

<b>MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CLARENCE CITY COUNCIL HELD AT THE CENTURY ROOM, BLUNDSTONE ARENA, DERWENT STREET, BELLERIVE, ON MONDAY 7 DECEMBER 2020</b>
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**PRESENT:** The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm with the Mayor (Ald D Chipman) in the Chair and with Aldermen:

H Chong (Deputy Mayor)  
L Edmunds  
D Ewington  
R H James  
W Kennedy  
T Mulder  
J Peers  
S von Bertouch  
J Walker  
B Warren; present

**APOLOGIES:** B A Blomeley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** General Manager  
(Mr I Nelson)  
  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Ms M Coleman)  
  
Group Manager Engineering Services  
(Mr R Graham)  
  
Manager Health and Community Development  
(Mr J Toohey)  
  
Manager City Planning  
(Mr R Lovell)  
  
Manager Communication and Strategic Development  
(Mr A Saddler)  
  
Executive Officer to the General Manager  
(Ms J Ellis)

The Meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the Mayor made the following declaration:

*“I acknowledge the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay respect to elders, past and present”.*

The Mayor also advised the Meeting that the Meeting is to be audio-visually recorded and published to Council’s website.

## **1. OPENING**

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 7.00pm.

## **2. INTRODUCTION OF ALDERMEN**

The Mayor introduced the Aldermen who were present at the Meeting.

## **3. APOLOGIES FROM ALDERMEN**

Ald Blomeley.

## **4. MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

The Mayor referred to the Meeting procedures in the agenda papers.

## **5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

<b>Decision:</b>	<p><b>MOVED</b> Ald von Bertouch <b>SECONDED</b> Ald Kennedy</p> <p>“That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday, 2 December 2019, as circulated, be taken as read and confirmed”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b></p>
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## **6. ANNUAL REPORT**

### **A. ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20**

#### **• GENERAL OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

The Mayor tabled the Annual Report and made reference to the Mayor's message contained therein and provided a general overview of Council's challenges, achievements and highlights which occurred during 2019/20.

The Mayor conveyed his appreciation to Aldermen, the General Manager and Staff for their support to the residents of Clarence.

### **B. PRESENTATION OF COUNCIL'S 2018-2019 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Chief Financial Officer gave a detailed overview of the Financial Statements in the Annual Report and Council's overall financial performance and answered questions arising.

Ald James asked the following questions:

#### **Question 1**

The actual monies that are sitting in cash you advised were \$25M and also I would like clarification about the \$7M that is actually sitting in one of our accounts in relation to the Seven Mile Beach sporting precinct and also a \$14.5M amount that the State Government provided to the Council on loan as part of the COVID-19. My direct question to you is are any of those monies that are either in cash or in that loan account from the State Government or in the Seven Mile Beach sporting precinct, if Council decides to initiate a buy back from Chambroad Petrochemicals are any of those funds I just outlined able to be provided if a decision is made to buy back the land from Chambroad Petrochemicals?

#### **Answer**

With regard to the loan amounts they actually relate to the 2020/21 financial year and were part of Council's estimates so in terms of the financial statements here I cannot actually answer that question for you this evening. The Seven Mile Beach sporting precinct was I understand a Council approved decision in terms of taking on loan money to support the development of that. I do not believe that has progressed and we have not taken the amount up for that amount. The \$25M cash that I mentioned is unrestricted which means it is actually supporting working capital so it is going to be supporting the on-going operations of Council.

#### **Question 2**

At the time the budget was finalised in July this year there was an austere budget constraint put upon Council for the 2020/21 financial year. Given that there has been an expected greater inflow of revenue post the budget and there is a value associated with that of \$.5M what funding would that be made available to or can that funding support any benefit that would flow to the ratepayers of the City of Clarence?

**Answer**

Again with reference to your question being one of budget estimates for the 2020/21 financial year given the focus for this evening is the 2019/20 financial year I am not actually in a position to answer that question however I am prepared to take that on notice and prepare a response accordingly.

**C. SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

The Mayor advised the Meeting that there were no submissions on the Annual Report received prior to the meeting.

**D. DISCUSSION ON SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

As there had been no submissions no discussion occurred in respect to this item.

**E. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT**

<b>Decision:</b>	<b>MOVED</b> Ald Walker <b>SECONDED</b> Ald Peers
	“That the 2019/20 Annual Report and 2019/20 Financial Report be received”.
	<b>CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</b>

**7. MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor advised that there had been no Motions on Notice received prior to the Annual General Meeting.

**8. QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

The Mayor advised that there had been no Questions on Notice received prior to the Annual General Meeting.

**9. QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil.

**10. CLOSE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 7.20 pm.