

# Corporate & Works Committee Minutes

Monday 22 May 2006

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# Corporate & Works Committee Minutes

**Minutes of the Meeting held on  
Monday 22 May 2006 at 6.00pm**

Present: Councillors      John Walker (Chair)  
                                 Claudia Cullen  
                                 Tanya Excell  
                                 Keri Huxley  
                                 Fiona Sinclair King

Staff:                              G Clarke                      (Director – Corporate Services)  
                                 W Hatton                      (Director – Technical Services)  
                                 L Jackson                      (Manager – Community Development)  
                                 G James                      (General Manager)  
                                 D Johnston                      (Manager Finance)

Also in Attendance:              Nil

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## **Leave of Absence**

Leave of Absence previously granted by Council: The Mayor, Councillor Andrew Petrie

Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Wilhelmina Gardner & Marcus Ehrlich and Leave of Absence granted.

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## **Late Correspondence**

Late correspondence was submitted to the committee in relation to Items: Nil

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## **Declarations of Interest**

Nil

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**Items Decided by this Committee using its Delegated Authority (Items D1 to D2)**

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**Item No:** D1 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting held on 8 May 2006**  
**Author:** Les Windle, Manager – Governance  
**File No:** See Council Minutes  
**Reason for Report:** The Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 8 May 2006 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

(Cullen/Huxley)

**Resolved:**

That the Minutes of the Corporate and Works Committee Meeting of 8 May 2006 be taken as read and confirmed.

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**Item No:** D2 Delegated to Committee  
**Subject:** **Monthly Financial Report - April 2006**  
**Author:** Don Johnston, Manager Finance  
**File No:** 987G  
**Reason for Report:** To present the monthly financial report for April 2006

(Huxley/Cullen)

**Resolved:**

THAT the monthly financial report for April 2006 be received and noted.

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**Items with Recommendations from this Committee  
Submitted to the Council for Decision (Items R1 to R4)**

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**Item No:** R1 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Annual Fee for Mayor and Councillors**  
**Author:** Les Windle - Manager Governance  
**File No:** 18.G  
**Reason for Report:** The Local Government Act requires Council determine the fees payable to the Mayor and Councillors.

(Huxley/Cullen)

**Recommendation:**

1. That, in accordance with Section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council fix the annual fee for Councillors at an amount of \$13,980 per Councillor for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.
  2. That, in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council fix the annual fee for the Mayor at an amount of \$30,520 for the period 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007.
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**Item No:** R2 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Sponsorship of the 2006 Wentworth Courier Business Excellence Awards**  
**Author:** Justine Henderson, Communications Manager  
**File No:** 1165.G  
**Reason for Report:** To seek endorsement for the 2006 Wentworth Courier Business Excellence Awards

(Cullen/Walker)

That the staff recommendation as printed on the agenda be adopted.

(Excell/Sinclair King)

**Amendment**

- a. That Woollahra Council contributes \$3000 in sponsorship support to the 2006 *Wentworth Courier* Business Excellence Awards.
- b. That the Mayor write to the *Wentworth Courier* requesting that the environment award not be a separate award but that environmental responses be incorporated as one of the judging criteria for each award category.

**The Amendment was put and lost**

(Sinclair King/Cullen)

**Amendment**

- a. That Woollahra Council contributes \$3000 in sponsorship support to the 2006 *Wentworth Courier* Business Excellence Awards.

- b. That the General Manager write to the Wentworth Courier advising that they consider incorporating environmental response as one of the criteria used to judge each award.

**The Amendment was put and won.**

**The Amendment became the Motion and was adopted.**

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**Item No:** R3 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Goods and Services Tax Compliance Certification**  
**Author:** Don Johnston, Manager Finance  
**File No:** 329G  
**Reason for Report:** To seek a recommendation to Council in regard to Goods and Services Tax compliance certification

**(Walker/Cullen)**

**Recommendation:**

THAT Council having noted the letter from the auditor and the statement by the Finance Manager it make the following resolution in regard to goods and services tax:

To assist compliance with Section 114 of the Commonwealth Constitution, we certify that:

- Voluntary GST has been paid by Woollahra Municipal Council for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 April 2006.
  - Adequate management arrangements and internal controls were in place to enable Council to adequately account for its GST liabilities and recoup all GST input tax credits eligible to be claimed.
  - No GST non-compliance events by the Council were identified by or raised with the Australian Taxation Office.
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**Item No:** R4 Recommendation to Council  
**Subject:** **Woollahra Preschool subsidy**  
**Author:** Lotta Jackson  
**File No:** 45.G, p19  
**Reason for Report:** To seek approval to affix Council's Seal to the NSW Department of Community Services Service Agreement 2006-2007 for the subsidy to Woollahra Preschool, and further, to affix the Seal to the Section 127 Certificate (NSW Industrial Relations Act 1996).

(Cullen/Huxley)

**Recommendation:**

That Council's Seal be affixed to:

1. the Service Agreement between Woollahra Municipal Council and the NSW Department of Community Services, and
2. the Section 127 Certificate - (Remuneration Payment Certificate) certifying that Council has remunerated all employees and contractors, in accordance with Section 127 of the New South Wales Industrial Relations Act 1996.

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There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.15pm.

*We certify that the pages numbered 739 to 745 inclusive are the Minutes of the Corporate & Works Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2006 and confirmed by the Corporate & Works Committee on 5 June 2006 as correct.*

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**Chairperson**

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**Secretary of Committee**