

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday 24  
November 2014  
at 5.00pm  
Council  
Chambers, St  
Helens



John Brown

General Manager, Break O'Day Council

24 November 2014

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## **AGM/14.1.0 ATTENDANCE**

### **AGM/14.1.1 Present**

Mayor Mick Tucker  
Deputy Mayor John McGiveron  
Councillor Janet Drummond  
Councillor Barry LeFevre  
Councillor Glenn McGuinness  
Councillor Margaret Osborne OAM  
Councillor John Tucker

### **AGM/14.1.2 Apologies**

Councillor Hannah Rubenach  
Councillor Tim Warren

### **AGM/14.1.3 Leave of Absence**

Nil

### **AGM/14.1.4 Staff in Attendance**

General Manager, John Brown  
Executive Assistant, Angela Matthews  
Manager Corporate Services, Bob Hoogland  
Manager Community Services, Chris Hughes  
HR Manager, Paula Kloosterman  
Building Services Coordinator, Jake Ihnen

### **AGM/14.1.5 Community**

One (1) member of the Break O'Day community were present at the meeting.

## **AGM/14.2.0 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION – MAYOR MICK TUCKER**

## AGM/14.3.0 ANNUAL REPORT

### AGM/14.3.1 Mayor's Report

2013/2014 has been a year of starting to see the results of extensive community consultation of many areas of Local Government including land use planning, tourism and transport. As part of the Municipal Management Plan, Council is now in a position to keep pressure on the State and Federal Governments to financially support the needs of our community with big ticket items such as accessibility in times of flood and fire with alternative access routes and major infrastructure to suit the needs of our community.

We have already been very fortunate to receive Federal and State funding towards a new multi-purpose indoor ball games facility. This new facility which is due to commence construction early 2015, will enable State and National level sporting events to be staged locally. For the first time ever local sports clubs such as netball, basketball and tennis will be able to host visiting clubs for competitions. Naturally this is excellent for the personal development of local players but also a huge tourism benefit to local accommodation houses and eateries. An influx of sports players and their families will bring a welcome boost to the economic viability of local businesses and a high proportion of these visitors will stay on to enjoy the beauty of the local area as a tourist. This whole project wouldn't have been funded if Council hadn't presented such a strong case to State and Federal politicians. Feedback from the many Politicians we have met with is that we stand out as a Council for our extensive planning work through the Municipal Management Plan.

It has always been recognised that the St Helens Hospital was not going to be a long term option due to flooding and a lack of space for service providers. Council was extremely fortunate to purchase a large parcel of land in Annie Street and with our good working relationship with the State Government we have now seen a commitment to utilise the site for a new hospital which is due to start construction in 2016/2017. The site is so large that with consultation with service providers it may in the future become a whole medical services hub with Ambulance Tasmania and others located on site. A stakeholders meeting was held to determine the needs of service providers and the community and to ensure the vision for the project incorporated known future needs and allowed for future additions that may be identified at a later time. It has been very pleasing to see this major development be progressed with the State Government. This is another example of how Council has been proactive in securing infrastructure on behalf of the community for now and for many years into the future.

Council has a long term financial plan which we work to. This is the first time ever that Council has closely assessed current costs and needs, and determined the level of incoming rates we need to receive in the future in order to provide the services and infrastructure we are required to deliver. We have been working towards maintaining this plan for the last two (2) years in order to keep Council in a financially sustainable position and to ensure the future needs of the region can be met without putting additional financial burden on rate payers. Although the rate increases can at times seem high to some, it needs to be remembered that we all need to feel a bit of financial bite to ensure the future demands can be financially met.

Together with the State Government we are now able to progress a slip lane at the entrance to St Helens Point Road and an upgrade of the Lions Park. A revamp of the site will include safety measures being installed and the car park being moved. An upgrade of facilities on site will make this a great first view for residents and tourists alike as they enter St Helens.

Work is still progressing on a main street streetscape update for St Marys and Fingal. Extensive public consultation has occurred with the local communities over several years and now we are finally at the point of seeking approval from DIER to commence the works. Both of these projects will bring a welcome uplift to the look of the towns and we encourage business owners to embrace the changes and utilise them to showcase their shop fronts. Bringing our footpaths and access points up to a level that meets disability access regulations is not only a legal requirement but also acknowledges the needs of residents currently and into the future.

This last financial year saw a huge commitment to the upgrade of stormwater infrastructure. It was well known that St Helens has seen an unprecedented number of flooding events in recent years with significant damage being caused to local homes and businesses. Council made a significant financial investment in upgrading the stormwater system and hopefully when we do get future inundating rains we never experience damage and road blockages like we have in the past.

Another example of our working relationship with the State Government has been the works installed at Beauty Bay where we had a land slip occur as a result of someone deciding to poison trees along the road side. This was a huge cost for Council. The selfish actions of an individual cost this community \$244,952, so we were fortunate to have DIER assist with the works to not only make Beauty Bay accessible for everyone again but to also ensure the stability of the Tasman Highway.

