



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 28 June 2017

9am

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Administrator, Dr Ian Tiley.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Peter Dennis (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Lindsay Woodland (Group Leader Organisation Services), Mr Chris Rose (Acting Group Leader Service Delivery), Mr Keith Lockyer (Service Leader Finance and Information Technology), Mr Rob Shaw (Service Leader Roads and Parks), Ms Nathalie Heaton (Service Leader Governance Risk and Corporate Planning) and Mrs Jessica Bower (Executive Officer).

MINUTES

1. CIVIC PRAYER AND RECOGNITION OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS
ADVICE REGARDING TAPING OF MEETINGS
2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24 MAY 2017

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the minutes be taken as read and be accepted as a true record of the Meeting.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Nil.

4. HAVE YOUR SAY ON AN AGENDA ITEM
Dr Herman Beyersdorf spoke on Item 6.1 FOR DECISION: Performing Arts Centre Contribution.

Ms Judith Grieves spoke on item 7.3.6 FOR DECISION: Armidale Historical Society lease of the Old Dumaresq Shire office.

5. DEPUTATIONS BY GROUPS/COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS
Nil.

6. ADMINISTRATOR MINUTES

6.1 FOR DECISION: Performing Arts Centre Contribution

Ref: AINT/2017/10129 (ARC16/0001-2)

161/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Armidale Regional Council commits to a contribution of one million dollars toward the new multi purpose 1000 seat Performing Arts Centre as part of the 65 million dollar new Armidale full curriculum secondary school on the conditions that it will be 1000 seat capacity and be available to the regional community for entertainment, performing arts and conferences and that Council and its community will have input into the facility design.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

7.1 OUR ENVIRONMENT

7.1.1 FOR DECISION: Suspension of Section 2.5.2 of the Street Trading Activities

Local Approvals Policy and Alcohol Free Zone for the purpose of the NSW Small Business Commissioner Outdoor Dining Trial. Ref: AINT/2017/09522 (ARC16/1132)

162/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the request from NSW Small Business Commissioner to participate in the NSW Outdoor Dining Trial be agreed to.
- b) That the placement of chairs and tables for the purposes of outdoor dining within the (pedestrian thoroughfare/emergency vehicle access) area within the Central Beardy Street Mall for the period of the NSW Small Business Commissioner's outdoor dining trial be permitted.
- c) That the operation of the Alcohol Free Zone within the Beardy Street East, West and Central Mall be suspended to allow for the consumption of alcohol that is served as part of a meal, via table service from an appropriately licensed premises and consumed within an outdoor dining setting for the duration of the NSW Small Business Commissioner's outdoor dining trial.
- d) That given Armidale's climate, Council approach the NSW Small Business Commissioner with a proposal to extend the date of the trial to include the summer months (July 2017 to March 2018).

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2 OUR GOVERNANCE

7.2.1 FOR DECISION: Rates - Pensioner Concessions Policy Ref: AINT/2017/09339 (ARC16/0029)

163/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council acknowledge the submission received during the public exhibition period; and
- b) That having considered the submission, Council adopt the Pensioner Concessions Policy without amendment.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.2 FOR DECISION: Enterprise Risk Management Policy Ref: AINT/2017/08826 (ARC17/1889)

164/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the Enterprise Risk Management Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 5 July 2017 to 2 August 2017, and if no significant submissions are received, that it be adopted.
- b) That POL230 Enterprise Risk Management Policy be superseded once the reviewed Enterprise Risk Management Policy is adopted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.3 FOR DECISION: Community Engagement Policy *Ref: AINT/2017/09485 (ARC17/1884)*

165/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Community Engagement Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from 5 July 2017 to 2 August 2017, and if no significant submissions are received, that it be adopted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.4 FOR DECISION: Review of POL241 - Armidale Regional Airport Business and Industrial Land Pricing *Ref: AINT/2017/09523 (ARC17/1908)*

