

# ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE BOOKLET

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at Mona Vale Memorial Hall on

**Tuesday 31 January 2017**

Beginning at 6.30pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this agenda.



**Mark Ferguson**  
General Manager

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# OUR VALUES

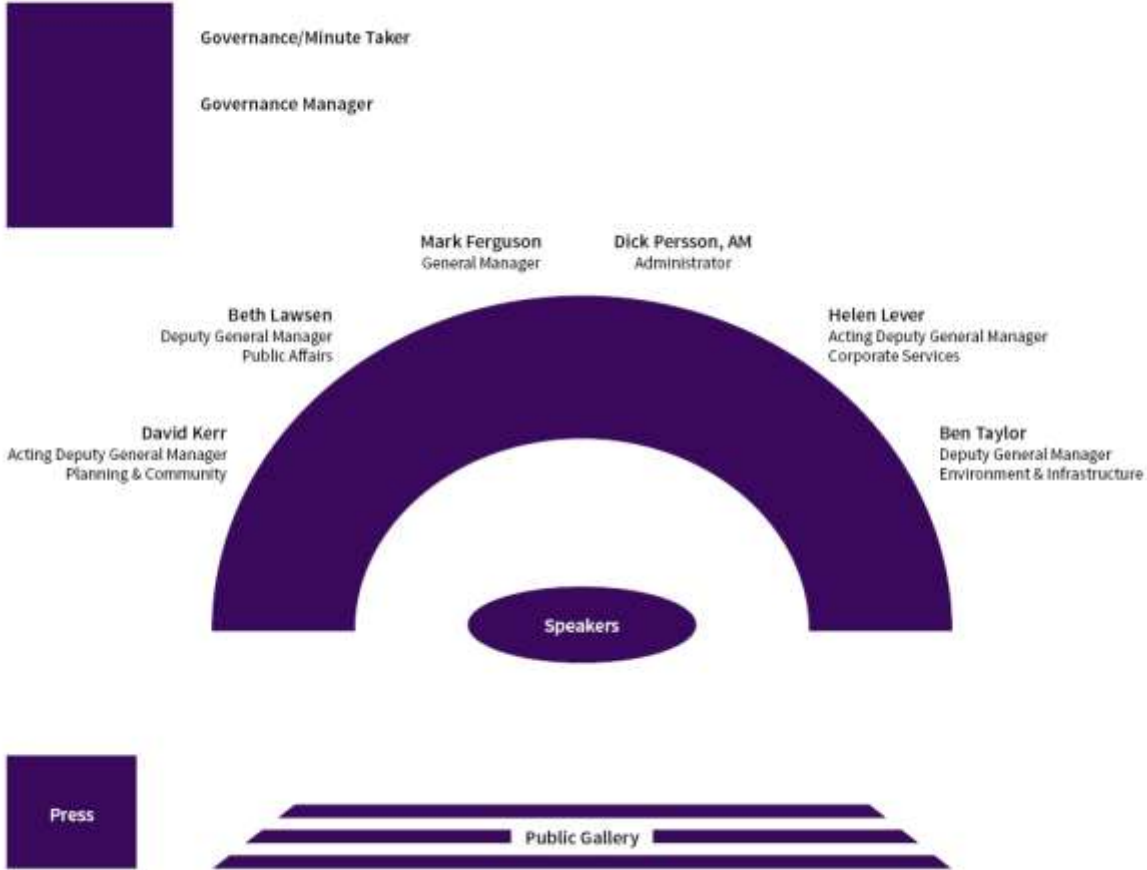
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## 5.0 ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTES

ITEM 5.1	<b>ADMINISTRATOR'S MINUTE NO 1/2017 - LETTER TO NSW MINISTER FOR EDUCATION THE HON ROB STOKES MP - MANLY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL REDEVELOPMENT</b>
TRIM FILE REF	<b>2017/027346</b>
ATTACHMENTS	<b>1 <a href="#">↓</a> Letter to The Hon Rob Stokes MP - Minister for Education</b>

### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this Administrator's Minute is to note the communication with the newly appointed NSW Minister for Education, The Hon Rob Stokes MP regarding the Manly Vale Public School redevelopment.

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### RECOMMENDATION

That Council note the communication to the Hon Rob Stokes MP, Minister for Education with regard to the Manly Vale Public School re-development.

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**Dick Persson**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**

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31 January 2017

The Hon Rob Stokes MP  
Minister for Education  
GPO BOX 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister,

First of all, sincere congratulations on your appointment as NSW Minister for Education.

I know you are well aware of the controversy surrounding the issue of the re-development of the Manly Vale Public School and the strong opposition to the current proposal as expressed by the previously elected Warringah Council and by me as the current Administrator of the Northern Beaches Council.

I am also sure you are aware that the JRPP approved the project on a 3/2 split decision before Christmas.

I suspect the Department is moving quickly to tender to ensure their strongly fought for preference is locked in contractually. It is therefore now a matter of urgency that you intervene to hit a 'pause' button to allow me to meet with you to discuss the widespread and growing community concern about the suitability of the site and size of the proposal.

The fact that the JRPP decision was a 3/2 split confirms that there is legitimate concern about this project.

The building of a new school should be something that is celebrated by the whole community. That it is not reflects very poorly on those responsible for 'pushing' this through and leaving so many local residents angry and disaffected.

I fully appreciate that the Department has received valid development consent, but this does not mean you have to proceed to implement it.

I'm sure your officials will brief you about the 'urgency' and how long the school has been waiting etc etc. More importantly though, we will all have to live with this decision for the next 100 years plus.

Former Premier, Mike Baird, made a strong point that larger amalgamated councils will be better able to lobby State and Federal Governments on behalf of their communities. Your predecessor declined three requests for a meeting and I finally achieved a meeting with one of his staff, but only after the former Premier intervened on my behalf.

Minister, I appreciate how many important issues will be on your desk at this point, and I regret asking you to include another, but as mentioned above, once a tender is let it really will be too late to give this poor decision further consideration.

Yours faithfully



Dick Persson AM  
**Administrator**  
Northern Beaches Council

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