Cr Dr Peter Macdonald tabled a proposal from Soundwaves Productions who were looking at entering into a joint venture with SHOROC to form a Northern Beaches Youth Orchestra.

The proposal requests \$42,000 as well as rehearsal space for the group.

Mosman were not interested in participating as they already have their own orchestra.

Warringah supports the proposal but wishes to clarify if school music teachers are in favour of the proposal.

Pittwater will need to give the proposal further consideration after discussions with the Mayor.

Manly wish to proceed and will discuss funding with the General Manager.

The financial contribution of \$14,000 each supporting Council would be paid as a reducing grant over 3 years.

6.2 Reduction in Library Funding

Both Manly Council and Mosman Council have requested that SHOROC take a regional stand against the proposed reduction in Library Funding.

It was noted that Public Libraries NSW Country (PLC) has endorsed a Day of Action on Thursday, November 29 to try to convince the NSW Government to increase its funding contribution to public libraries. Response to The Day of Action is referred to each individual Council.

RESOLUTION

Motion May/Ferguson

That SHOROC take a regional position opposing the proposed reduction in Library Funding by writing to the Minister for the Arts, the Public Libraries Association and Local Government and Shires Association

CARRIED

6.3 Correspondence for Notation

- (i) Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Broadband and Regional Communities.

It was noted that the date for submissions had lapsed.

- (ii) Reply from Terry Clout, Acting Chief Executive, Northern Sydney and Central Coast NSW Health

It was noted that a reply had been received to the letter written by Cr Alex McTaggart.

- (iii) Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Natural Resource Management (Climate Change) asking for public submissions.

This item will be referred to individual councils for response.

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NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting will take place on 12th December 2007 at Manly Council commencing 3pm.
