
MINUTES OF ROUS COUNTY COUNCIL AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HELD MONDAY, 24 JULY 2023 AT ROCKY CREEK DAM

The Chair opened the meeting at 10.22 am.

In attendance:

Voting Committee:

- Brian Wilkinson, Independent Member (Chair)
- Andrew MacLeod, Independent member
- Cr Big Rob, Rous Councillor

Rous staff:

- Phillip Rudd, General Manager
- Helen McNeil, Group Manager People and Performance
- Andrew Logan, Group Manager Planning and Delivery
- Geoff Ward, Group Manager Corporate and Commercial
- Lauren Edwards, Governance and Risk Manager
- Jonathan Patino, Finance Manager
- Michael Wells, Strategic Planning Engineer

Other attendees:

- Laurie Lefcourt (new ARIC Chair)
- Raymond Wong (new Independent member)

Apologies

- Richard Watkinson, Thomas Noble and Russell

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council showed its respect and acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the Land, of Elders past and present, on which this meeting took place.

2 MEETING OPENING

Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held 22 May 2023 were confirmed at the previous meeting. Copy provided to the meeting for information only.

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil.

5 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Richard Watkinson (TNR)

6 SCHEDULE OF REPORTING

Noted as presented.

7 REPORTS

7.1 Committee performance review 2022-2023

RECOMMENDED (Rob/MacLeod) that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Performance Review – period 2022-2023 be received and endorsed.

7.2 Financial Management

RECOMMENDED (Rob/MacLeod) that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the information presented in the Financial Management Report – July 2023 regarding:

1. The draft Delivery program / Operational plan and 2023/24 Budget adopted at Council's June 2023 meeting applicable for 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.
2. Interim Audit – Management Letter
3. The presentation format of the draft Financial Statements (to 31 May 2023) for year ending 30 June 2023.
4. Revaluation of land and building infrastructure.
5. The Investment report furnished to Council's June 2023 meeting applicable for the month of June 2023.
6. NSW Treasury Corporation (TCorp) loan obligations
7. New South Wales Auditor-General's Financial Audit Report on Local Government.
8. New South Wales Auditor-General's Performance Audit Report – Financial Management and Governance in MidCoast Council.

7.3 Dam Safety Management System Update and Audit

RECOMMENDED (MacLeod/Rob) that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the report on the implementation and audit of Council's Dam Safety Management System and that further reporting on the progress of implementing the recommendations is provided to the Committee.

7.4 Risk and Compliance

RECOMMENDED (Rob/MacLeod) that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the information presented in the report regarding risk management practices and activities.

7.5 Health Safety and Environment

RECOMMENDED (Rob/MacLeod) that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the information presented in this report regarding Health Safety and Environment systems, compliance and reviews.

7.6 Audit

RECOMMENDED (MacLeod/Rob) that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the information presented in this report on progress against actions arising from:

1. Internal audits.
2. External audits.
3. In-house audits

7.7 Other matters

RECOMMENDED (Wilkinson/MacLeod) that the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receive and note the information contained in this report.

8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 24 JULY 2023

Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting minutes 24 July 2023

RECOMMENDED (Wilkinson/MacLeod) that the minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee of 24 July 2023 be accepted as presented.

9 NEXT MEETING: 16 October 2023 (Financial Statements)

10 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.34 am.