

**257<sup>TH</sup> Meeting****Erskineville Town Hall  
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**Thursday 7 September 2000**

An Extraordinary Meeting of South Sydney City Council was held at the Council Chambers, Erskineville Town Hall, 104 Erskineville Road, Erskineville, at 6.50 p.m. on Thursday, 7 September 2000.

**PRESENT**

His Worship, The Mayor, Councillor John Fowler (Chairperson)

Councillors – John Bush, Peter Furness, Christine Harcourt, Jill Lay, Amanda Lennon, Shayne Mallard, Tony Pooley and Gregory Shaw

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## **PROPERTIES - COUNCIL'S BROADWAY PROPERTIES – OCCUPATION BY SQUATTERS – NOTICE OF MOTION**

Moved by Councillor Lennon, seconded by Councillor Furness:-

That Council having regard to Sydney's homelessness crisis stay the eviction of the squatters at premises Nos. 147 – 151, 157 – 159 and 163 - 167 Broadway and negotiate a lease with the squatters.

Council shall arrange for the electricity and water for the premises to be turned back on as soon as possible.

Council shall negotiate the terms of the lease with the squatters within a two-week period of this Council meeting, and the terms will be considered for approval at the Council meeting of 13 September 2000.

The lease agreement shall include terms which provide that:-

- (a) the minimum term of the lease shall be for the period up until 31 October 2000 (close of Sydney Olympics)
- (b) at least two weeks written notice shall be given to the tenants to vacate the premises;
- (c) consideration for the agreement is to be satisfied through in kind payment or nominal rental payment;
- (d) only repairs necessary for health and safety to be carried out on the property;
- (e) the number and location of bedrooms and communal areas within the premises are to be defined;
- (f) the number of occupants in each of the buildings is to be specified.

At the request of Councillor Lennon, and with the consent of Council, the foregoing motion be amended by the deletion of the address "163 – 167" where appearing in the 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph of the motion.

Carried.

Notice of Motion was then put and negatived.

The following new motion was then moved by Councillor Harcourt, seconded by Councillor Shaw, namely:-

That in view of the advice by Counsel to all Councillors, the occupants of the premises be asked to leave by 3 October 2000, the end of the Olympic period.

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At this stage Councillor Mallard moved a Point of Order, that Councillors not indulge in the practice of passing hand written notes to each other or receiving notes from the Public Gallery.

The Mayor ruled that Councillor Mallard was correct in his observation and that he make reference regarding the matter at the next Council Meeting.

At this stage Councillor Lay, seconded by Councillor Shaw, foreshadowed the following motion, namely:-

That Council having regard to Sydney homelessness crisis stay the eviction of the squatters at premises Nos. 147 – 151 and 157 – 159 Broadway, except for the building occupied by Artist Tom Bass until 3 October 2000.

At this stage and at 7.26 p.m., it was moved by Councillor Bush, seconded by Councillor Mallard:-

That the Council resolve to meet as a Committee of the Whole with Press and Public excluded to discuss the foregoing matter and the Minute by the Acting Director of Corporate Services dated 7 September 2000, as it dealt with Council's property.

Carried.

Those present at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole being:

The Mayor and Councillors Bush, Furness, Harcourt, Lay, Lennon, Mallard, Pooley and Shaw.

At 7.45 p.m. the Council Meeting resumed.

During discussions in the Committee of the Whole, Councillors Harcourt and Lay withdrew their Motions.

The Mayor then asked the Supervising Committee Clerk to read out the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole.

The Supervising Committee Clerk read out the following recommendation, namely:-

That all necessary legal action be taken to have persons unlawfully occupying the subject premises, vacate such premises immediately as recommended in the report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services dated 7 September 2000.

At this stage the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7.45 p.m. as there was a disruption in the Public Gallery and called for the Council Chamber to be cleared.

At 7.48 p.m. the Mayor reconvened the meeting.

Councillor Lay was not present in the Chamber when the meeting reconvened.

Moved by Councillor Bush, seconded by the Mayor, that the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as recommended in the report by the Acting Director of Corporate Services dated 7 September 2000, be approved and adopted.

Carried by the vote 7 to 1.

Councillor Lennon requested that her name be recorded as voting against the foregoing motion.

The Council Meeting terminated at 7.51 p.m.

Confirmed at a meeting of South Sydney City Council  
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