As always Council continues to support to local community groups with events such as the Break O'Day Art Prize and Market, sporting facility upgrades such as the St Marys Sports Ground and numerous other donations of money and equipment. We also financially contribute to events such as 10 Days on the Island bringing events to the region for all to enjoy.

As I retire from this role, I am satisfied to look back at where we have come from as a Council to now, how we are placed to meet our financial obligations now and into the future and know that with a continued vision of long term financial sustainability, this region will benefit for many years to come for the sacrifices we have had to make along the way.

**Sarah Schmerl**  
**MAYOR**

**AGM/14.3.1**            Moved Clr G McGuinness / Seconded Clr J McGiveron:

That the Mayor's report be taken as read and received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## AGM/14.3.2 General Manager's Report

2013/2014 has seen significant changes within the State and Federal Governments with elections being held for both.

During the lead up to both the Federal and State elections, Break O'Day Council hosted a range of elected representatives from all political parties in a mission to secure infrastructure investment in the Break O'Day Municipality to build a solid foundation for the future of Break O'Day. Through this phase of the elections Council actively sought commitments and support from all sides of politics for investment in key strategic infrastructure projects within Break O'Day.

Council was focused on projects that will bring maximum economic and social benefit, such as the barway marine infrastructure project, and the redevelopment of the St Helens Aerodrome to service the fishing industry and additional tourism benefits such as golf tourism and recreational fishing. Another project that was a high priority is the relocation of the St Helens District Hospital, for which Council purchased a parcel of land; a facilitated workshop with stakeholder organisations took place to develop a shared vision for the site. Council is also focused on continued upgrades of St Marys Pass and the construction of north and south bound slip lanes at the intersection of St Helens Point Road and Tasman Highway to increase road safety and serviceability for both residents and tourists.

Council has also "got on board the Tobruk" and lent support to the HMAS Tobruk artificial reef project that is proposed for Skeleton Bay.

### *Municipal Management Plan (MMP)*

The MMP and the associated components are nearing completion and as components are completed they are posted on Council's website for comment. The remaining components will be finalised during 2014/2015.

The Plan will ensure that future development in the Municipality is undertaken in a strategic and integrated manner in accordance with agreed priorities determined through community consultation.

As Acting General Manager of Break O'Day Council I would like to acknowledge and thank Des Jennings for his service as General Manager since March 2010 and express my appreciation for his dedication to the Break O'Day Municipality during this time and wish him well in his new role as General Manager at Northern Midlands Council.

I recognise that I have the privilege of being the Manager of a team of knowledgeable and skilled individuals that service the community efficiently and effectively.

It is with their support and commitment and the support and commitment of Elected Members that we continue to achieve improvements in the way services are provided to the community.

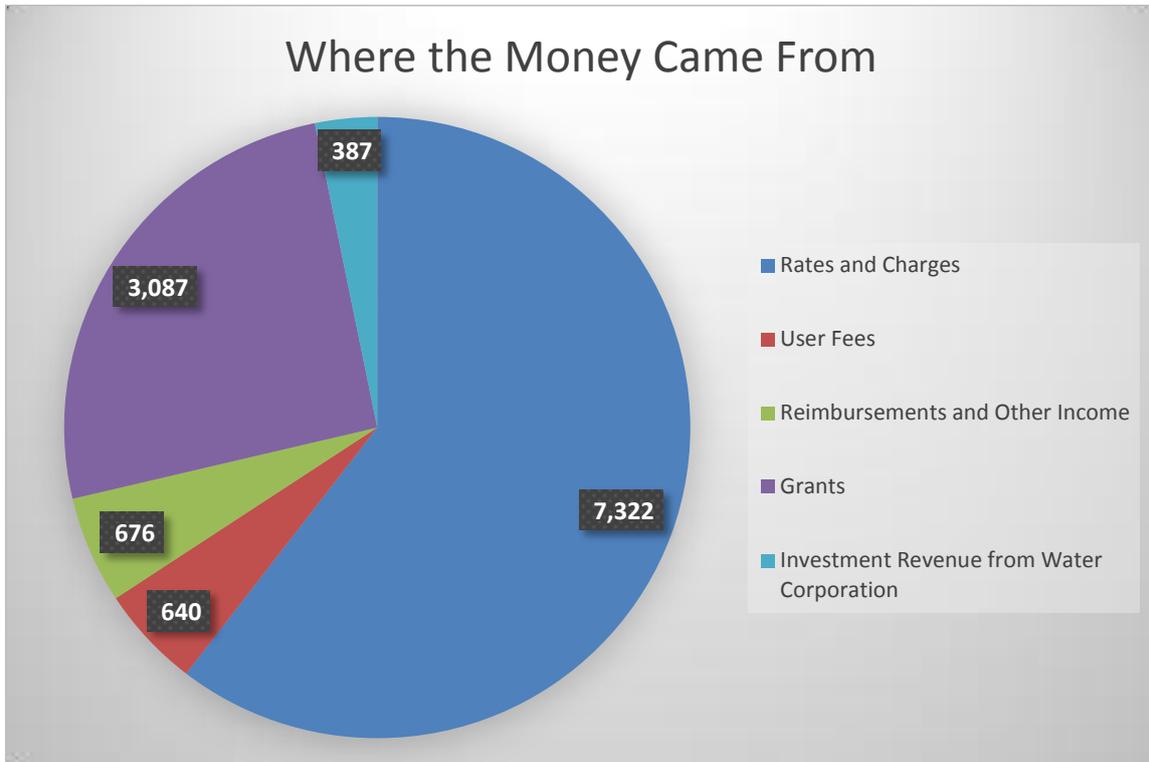
**Bob Hoogland**  
**Acting General Manager**

