

**Kyogle Council**

**Unconfirmed Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held in the Council Chambers, Stratheden Street, Kyogle, on Wednesday, 21 January, 2015.**

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**PRESENT**

Cr Danielle Mulholland (Mayor in the Chair), Cr Maggie Creedy, Cr Ross Brown, Cr Janet Wilson, Cr Chris Simpson, Cr John Burley, Cr Robert Dwyer, Cr Lindsay Passfield and Cr Michael Reardon.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Acting General Manager and Executive Manager Infrastructure Works, the Executive Manager Administration and Community, the Acting Executive Manager Planning and Environment, Executive Manager Urban and Assets, the Personal Assistant to the General Manager and Administration and Community.

**MEETING COMMENCEMENT**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 5.01 pm.

**ITEM 1 APOLOGIES**

Nil

**ITEM 2 OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

**ITEM 3 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Mayor acknowledged that the meeting was being held on the Traditional Lands of the Bundjalung people.

**ITEM 4 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Nil

## **ITEM 5 REPORT FOR GENERAL MANAGER**

### **5.1 EXTRAORDINARY MEETING REQUEST**

**REPORT BY: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE**  
**CONTACT: ACTING GENERAL MANAGER JEFF BREEN**

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Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Janet Wilson:

That Kyogle Council invites Lismore City Council and Richmond Valley Council to separate bi-lateral workshops with Kyogle Council in the first quarter of 2015 to discuss potential merger proposals.

An amendment was moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Janet Wilson:

1. That Council initiates separate, bi-lateral workshops with Richmond Valley and Lismore Councils to discuss potential merger proposals
2. Initial workshops are to be closed and attended by all Councillors and the General Managers and held in the first quarter of 2015
3. Upon agreement to be involved in the workshops with either Lismore and/or Richmond Valley Councils the Office of Local Government be requested to provide a Fit for the Future facilitator acceptable to the Councils involved or, if this is not possible, the Councils involved jointly fund an independent moderator for the workshops.

**CARRIED**

FOR VOTE - Ross Brown, Janet Wilson, John Burley, Lindsay Passfield, Danielle Mulholland, Michael Reardon, Maggie Creedy, Bob Dwyer  
AGAINST VOTE - Chris Simpson

The amendment became the motion.

### **210115/01 RESOLVED**

Moved by Councillor Lindsay Passfield, seconded by Councillor Janet Wilson:

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3. Upon agreement to be involved in the workshops with either Lismore and/or Richmond Valley Councils the Office of Local Government be requested to provide a Fit for the Future facilitator acceptable to the Councils involved or, if this is not possible, the Councils involved jointly fund an independent moderator for the workshops.

**CARRIED**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

**ITEM 6 URGENT BUSINESS**

**210115/02 RESOLVED**

Moved by Councillor Robert Dwyer, seconded by Councillor John Burley:

That the matter of a Consultant to prepare the Council's Fit For The Future response be considered by Council as an urgent matter.

**CARRIED**

FOR VOTE - Unanimous vote

The Mayor then ruled the matter of great urgency.

**6.1 CONSULTANT -- FIT FOR THE FUTURE**

**210115/03 RESOLVED**

Moved by Councillor Ross Brown, seconded by Councillor Lindsay Passfield:

That Council receive and note the report.

**CARRIED**

FOR VOTE - Ross Brown, Janet Wilson, John Burley, Lindsay Passfield, Michael Reardon, Chris Simpson, Maggie Creedy, Bob Dwyer  
AGAINST VOTE - Danielle Mulholland

**MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 5.41 p.m.