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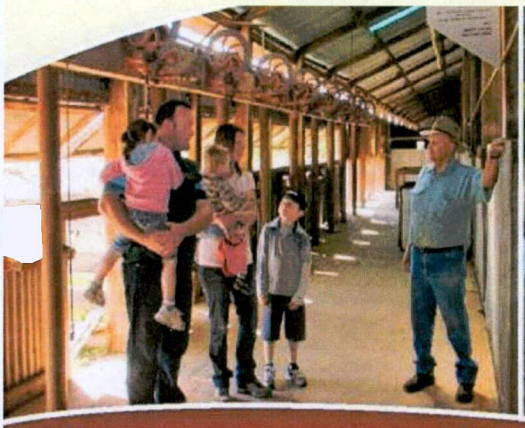
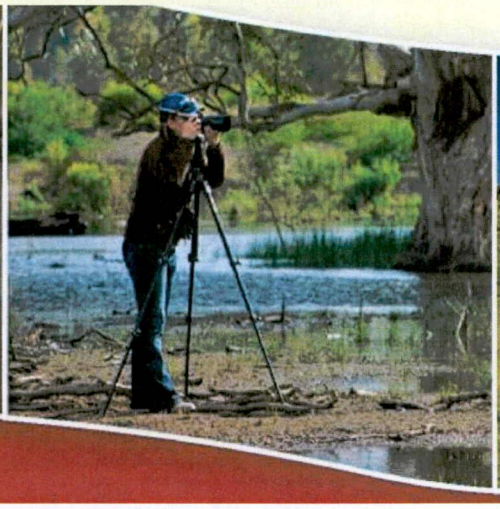
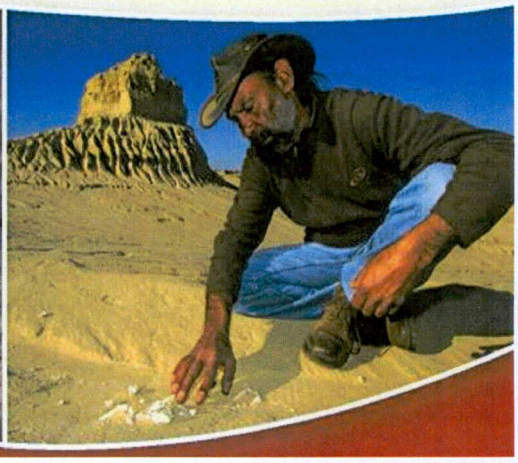
Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Council

Held

29th May 2019







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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held in Council Chambers, Market Street, Balranald on Wednesday 29th May 2019, commencing at 4pm.

PRESENT: Cr Allen Purtill (Mayor), Cr Jeff Mannix, Cr Trevor Jolliffe, Cr Steve O'Halloran, Cr Jo Roberts.

General Manager Michael Kitzelmann, Ray Davy Director Infrastructure & Development, Terri Bilske Director Corporate & Community Services, Finance Manager Kris Kershaw and Executive Assistant Jennifer Bax Alvarado were also in attendance.

APOLOGIES: Cr Leigh Byron (Deputy Mayor), Cr German Ugarte and Cr Doug Allen.

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS:

None Declared

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORTS

Item C – 1 **DECLARATION OF DELETION AND CREATION OF PROPOSED NEW SUB-CATEGORIES OF RATES WITHIN THE FARMLAND, RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS CATEGORY.**

File number: **D19.174958**

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate & Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 6: Our Leadership 6.3.2 – Provide good Governance, prudent financial management and effective support services for all its activities.

Officer Recommendation:

That Council resolve to give notice of its intention to:

1. Declare the deletion of Sub-Category for Farmland - Other Rural.
2. Declare the deletion of Sub-Category for Residential – General.
3. Declare a new sub-category for Farmland – Irrigable – Horticulture.
4. Declare a new sub-category for Residential – Oxley.
5. Declare a new sub-category for Residential – General – Rural (0-2 hectares).
6. Declare a new sub-category for Residential – Rural (2-40 hectares)
7. Declare a new sub-category for Business – Parishes of Paika, Penarie, Woolpagerim & Majenta – Mining Gypsum Extraction.

05.19.4581 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Roberts and Cr Jolliffe that the report be received and noted.

Purpose of Report

As a result of Council's Rating Review instigated by the Minister of Local Government through Council's Performance Improvement Order in April 2017, a full Rating Review has been completed.

The purpose was to ensure correct categorisation of properties and ensure equity and income maximisation.

Rates for the 2019-2020 financial year have been calculated according to the recommended amended sub-category changes and the report has been written for resolution of Council prior to the adoption of the draft proposed rating structure for public exhibition.

Item C - 2 DRAFT ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REVENUE 2019-20

File number: D19.17959

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate & Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 6: Our Leadership 6.3.2 – Provide good Governance, prudent financial management and effective support services for all its activities.