**AGM/14.3.2**      Moved Clr M Osborne / Seconded Clr J Drummond:

That the Acting General Manager’s report be taken as read and received.

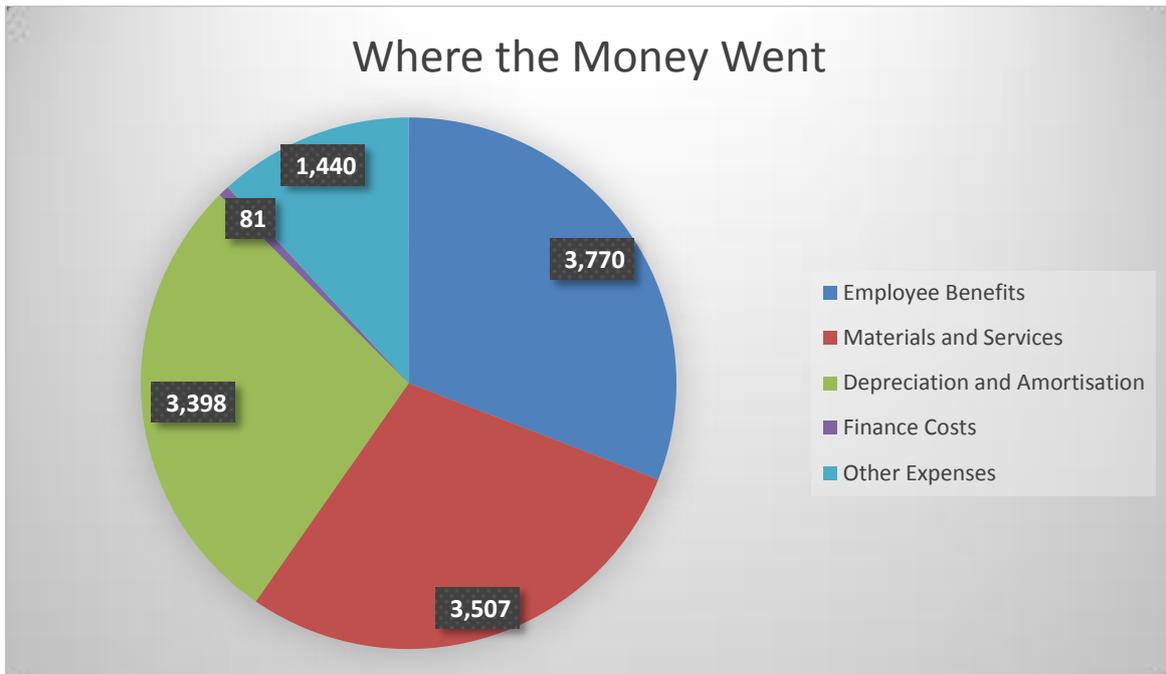
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**AGM/14.3.3**      **Financial Report**



**Where the Money Came From**

	<b>\$000's</b>	<b>%</b>
Rates and Charges	7,322	60%
User Fees	640	5%
Reimbursements and Other Income	676	6%
Grants	3,087	25%
Investment Revenue from Water Corporation	387	3%
	<b>12,112</b>	<b>100%</b>



**Where the Money Went**

	\$000's	%
Employee Benefits	3,770	31%
Materials and Services	3,507	29%
Depreciation and Amortisation	3,398	28%
Finance Costs	81	1%
Other Expenses	1,440	12%
	<b>12,196</b>	<b>100%</b>

**AGM/14.3.3**      Moved Clr G McGuinness / Seconded Clr B LeFevre:

That the financial report be received.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGM/14.4.0**      **QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**AGM/14.5.0      QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**AGM/14.6.0      MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

Nil

**AGM/14.7.0      MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE**

Nil

**AGM/14.8.0      MEETING CLOSURE**

Mayor Tucker advised that the minutes of this meeting will be received at the Council meeting to be held on Monday 15 December 2014.

There being no further questions or motions Mayor Tucker thanked those in attendance for their contribution and declared the meeting closed at 5.02pm.

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**MAYOR**

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**DATE**