

SOUTHERN SLOPES NOXIOUS PLANTS AUTHORITY
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY, HELD AT THE OLD
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, COURT STREET BOOROWA, ON THURSDAY 19TH
FEBRUARY 2015, COMMENCING AT 4.00.PM.**

ATTENDANCE:

Councillors:

Boorowa: Clr C Corcoran

Harden: Clr J Horton
Clr T Flanery

Young: Clr A Miller

Yass: Clr C Burgess
Clr G Ware

Staff:

DJ Minehan – General Manager

APOLOGIES: - Clr T Wallace and T McGrath

01/15 RESOLVED: **That the above apologies is accepted.**
Councillors: J. Horton/A. Miller

Declaration of Interests: Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

02/15 RESOLVED: **That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of
the Authority held on Thursday 16th October
2014 be confirmed.**
Councillors: G. Ware/A. Miller

Business Arising From Minutes: Nil

FINANCE REPORT

Item 1: Financial Review to 30 November 2014

03/15 RESOLVED: **That the County's Financial Review to 30
November 2014 is received.**
Councillors: A. Miller/J. Horton

**THIS IS PAGE ONE OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
AUTHORITY HELD ON 19TH FEBRUARY 2015.**

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FINANCE REPORT (cont'd)

Item 1a: Financial Review to 31 January 2015

04/15 RESOLVED: **That the County's Financial Review to 31**
January 2015 is received.
Councillors: T. Flanery/G. Ware

Clr T Flanery: How is FBT calculated?
 General Manager: Currently Council uses the statutory method for calculating FBT
 on motor vehicles.
 Clr J Horton: Why was the 2014/2015 worker's comp excess estimate not in
 place at beginning of financial year?
 General Manager: The excess only occurs if there is a claim processed,
 unfortunately one of our employees required an operation.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Item 1: Current Weed Control Program

The weed control programs for November 2014 through to February 2015 were discussed. Increased activity was noticeable in January/February 2015 for private works and landholder complaints due to summer rainfall.

Clr T Flanery: Is SSNPA looking into the annual control of the weed Fleabane
 on the roadsides and on road shoulders and are you monitoring
 any herbicide resistance that may be occurring?
 General Manager: Fleabane is not a declared noxious weed.
 The road shoulder spraying of a 2-3 metre strip over the
 guideposts is a directive from the individual councils. It is not our
 decision to carry out the control, it lies with Engineering
 Departments of each Council. SSNPA recommends two sprays
 per season in October and January. This may vary with weather
 conditions.
 Plant resistance is being monitored and will be combated in the
 future with herbicide rotation.

05/15 RESOLVED: **That SSNPA writes to the four Councils**
explaining this, requesting that this be
budgeted for and order numbers be issued
early in the financial year for the work they
require.
Councillors: J. Horton/C. Corcoran

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (cont'd)

Item 2: Course

A list of courses was itemised for the 2015 calendar year, with all costs to be covered by the Authority.

Item 3: Regional Meeting

The November 2014 ST & SC regional meeting was discussed, with the main topics being weed mapping procedures and grant funding changes under the new LLS system.

Item 4: Chilean Needle Grass Program

A Chilean Needle Grass control program covering approximately 200 hectares was discussed, with good results and landholder education being received.

Item 5: Computer and Information Technology Policy

06/15 RESOLVED: **That the Computer and Information
Technology Use Policy be adopted.
Councillors: J. Horton/C. Corcoran**

Item Mobile Phone Use Policy

07/15 RESOLVED: **That the Mobile Phone Use Policy be adopted.
Councillors: J. Horton/C. Corcoran**

Item 7: Hovells Creek Weed Project

Item 8: Yass River Project

Item 9: Vehicle Trade.

08/15 RESOLVED: **That SSNPA gain four further vehicle trade-in
quotations from Toyota and Ford dealerships,
to be presented to the chairperson and Deputy
Chairperson for consideration.
Councillors: G. Ware/A. Miller**

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT (cont'd)

Item 10: Intra Maps

A new mapping system is to be introduced by SSNPA at minimal cost increase to the current budget. The intra Map system will enable improved weed recording and mapping and fit in with Local land Services systems.

Item 11: High Risk Weeds for Southern Tablelands Region

Closed Meeting: Nil

General Business:

- Clr TJ Horton: Asked if SSNPA could inspect Eulie Road Harden for St Johns Wart and other noxious weeds, and carry out necessary control work
- Clr T Flanery: Asked if Council could also inspect Thompsons Pit at Harden for St Johns Wort and other noxious weeds, and carry out necessary control work.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 16th April 2015.

TERMINATION: There being no further business the Meeting closed at 5.15pm.

These Minutes were confirmed and signed at a Meeting of the Authority held on Thursday, 16th April 2015.

CHAIRPERSON