166/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposed amendments to POL241 – Armidale Regional Airport Business and Industrial Land Pricing Policy being administrative in nature to remove ambiguity only, not be publicly exhibited, be endorsed and take effect immediately.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.5 FOR DECISION: Draft Code of Meeting Practice *Ref: AINT/2017/09541 (ARC16/0620)*

167/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **That the Draft Code of Meeting Practice be endorsed;**
- b) **That the Draft Code of Meeting Practice be publicly exhibited for a period of not less than 28 days, from Friday 30 June to Monday 31 July 2017;**
- c) **That a further report be provided to the Council Meeting on 23 August 2017, for consideration of any submissions received; and**
- d) **That if no submissions are made within the 32 day period for submissions, then the Code be adopted.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.6 FOR DECISION: Rates & Charges Adjustment Assessment 55411-3

Ref: AINT/2017/09549 (ARC16/0045-3)

168/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Pro-rata Rates, Charges and Interest levied on Assessment 55411-3 for part of the 2016-2017 financial year be reversed.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.7 FOR DECISION: Financial Cash Reserves Accounting Framework

Ref: AINT/2017/09621 (ARC17/2153)

169/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council confirm the Reserves accounting Framework for the restriction of cash assets as detailed in this report and that a report be provided detailing the current reserves balances or otherwise and their adequacy.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.8 FOR DECISION: Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy

Ref: AINT/2017/10014 (ARC16/0618)

170/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the Draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy be endorsed;**
- b) That the Draft Policy be publicly exhibited for a period of not less than 28 days, from Friday 30 June to Monday 31 July 2017;**
- c) That a further report be provided to Council for consideration of any submissions received; and**
- d) That if no submissions are made within the 32 day period for submissions, then the Code be adopted.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.9 FOR INFORMATION: Cash & Investments Report May 2017

Ref: AINT/2017/09284 (ARC16/0001-2)

171/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Cash & Investments report for Armidale Regional Council as at 31 May 2017 be received and noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.2.10 FOR DECISION: Adoption of Four Year Delivery Program and Operational Plan
2017-2018**

Ref: AINT/2017/09270 (ARC17/1962)

172/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That the community submissions be acknowledged and Council responses to the submissions be noted;
- b) That the Four Year Delivery Program 2017-2021 and Operational Plan 2017-2018 be adopted;
- c) That the Operational Budget 2017-2018 be adopted with the following changes:
 - Early payment of the 2017/18 Financial Assistance Grant to be reflected in 2016/17 financial year following the federal budget announcement, and
 - Election Expenses carried forward from 2016/17 to 2017/18 resulting in the following General Fund Operating Result after Capital Grants;

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Net Operating Result after Capital Income	(4,302,490)	(172,322)	(707,562)	(1,213,131)

- d) That the Revenue Policy (Part A) – Fees and Charges be adopted;
- e) That the Revenue Policy (Part B) – Ordinary Rates and Annual Charges be adopted;
- f) That the Resourcing Strategy, incorporating the Long Term Financial Plan, be adopted; and
- g) That the Financial Policy and Strategy 2017-2021 be adopted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.11 FOR DECISION: Making of Rates and Charges 2017-2018

Ref: AINT/2017/09456 (ARC17/1962)

173/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That in relation to Ordinary Rates, Council apply the 1.5% rate increase as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal;
- b) That pursuant to Section 494 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following Ordinary Rates for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018;

