
Extraordinary Council Meeting Agenda

21 November 2014





UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL
EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

To All Councillors

You are hereby notified that an Extraordinary meeting of Council will be held on Friday, 21 November 2014 in the Council Chambers, Scone commencing at 3.00PM, for the purpose of transacting the undermentioned business.

**W CROCKETT
GENERAL MANAGER**

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FINANCE REPORTS

F.11.1 *ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Waid Crockett - General Manager

AUTHOR: Steve Pryor - Director Corporate Services

PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is for Council's external Auditor, Forsyths Chartered Accountants, to give Council a presentation in regard to the audit of Council's 2013/14 financial statements.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive a presentation from Mr Paul Cornall of Forsyths Chartered Accountants in relation to the Auditor's report of Council's 2013/14 financial statements.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 25 August 2014 Council resolved to adopt the Annual Financial Statements, subject to any minor amendments required by the Auditors, and refer the Annual Financial Statements of Upper Hunter Shire Council to our Auditors, Forsyths Chartered Accountants.

The Auditors attended Scone office between 9 & 12 September 2014. On 27 October 2014, Council forwarded the Annual Financial Statements to the Office of Local Government.

REPORT/PROPOSAL

S418 of the Local Government Act requires that Council, as soon as practicable after receiving the Auditor's report, present its audited statements to the public and give public notice of the date of the meeting. The Audit Report was received on 23 October 2014. Public notice was given in the Hunter Valley News (5/11/14) and the Scone Advocate (6/11/14). This meeting will occur on Friday, 21 November 2014 at 3.00pm.

S420 provides for any person making submissions to Council with respect to the Auditors must be in writing and lodged with Council within seven (7) days after date of public display. No submissions have been received by Council.

OPTIONS

For Council's notation only.

CONSULTATION

- Finance Committee
- Director Corporate Services
- Manager Finance

Corporate Services

STRATEGIC LINKS

a. Community Strategic Plan 2013+

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

7. Provide community leadership through open, accountable and efficient governance.
24. Effectively and efficiently manage the business of the Council within its Charter.
25. Encourage an open and participatory Council, with an emphasis on community engagement, action and response.

b. Delivery Program

Provide a general ledger, budgetary control, financial management and reporting, and internal audit service for the organization which is effective and cost efficient in its operation while being regarded as better than satisfactory in overall service delivery by managers and other users of the finance systems.

c. Other Plans

The Financial Statements form part of details for Council's Longer Term Financial Plan.

IMPLICATIONS

a. Policy and Procedural Implications

Nil

b. Financial Implications

Gives the community and other users of Council information details of the financial position at the end of each financial year, as well as other statutory and non-statutory information.

c. Legislative Implications

S418 and S420 of the Local Government Act sets out requirements of Council in regard to reporting requirements and presentation of audited financial statements.

d. Risk Implications

Negative data can have a reputational risk to Council.

e. Other Implications

Nil.

CONCLUSION

That Council receive the 2013/14 Auditor's Report on the Financial Statements.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no enclosures for this report