

**SOUTHERN SLOPES NOXIOUS PLANTS AUTHORITY**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY, HELD AT THE OLD  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURT STREET BOOROWA, ON THURSDAY 16TH  
JUNE 2016, COMMENCING AT 4.00.PM.**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Councillors:

Yass:       Clr C Burgess  
              Clr G Ware

Hilltops:   W Tuckerman (Administrator)

Staff:

DJ Minehan – General Manager

Guest – Michael Michelmore (Invasive Species Leader DPI)

**APOLOGIES:** - Nil

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** Nil

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**10/16 RESOLVED:**                       **That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meetings of  
the Authority held on Thursday 21st April 2016  
be confirmed.**  
**Councillors: G. Ware/C. Burgess**

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil

**FINANCE REPORT**

**Item 1: Financial Reviews to 31 May 2016**

**11/16 RESOLVED:**                       **That the County's Financial Review for 31 May  
2016 is received.**  
**Councillors: G. Ware/C. Burgess**

W Tuckerman:       Are estimates revised quarterly or annually?  
General Manager:   Revised quarterly  
W Tuckerman:       In the Financial Report to 31.5.16 the Assets Reserve Fund shows  
\$112,158.99 and on the Asset Reserve Fund Balance Sheet it  
shows \$120,000  
General Manager:   Will look into that discrepancy with the Finance Officer

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**FINANCE REPORT (Cont'd)**

**Item 2: 2016/2017 Operational Plan & Long Term Financial Plan**

**12/16 RESOLVED:                      That the 2016/2017 Operational Plan & Long  
Term Financial Plan be adopted.  
Councillors: G. Ware/C. Burgess**

W Tuckerman:              Is the 2016/2017 OP & LTFP on the SSNPA website?  
General Manager:        No, it was advertised in the newspaper for the required 28 days.

**Item 3: Financial Report by Constituent Councils**

A report on the income and expenditure up to 31.5.16 by constituent Councils was presented and discussed. The shortfall of \$47,721 for Yass Valley Council was highlighted. This shortfall is covered by SSNPA private works profit and other income of Section 64 property sale inspection fees, sub-division inspection fees and interest on investments.

**Item 4: Councillor's Allowance**

**13/16 RESOLVED:                      That the Councillor's allowance current  
payment level remains unchanged.  
That the allowance for the Administrator of  
Hilltops Council be waived.  
Councillors: G. Ware/C. Burgess**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

**Item 1: Current Weed Control Program**

The current weed control plan for SSNPA were discussed. The General Manager highlighted the areas of property inspections for New and Emerging weeds, targeting African Love Grass. Roadside control is also for African Love Grass, Chilean Needle Grass and Serrated Tussock.

Private works have been at a high level, with the immediate cold conditions reducing demand.

High risk pathway inspections have been completed over the County area for 2015/2016.

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**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (Cont'd)**

**Item 2: South Eastern Regional Committee Meeting**

**Item 3: Bookham Field Day**

**Item 4: Green Army**

The General Manager explained the plan of SSNPA and Boorowa Landcare to engage a Green Army team to carry out weed control works in the Boorowa district, sourcing unemployed people from the Boorowa area. SSNPA and Boorowa Landcare would oversee the project and provide on ground training.

**Item 5: Courses Completed**

An information item of an upcoming field day at Bookham, hosted by SSNPA and SE Local Land Service

**Item 6: Council Amalgamations**

Discussion was held on the proposal by Yass Valley Council and Hilltops Council to disband SSCC and transfer the noxious weeds function to Hilltops Council. Yass Valley Council would enter into a performance agreement for twelve months with Hilltops Council, who would provide a noxious weeds delivery service for them. The operation would be reviewed after 12 months for effectiveness.

Michael Michelmore, Invasive Species leader (Department of Primary Industries) attended the meeting to assist with clarification of the County Council disbanding process if it was to eventuate.

The Local Government Proclamation 2016 (Council Amalgamations) was presented for information on the process.

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**14/16 RESOLVED:**

**That the meeting be closed to the public as per section 10A (1) (a), sub-clause (2) (a) of the Local Government Act 1993, to discuss matters concerning particular individuals.**

**Councillors: G. Ware/W. Tuckerman**

**Item 7: General Manager's Contract Review**

**Item 8: Private Property Inspections**

**Item 9: Section 20 Property Entry**

No resolution passed

**15/16 RESOLVED:**

**That the meeting reverts to open forum.**

**Councillors: G. Ware/C. Burgess**

**GENERAL BUSINESS: Nil**

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 18th August 2016.

**TERMINATION:** There being no further business the Meeting closed at 5.20pm.

**These Minutes were confirmed and signed at a Meeting of the Authority held on Thursday, 18th August 2016.**

**CHAIRPERSON**