Category & Sub-Category	Base Amount \$	Base Amount %	Ad-Valorem Rate in the \$
Residential – Armidale (Non Urban)	485.00	45.69	0.002265
Residential – Armidale	467.60	44.18	0.004442
Residential - Wollomombi	200.00	39.99	0.013783
Residential - Ebor	200.00	39.00	0.008690
Residential - Hillgrove	200.00	34.91	0.014955
Residential – Guyra (Non Urban)	258.80	48.85	0.002374
Residential - Guyra	238.00	48.05	0.004271
Residential - Tingha	242.50	47.91	0.063788
Residential – Village	182.00	48.15	0.005061
Business – Armidale (Non Urban)	737.30	43.22	0.003518
Industrial – Armidale	882.20	19.70	0.011632
Business – Armidale	791.00	19.42	0.011632
Business – Guyra	409.80	48.07	0.007662
Business – Tingha	258.60	47.64	0.061599
Business – Guyra (Village)	106.70	43.17	0.003280
Farmland - Armidale	1,321.60	41.18	0.002170
Farmland – Guyra	468.00	19.74	0.002073
Farmland – Guyra Intensive	1,146.90	19.62	0.009099
Mining - Armidale	995.30	18.22	0.034081
Mining – Guyra	252.30	48.26	0.008717

- c) That in relation to water supply charges and pursuant to Sections 501 and 502 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following charges for water supply services for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2017;

Water Service Access Charges	Standing Charge
Water Service Access - Armidale	\$220.00
Water Service Access – Guyra	\$320.00
Water Service Access – Tingha	\$320.00

Water Consumption Charges	Stepped Tariff Unit Charge \$ per Kilolitre
Armidale Residential	0 – 100kl \$2.47 101 - 250kl \$3.28 251 & Higher \$3.73
Armidale Commercial	0 – 100kl \$2.47 101 - 250kl \$3.28 251 & Higher \$3.73
Armidale Non-Rateable	Flat rate \$3.43
Armidale Non-Profit Sporting	Flat Rate \$2.52
Armidale Untreated Water	0 – 100kl \$1.20 101 - 250kl \$2.14 251 & Higher \$2.63
Armidale Dialysis Users	0-25kl \$0.00 26-100kl \$2.29 101-250 \$3.07 251 & Higher \$3.72
Guyra Residential & Commercial	0-100kl \$1.65 101-250kl \$1.97 250kl & Higher \$2.08
Guyra Dialysis User	0-25kl \$0.00 26-100kl \$1.60 101-250kl \$1.90 250kl & Higher \$2.00
Tingha Residential & Commercial	0-100kl \$1.65 101-250kl \$1.97 250kl & Higher \$2.08
Tingha Dialysis User	0-25kl \$0.00 26-100kl \$1.60 101-250kl \$1.90 250kl & Higher \$2.00

d) That in relation to sewerage service charges pursuant to Sections 501, 502 and 551 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following rates and charges for sewerage services for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018:

Sewerage Service Access Charge	Standing Charge
Armidale – Residential Occupied	\$395.00
Armidale – Unconnected Sewer	\$197.50
Armidale – Commercial (Minimum)	\$395.00
Armidale – Commercial (Ad-Valorem)	\$0.0046
Commercial properties are charged either the Ad-Valorem rate or the Minimum if the calculated Ad-valorem rate does not reach the	

minimum charge.	
Guyra – Residential Occupied	\$627.00
Guyra - Unconnected	\$408.00
Guyra - Commercial	\$627.00
Tingha – Residential Occupied	\$438.00
Tingha - Unconnected	\$135.00
Tingha - Commercial	\$438.00

Multiple Sewerage Charges	Unit Charge
Armidale Flats/Units	\$352.00
Armidale WC's – Hotels & Motels	\$129.30
Armidale WC's – Colleges, etc	\$129.30
Armidale WC's – Hospitals	\$58.00
Armidale WC's – Schools & Churches	\$58.00
Armidale WC's – Non-rateable	\$116.00
Armidale – Urinals Rateable	\$55.00
Armidale – Urinals Non-rateable	\$55.00
Guyra – Flats & Units	\$627.00
Guyra – 1 st WC/Urinal	Included in Service Access Charge
Guyra – 2-6 Urinals	\$264.00
Guyra – Each Additional WC/Urinal	\$138.00
Guyra – WC's Non-rateable	\$138.00
Tingha – Duplex	\$876.00

e) That in relation to waste management charges pursuant to Sections 496,501 and 502 of the NSW local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charges for waste management services for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018:

