

# SHOROC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

4pm on 27 November, 2013  
Long Reef Golf Club, Alexander St Collaroy



## DRAFT MINUTES

### Board Members Present

Cr Michel Regan	Mayor of Warringah, SHOROC President
Cr Peter Abelson	Mayor of Mosman, SHOROC Vice President
Cr Jean Hay AM	Mayor of Manly
Cr Jacqueline Townsend	Mayor of Pittwater
Rik Hart	General Manager Warringah Council, SHOROC Treasurer
Mark Ferguson	General Manager Pittwater Council
Veronica Lee	General Manager Mosman Council
Beth Lawsen	A/General Manager Manly Council

### SHOROC staff in attendance

Ben Taylor	Executive Director SHOROC
Jacqui Fishpool	Communications and Office Manager SHOROC
Gary Bigg	Business Manager SHOROC

## Item 1 Welcome and Apologies

Cr Michael Regan, Mayor of Warringah and SHOROC President chaired the meeting and welcomed all present. The Board congratulated Ms Veronica Lee on becoming the new General Manager for Mosman Council and welcomed her to the SHOROC Board. Apologies were received from Henry Wong, with Beth Lawsen acting as Mr Wong's duly authorised proxy for the meeting.

On behalf of the Board, Ben Taylor Executive Director SHOROC paid respects to the late Mr John Carmichael, Director of Planning at Mosman Council who passed away on 26 November 2013. John made significant contribution to Mosman Council over the last 20 years and also to SHOROC and the region particularly in the area of regional planning, transport and as a member of the Northern Planners group. John was a gentleman, a man of great experience and integrity who served the community well.

Cr Peter Abelson Mayor of Mosman echoed and supported the comments made by the Executive Director and said a Mayoral Minute would be included for Mosman Council meeting on Tuesday 3 December. Cr Abelson said Mr Carmichael was an intelligent, conscientious and devoted person who gave over 20 years' service to Mosman Council.

#### The Board resolved:

- To recognise and acknowledge the significant contribution Mr John Carmichael made to the Mosman Council and the SHOROC region.
- To pass on their condolences to Mr Carmichael's family.

*Moved Cr Michael Regan/seconded Cr Jacqueline Townsend  
Carried unanimously*

## Item 2 Minutes of previous meeting

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The Board resolved:

- To adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 2 November 2012.

*Moved Cr Michael Regan/seconded Cr Jacqueline Townsend*

*Carried unanimously*

## Item 3 SHOROC 2012-13 Annual Report and Financial Report

Cr Michael Regan made a brief address as SHOROC President for the past term.

Cr Regan said that while it has been a challenging year, there has been robust debate and it has been one of the most successful for SHOROC and partner councils. In particular the advocacy work for major infrastructure is seeing results with \$37 million allocated this year by the NSW Government. Highlights include:

- Northern Beaches Hospital at Frenchs Forest is being built and Mona Vale Hospital is being retained.
- \$7.5 million allocated for planning of the Warringah Road and Wakehurst Parkway upgrades and for Mona Vale Road.
- Planning continues for a Bus Rapid Transit system on both Pittwater Road and Warringah Road.
- Infrastructure NSW is engaging with the private sector on building a tunnel under Mosman.
- And notably the NSW Government committed to developing a comprehensive 20-year regional transport plan by early next year, and Mike Baird has publicly stated the 2014 NSW Budget will see a record spend on transport for our region.

Cr Regan said transport and health infrastructure are the biggest priorities for our residents and SHOROC and councils play a major role in seeing these long sought-after priorities delivered. Advocating for these priorities were key election commitments for Cr Regan together with his colleagues Cr Hay and Cr Townsend and he is pleased to have been SHOROC President for the past year to help bring them to fruition. Cr Regan congratulated the Board particularly for staying united on the two priorities for the proposed Bus Rapid Transit system (Warringah Rd and Pittwater/Spit/Military Rd) and not prioritising one over the other due to their equal importance to the region.

Cr Regan also thanked State and Federal MPs for their commitment to addressing the infrastructure needs of our area and for working closely with SHOROC to improve the region as well as Board members, councillors, council staff and the team at SHOROC who made outstanding contributions to achieve the results as outlined in the annual report.

Cr Regan concluded that he hoped councils will continue to collaborate and work together.

Cr Hay reiterated Cr Regan's words particularly the work with the State MPs and meeting regularly with them to achieve as a team. Cr Hay also thanked Cr Regan for a good job as Chair.

**Item 3 SHOROC 2012-13 Annual Report and Financial Report**

The Board resolved:

- To receive and adopt the Annual Report on the activities of SHOROC for the year ending 30 June 2013.
- To receive and adopt the audited financial reports for the period ending 30 June 2013.

*Moved Cr Michael Regan/seconded Cr Jean Hay AM*

*Carried unanimously*

**Item 4 Election of Office Bearers**

Mr Ben Taylor acted as returning officer and declared all positions vacant.

**4.1 Election of President**

Nominations were called for the position of President. Cr Jean Hay nominated Cr Jacqueline Townsend as President. Nomination seconded by Cr Peter Abelson. There were no other nominations and Cr Jacqueline Townsend accepted the nomination.

The returning officer announced Cr Jacqueline Townsend Mayor of Pittwater as SHOROC President for the ensuing term.

Cr Townsend said it was an honour to be elected the SHOROC President and to lead the SHOROC partner councils into another year of advocacy and collaboration. Many councils look to SHOROC as a model for what can be achieved collectively and it is a privilege to be elected President to lead the work of SHOROC as we work together for our communities. It has been a challenging year for local government with foreshadowed changes to planning laws and the local government framework which makes the progress achieved by SHOROC and our partner councils even more significant.

Cr Townsend acknowledged the work of outgoing President, Cr Michael Regan who led SHOROC through one of our most successful years to date in terms of funding allocated to the region for transport and health infrastructure.

Cr Townsend said that the plan is to build on these successes and continue advocating on behalf of the Northern Beaches and Mosman for better public transport and roads including the Warringah, Mona Vale and Pittwater/Spit/Military Road corridors and the much anticipated Bus Rapid Transit system. A further priority is continuing to build on the significant cost savings already achieved by leveraging our regional buying power and continued business improvements

Cr Townsend also welcomed The Hon Brownyn Bishop MP to the AGM and congratulated her on recent appointment as Speaker of the House of Representatives.

**4.2 Election of Vice President**

Mr Ben Taylor acted as returning officer.

Nominations were called for the position of Vice President. Cr Jacqueline Townsend nominated Cr Jean Hay AM, Mayor of Manly as Vice President. Nomination seconded by Cr Peter Abelson. There were no other nominations and Cr Jean Hay AM accepted the nomination.

The returning officer announced Cr Jean Hay AM Mayor of Manly as SHOROC Vice-President for the ensuing term.

Cr Jean Hay AM thanked the Board, indicating that she looked forward to the role.

#### **4.3 Election of Treasurer**

Mr Ben Taylor acted as returning officer.

Nominations were called for the position of Treasurer. Cr Michael Regan nominated Ms Veronica Lee, General Manager Mosman Council, as Treasurer. Nomination seconded by Rik Hart. There were no other nominations and Veronica Lee accepted the nomination.

The returning officer announced Veronica Lee, General Manager Mosman Council as SHOROC Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Ms Lee thanked the Board, indicating that she looked forward to the role.

**Meeting closed at 5pm**

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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<b>Tab A</b>	<b>Form of appointment of proxy</b>
<b>Tab B</b>	<b>SHOROC 2012-13 Annual Report</b>
<b>Tab C</b>	<b>2012-13 Audited financial report</b>