Officer Recommendation:

1. That Council give notice of its intention to:

2. Make and levy an ordinary rate to comprise of a base rate and an ad valorem rating structure for Farmland, Residential and the Business categories under Section 534, 535 and 537 of the Local Government Act 1993 as recommended below for 2019-20 as follows:

Category	Base Amount	Ad Valorem Rate (cents in the $)
Farmland – General	$400	0.39650
Farmland – Irrigable - Horticulture	$500	1.20000
Farmland - Intense	$420	1.56000
Residential – Balranald	$190	0.47854
Residential - Euston	$190	0.37500
Residential - Oxley	$90	18.00000
Residential – General - Rural (0-2ha)	$180	0.80000
Residential – Rural (2-40ha)	$270	0.37000
Business - Balranald	$420	1.70000
Business - Euston	$380	1.50000
Business – Mining (Gravel & Sand	$250	0.50000
Business - Rural	$190	3.00000
Business – Parishes of Paika, Woolpagerie & Magenta – Mining - Gypsum Extraction	$420	12.0000
Business – Parishes of Willilbah, Bidura and Solferina – Mineral Sands Mines	$2,050	12.78636
Category	Base Amount	Ad Valorem Rate (cents in the $)
Business – Parishes of Pitapunga, Crokee, Muckee & Lawrence – Mineral Sands Mines	$3,000	13.25000
Business – Solar Farms	$825	5.59000

3. Increase the Notional Yield to the maximum 10% as approved through the Special Rate Variation which includes the rate pegged amount of 2.7% as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).

4. Delete the rating sub-categories for Farmland – Other Rural and Residential – General and advise the ratepayers in these categories stipulating the sub-category determined by Council and advising them of their right of appeal under Sections 519-527 of the Local Government Act 1993.

5. Introduce new rating sub-categories for Farmland – Irrigable – Horticulture, Residential Oxley, Residential – General – Rural (0-2 hectares), Residential - Rural (2-40 hectares) and Business, Parishes of Paika, Penarie, Woolpagerim & Majenta – Mining Gypsum Extraction and advise the ratepayers in these categories stipulating the sub-category determined by Council and advising them of their right of appeal under Sections 519-527 of the Local Government Act 1993.

6. Increase the residential Sewer Access charge for a 20mm connection from $390 to $433 per annum. Larger connections will increase as listed in the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges.

7. Increase the Raw and Filtered water access and Usage charges as per the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges. Access charges for both raw and filtered water will increase from $280 to $291 per annum for both. Raw water usage charges will increase from 70 cents to 80 cents for the first 600 kilolitres and $1.10 to $1.20 per kilolitre for usage over 600 kilolitres.

8. Filtered water usage charges will increase from $1.20 per kilolitre to $1.30 per kilolitre up to 400 kilolitres and will increase from $1.90 to $2.00 per kilolitre for usage over 400 kilolitres.

9. Water usage on Community Land such as Parks and Gardens will increase from 25 cents to 40 cents per kilolitre.

10. Increase domestic waste collection charges from $330 per annum to $338 per annum. The domestic waste access charge for vacant land will remain as $50 per annum.

11. Tip fees will continue to apply as per the proposed Schedule of Fees and Charges.

12. Fix the fees and charges schedule for the 2019/20 year as set out in the Draft Annual Statement of Revenue.

13. To charge interest on overdue debtors at the maximum rate as determined by the Minister for Local Government.

14. That pursuant to Sections 405 and 406 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Draft Annual Statement of Revenue 2019-2020 incorporating Council's Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges be endorsed by Council and placed

on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

15. Increase all other Water and Sewer rates as listed in Fees and Charges.

16. Consider all submissions received during the public consultation period prior to the adoption of the Operational Plan for 2019/20.

05.19.4582 RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Roberts and Cr Manning that the report be received and Noted.

Purpose of Report

Under Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council is required to adopt an annual statement of revenue prior to the end of each financial year for the following financial year.

It is proposed that the Draft Annual Statement of Revenue 2019-20 be advertised for public exhibition commencing on Wednesday 29 May 2018 with a closing date for submissions being Wednesday 26 June 2019.

All submissions will be considered prior to adoption of Annual Statement of Revenue 2019-2020 at the Extraordinary Meeting of Council Thursday 27 June 2019.

ITEM C - 3 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT 2019/2020 OPERATIONAL PLAN, REVENUE POLICY AND FEES AND CHARGES FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION

File number: D19.17958

Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate & Community Development

Operational Plan Objective: Pillar 6: Our Leadership 6.3.2 – Provide good Governance, prudent financial management and effective support services for all its activities.

Officer Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorses the draft 2019-2020 Operational Plan which contains:-
   - the 2019-2020 Proposed Operational Plan and Long Term Financial Plan (budget);
   - the 2019-2020 Annual Statement of Revenue;
   - the 2019-2020 Proposed Fees & Charges.
2. and place these documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Wednesday 29 May 2019 to Wednesday 26 June 2019 as required under Sections 405 and 406 of the Local Government Act, 1993. All submissions received by close of business on 26 June 2019 will be considered by the Council prior to adoption of the 2019/2020 Operation Plan, Annual Statement of Revenue and Proposed Fees and Charges at the Council meeting on 27 June 2019.

05.19.4583 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr Roberts and Cr Mannix that the report be received and noted.

Purpose of Report

To seek Council endorsement to place the 2019-2020 Operational Plan, incorporating the proposed Annual Statement of Revenue and the proposed Fees and Charges and Long Term Financial Plan (Budget) on public exhibition as required under Sections 405 and 406 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and invite public comment prior to formal adoption.

CLOSURE There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.30pm

Confirmed, Chairman of the Ordinary Meeting of the Balranald Shire Council held on Tuesday 11th June 2019 at which the meeting the signatures was subscribed hereto:

Chairman

General Manager