Waste Charge Description	Standing Charge	Unit Charge
Waste Services Provided in Armidale		
Domestic Waste Management 140lt		\$327.00
Additional 140lt Domestic Service		\$111.00
Additional Domestic 240lt Organic Service		\$54.00
Commercial Waste Service 240lt		\$320.00
Commercial Organics 240lt Fortnightly		\$121.00
Commercial Organics 240lt Weekly		\$173.00

Commercial Organics 240lt 2 x Weekly		\$277.00
Commercial Organics 240lt 3 x Weekly		\$381.00
Additional Commercial Organics 240lt		\$52.00
Commercial Recycling Service		\$124.00
Vacant Domestic Waste Management	\$111.00	
Rural Waste Management	\$109.00	
New Landfill Charge	\$150.00	
Waste Services Provided in Guyra & Tingha		
Domestic Waste Management 240lt		\$448.00
Domestic Waste Management 140lt		\$272.00
Commercial Waste Management 240lt		\$514.00
Commercial Waste Management 140lt		\$316.00
Vacant Domestic Waste Management	\$64.00	

f) That in relation to stormwater management services (drainage charges) pursuant to Section 496 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charge for stormwater management services for the year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

Charge Description	Standing Charge \$
Armidale Drainage Charge	\$50.00
Guyra Stormwater Management Charge	\$25.00

g) That the interest rate on overdue rates and charges, pursuant to Section 566(3) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council be the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges for the 2017-2018 rating year of 7.5% as determined by the Office of Local Government;

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.2.12 FOR INFORMATION Third Quarter Review - Integrated Planning and Reporting

Ref: AINT/2017/09361 (ARC16/0006)

174/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the report based on the goals from the Delivery Program and Operational Plan be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3 OUR INFRASTRUCTURE

7.3.1 FOR DECISION: Access to 502 Dumaresq Dam Road *Ref: AINT/2017/08074 (P/23390)*

175/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to sign and affix the Council seal if necessary to the attached subdivision certificate to allow registration of the plan of subdivision.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3.2 FOR DECISION: Stronger Regions Assessment Panel *Ref: AINT/2017/08873 (ARC16/0014)*

176/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **That Council adopt the recommendations of the Stronger Regions Assessment Panel and allocate the funding as detailed in the report; and**
- b) **That Council formally thank the panel members for their contribution to the Stronger Regions Assessment Panel.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3.3 FOR DECISION: Road Management Strategic Plan *Ref: AINT/2017/09406 (ARC16/0126)*

177/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **That the Road Management Strategic Plan be made available for public comment according to the proposed community engagement plan with a particular focus on the ranking of road projects for upgrading from unsealed to sealed surface; and**
- b) **That a further report be submitted to Council for adoption, following consideration of the public comments received; and**
- c) **That Council note the increased road maintenance allocations for 2017/18 as detailed in the report.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.3.4 FOR DECISION: Request to reduce hire fees for the Town Hall - Student
Ambassador Program**

Ref: AINT/2017/09457 (ARC16/0137)

178/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council provides a donation of \$212 to waive the associated Town Hall hire fees for UNE International Services for the International Children's Performance in accordance with S356 of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.3.5 FOR DECISION: Dumaresq Creek Master Plan

Ref: AINT/2017/09474 (ARC17/2184)

179/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council through a consultative process prepare a Master Plan for the urban reaches of Dumaresq Creek.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**7.3.6 FOR DECISION: Armidale Historical Society lease of the Old Dumaresq Shire
office**

Ref: AINT/2017/09695 (ARC16/1211)

180/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **That Council lease the old Dumaresq Shire offices (cnr Faulkner St and Cinders Lane) to the Armidale Historical Society Inc;**
- b) **That the term be for an initial period of 10 years commencing 1 July 2017, with an option to renew for a further term of 10 years; and**
- c) **That the Council decision to renew be based on an assessment as to the community benefit and the activities being undertaken by the society; and**
- d) **That the base lease fee be \$529.10 per annum in line with Council's peppercorn rental fee; and**
- e) **That Council pay the annual electricity costs for the premises.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4 OUR PEOPLE

7.4.1 FOR DECISION: Re-launch of the Guyra Museum *Ref: AINT/2017/09344 (ARC16/0575)*

181/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council lease the former Guyra Shire Council Chambers (190 Bradley St) to the Guyra and District Historical Society Inc;
- b) That the term be for a period of 10 years, with an option to renew for a further 10 years, commencing 1 July 2017;
- c) That the base lease fee be \$529.10 per annum in line with Council's peppercorn rental fee; and
- d) That Council pay the annual electricity costs for the museum;
- e) That the building undergo redecoration as detailed within the report and in keeping with the heritage of the building and that Council supports the associated funding request of \$15,000.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4.2 FOR DECISION: Armidale to host 2019 World Endurance Mountain Bike Championships *Ref: AINT/2017/09435 (ARC16/0083)*

182/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) That Council supports the New England Mountain Bikers Inc in their bid for Armidale to host the 2019 World Endurance Mountain Bike Organisation Championships; and
- b) That Council contributes \$25,000 in sponsorship towards the hosting fee of \$60,000, to be paid over three years, 2017, 2018, 2019.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4.3 FOR INFORMATION: Consultant's Report on the development of an Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan *Ref: AINT/2017/09472 (ARC16/0485)*

183/17

FOR INFORMATION:

That the final draft of the Consultant's Report on the development of an Arts & Cultural Strategic Plan is noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

7.4.4 FOR DECISION: Disability Inclusion Action Plan *Ref: AINT/2017/10363 (ARC17/1504)*

184/17

RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council adopts the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP).
The recommendation was ADOPTED.**

**7.4.5 FOR INFORMATION: Acknowledgement of presenters for Armidale Regional
Council presentation to Telstra Corporation Board** *Ref: AINT/2017/10320 (ARC16/0146)*

185/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Council acknowledges and thanks the Stakeholders and Businesses from the Armidale Region who participated in the forum and presentation to the Telstra Corporation Board and Executive Management Team at NERAM on 15 June 2017;
- b) Council acknowledges and thanks the Telstra Corporation Board and Executive Management Team for providing the opportunity to allow Council and our Community members to engage with them on their recent visit to Armidale.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 FOR DECISION: Gayinyaga - Minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2017

Ref: AINT/2017/07892 (ARC16/0605)

186/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Gayinyaga Committee meeting held on 10 May 2017 be noted and that advice be sought from Council's Manager Strategic Planning on the proposed nomination of North Hill as an Aboriginal Place and the request for Council to provide a letter of support for the nomination to the Office of Environment and Heritage.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.2 FOR DECISION: Armidale Regional Sports Council - Minutes of the meeting held
24 May 2017**

Ref: AINT/2017/09634 (ARC16/0330)

187/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Armidale Regional Sports Council Committee meeting held on 24 May 2017 be noted and the following recommendations endorsed:

- a) **The Council notes that Armidale Regional Sports Council will cover the shortfall of \$4,000.00 to Guyra Junior Rugby League if no other funding is available for the storage shed.**
- b) **That the Armidale Regional Sports Council endorse the Sports Council Small Grant funding applications to Amelia Mazzei (\$250), Holly Harris (\$250), Clarence Barker (\$250) and Cameron Graham (\$250).**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

8.3 FOR DECISION: Traffic Advisory Committee - NAIDOC March Tingha

Ref: AINT/2017/09430 (ARC16/0168)

188/17

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) **That the recommendation by the Traffic Advisory Committee to approve the Anaiwan Local Aboriginal Land Council proposed march as part of the NAIDOC Week celebrations, scheduled to be held on Monday 3rd July 2017 in Tingha be endorsed.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.4 FOR DECISION: Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting
held 8 June 2017**

Ref: AINT/2017/09492 (ARC16/0485)

189/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 8 June 2017 be noted and that the Executive Leadership Team (ELT) further discuss the following items a) to e) with the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee:

- a) **That the Larsen sculpture be installed at the Visitor's Information Centre.**
- b) **That Council request the architects of the Armidale Airport Redevelopment identify potential sites for Public Art.**
- c) **That Council include a budget for Public Art in all their major developments including the Mall Vibrancy Plan, Airport Redevelopment and Guyra Main Street upgrade.**
- d) **That Council consider developing a number of Ephemeral Art Projects to**

reinvigorate the Mall in partnership with the ARC ACAC and NERAM.

- e) That ARC ACAC revise the Public Art Policy to include guidelines for Council's DA process to ensure proper process is applied to support the inclusion of Public Art.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.5 FOR INFORMATION: Access Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held
on 27 April 2017**

Ref: AINT/2017/09803 (ARC16/0524-3)

190/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Access Advisory Committee meeting held on 27 April 2017 be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.6 FOR INFORMATION: Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee - Minutes of the
meeting held on 3 May 2017**

Ref: AINT/2017/07751 (ARC16/0217)

191/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Arts & Cultural Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 May 2017 be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.7 FOR INFORMATION: Wollomombi Local Area Committee - Minutes of the
meeting held 9 May 2017**

Ref: AINT/2017/08937 (ARC16/0229)

192/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Wollomombi Local Area Committee meeting held on 9 May 2017 be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.8 FOR INFORMATION: Hillgrove Progress Association and Local Area Committee
- Minutes of the meeting held 16 May 2017** *Ref: AINT/2017/09411 (ARC16/0728)*

193/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Hillgrove Progress Association and Local Area Committee meeting held on 16 May 2017 be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

**8.9 FOR INFORMATION: Audit and Risk Committee - Minutes of the meeting held
on 30 May 2017** *Ref: AINT/2017/09268 (ARC16/0522)*

194/17

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 30 May 2017 be noted.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

9. PUBLIC FORUM

Ms Bar Finch spoke on Armidale Rural Australians for Refugees speaking on a petition on 'no business in abuse'. Ms Finch submitted a petition for Council's consideration.

Ms Margaret O'Connor spoke on clean air for Armidale and the work of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee.

DECISIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION

195/17

RECOMMENDATION:

Members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(s) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items lists come within the following provisions:-

10.1 FOR DECISION: Guyra Pre School and Long Day Care Centre - Acquisition of Adjoining Land. (AINT/2017/09499) - *As this report deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes part of this meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*

- 10.2 FOR DECISION: Proposal to purchase property as detailed in the Report.
(AINT/2017/09701) - *As this report deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed, prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it (Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the Local Government Act 1993). Council closes part of this meeting, in accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice, as consideration of this matter in open Council would be contrary to the public interest.*

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

196/17 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the decisions of Closed Session be noted as follows:-

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

10. CLOSED SESSION

- 10.1 **FOR DECISION: Guyra Pre School and Long Day Care Centre - Acquisition of Adjoining Land** *Ref: AINT/2017/09499 (ARC16/1213)*

197/17 **RECOMMENDATION:**

- a) **That the Chief Executive Officer be authorised to negotiate for the finalisation of the acquisition of adjoining land to the Guyra Pre School and Long Day Care Centre; and**
- b) **Subject to successful negotiation affixing of the seal to any contracts; and**
- c) **That the land be classified as operational land on acquisition.**

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

- 10.2 **FOR DECISION: Proposal to purchase property as detailed in the Report**

Ref: AINT/2017/09701 (ARC17/2188)

198/17 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council delegate authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and purchase the property as detailed in the report.

The recommendation was ADOPTED.

There being no further business the Administrator declared the meeting closed at 10:32am.