

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, BELMORE STREET, JUNEE ON TUESDAY, 25 JUNE 2024.

PRESENT

Councillors R Asmus, M Austin, R Callow, A Clinton, M Cook, D Carter, P Halliburton, M Knight and N Smith

STAFF

General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Director Corporate and Community Development, Director Engineering Services and Executive Assistant.

The meeting opened at 4.30pm.

ADDRESS BY ASHLEIGH BAXTER – EASTERN RIVERINA ARTS

Ms Ashleigh Baxter from Eastern Riverina Arts addressed the Council and gave an overview of the Eastern Riverina Arts 2023 Annual and Financial Report.

01.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr R Asmus seconded Cr A Clinton that the Council note the address by Ms Ashleigh Baxter from Eastern Riverina Arts.*

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – ORDINARY MEETING HELD 21 MAY 2024

02.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr M Cook seconded Cr N Smith that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 21 May 2024, copies of which had been supplied to each Councillor, be confirmed.*

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were invited to disclose any Declarations of Interest related to the items of business in the report.

Mr Luke Taberner, Chief Financial Officer, declared a non-pecuniary – significant conflict interest in Confidential Item 20 of the General Managers report he is a Board Member of the Junee Golf Club who operates on the land subject to the Special Lease.

PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

I(MAYOR) MAYORAL MINUTE

03.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr R Callow that the Mayoral Minute, as tabled at the meeting, be noted.*

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The General Manager presented a report which dealt with Items 3 to 20.

2(CFO) INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING ADOPTION

04.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr M Cook that the Draft Delivery Program (DP) 2024-2028 and Draft Operational Plan (OP) 2024-25, as presented, be adopted.

1. That the Revenue Policy 2024-2025, as advertised, and after taking into consideration all submissions made to the Plan and any amendments listed in the report to Council, be adopted;
2. That pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1993 expenditure required to finance works, service and activities of the Council for the financial year 2024-2025 and as detailed in the Financial Estimates Operational Plan be approved and voted accordingly;
3. That whereas public notice has been given by advertisement published on Council's website of the preparation of the Draft Delivery Program 2024-2028 (DP) and Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025 (OP), in relation to the Council's activities for the 2024-2028 period and the Council's Revenue Policy for the 2024-2025 financial year and whereas such Draft DP, OP and Revenue Policy have been publicly exhibited for not less than 28 days and whereas Council has considered any matters concerning the Draft DP, OP and Revenue Policy and whereas such Draft DP, OP and Revenue Policy were amended as necessary, and adopted at a meeting held on 25 June 2024 and whereas the ordinary rates do not exceed in the aggregate the permitted increase the ordinary rates and the special rates and the charges detailed hereafter be and hereby are made for the financial year commencing 1 July 2024:
 - i) Make a FARMLAND rate of zero point one zero nine one five two (0.109152) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the area which has been categorised by the Council as Farmland pursuant to Section 515 of the Local Government Act subject to a base amount of four hundred and forty eight dollars (\$448.00) in respect of each separate parcel, and
 - ii) Make a RESIDENTIAL - TOWN rate of zero point seven three six zero five six (0.736056) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the area which has been sub-categorised by the Council as Residential - Town pursuant to Section 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993 subject to a base amount of four hundred and forty eight dollars (\$448.00) in respect of each separate parcel, and

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- iii) *Make a RESIDENTIAL – RURAL & VILLAGE rate of zero point three two seven four five two (0.327452) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as Residential – Rural & Village pursuant to Sections 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 subject to a base amount four hundred and forty eight dollars (\$448.00) in respect of each separate parcel, and*
- iv) *Make a BUSINESS – TOWN rate of two point eight nine zero six eight eight (2.890688) cents in dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the area which has been sub-categorised by the Council as Business – Town pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993 subject to a base amount of four hundred and forty eight dollars (\$448.00) in respect of each separate parcel, and*
- v) *Make a BUSINESS rate of one point two one eight two seven five (1.218275) cents in dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the area which has been categorised by the Council as Business pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act 1993 subject to a base amount of four hundred and forty eight dollars (\$448.00) in respect of each separate parcel, and*
- vi) *Make ANNUAL SEWER CHARGES, pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, as per the table below:*

SEWERAGE - ANNUAL CHARGE	
Residential Properties	
Annual Charge - House -Connected	\$545.00
Annual Charge - House - Unconnected	\$267.00
Annual Charge - Flat/Unit - Connected	\$278.00
Non-residential Properties	
Access charge - 20mm water connection	\$472.00
Access charge - 25mm water connection	\$613.00
Access charge - 32mm water connection	\$1,100.00
Access charge - 40mm water connection	\$1,671.00
Access charge - 50mm water connection	\$2,647.00
Access charge - 80mm water connection	\$6,894.00
Access charge - 100mm water connection	\$10,767.00
Access charge - 150mm water connection	\$15,074.00
Non-residential sewer usage charge rate per kL	\$1.50
SEPTIC TANKS - ANNUAL CHARGE	
Annual Charge - Operate on-site sewage management system	\$16.00

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- vii) *Make ANNUAL WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES, pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, as per the table below:*

WASTE MANAGEMENT - Annual Charges	
Domestic Waste Management Services - Section 496 LGA	
Annual charge - Residential Junee	\$395.00
Annual charge - Residential Junee Organics Collection	\$75.00
Annual charge - Residential Vacant Land - Junee	\$125.00
Annual charge - Residential Old Junee, Illabo & Bethungra	\$395.00
Annual charge - Residential Vacant Land - Old Junee, Illabo & Bethungra	\$61.00
Business Waste Management Services - Section 501 LGA	
Annual charge for 120 litre bin + 240litre recycling bin - Business per 1st service collection	\$395.00
Annual charge 120 litre Bin - Business or Residential for each additional bin per collection	\$231.00
Annual charge 240 litre Recycling Bin - Business or Residential each service and additional bin per collection	\$268.00
Waste Management Services - Section 501 LGA	
Annual charge - Waste Management collection "By Agreement"	\$445.00
Rural Waste Management Services - Section 501 LGA	
Annual charge - Rural Waste Management	\$160.00
Organics Waste	
Annual charge	\$75.00

- viii) *Make an ANNUAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CHARGE of \$25.00 per residential assessment and \$25.00 plus \$12.00 for each 350mtrs squared of land or part thereof for each commercial assessment, pursuant to Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

4. *That pursuant to Section 558 of the Local Government Act, 1993 such lands belonging to a public hospital, public benevolent institution or public charity and public reserves are non-rateable to an ordinary rate pursuant to Section 556/557 of the said Act.*
5. *That the schedule of fees and charges as outlined in the Operational Plan 2024/25 be adopted as attached.*
6. *That the General Manager cause preparation and service of rate notices for the financial year 2024-2025.*
7. *That Council adopt the Workforce Management Plan as attached.*

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8. *That Council adopt the Long Term Financial Plan 2024-34 (LTFP) as attached and with alterations as described in the report.*

9. *That Council adopt the Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) as attached.*

3[CFO] COUNCILLOR REMUNERATION

It was MOVED by Cr D Carter seconded Cr M Cook that the Councillor annual remuneration for 2024/25 period be set at \$10,220 and the Mayoral Allowance increase to \$23,071 with \$4,614 of this amount being paid to the Deputy Mayor.

An AMENDMENT was MOVED by Cr A Clinton seconded Cr P Halliburton that the Councillor annual remuneration for 2024/25 period be set at \$12,851 and the Mayoral Allowance increase to \$28,400 with \$5,275 of this amount being paid to the Deputy Mayor.

The AMENDMENT was PUT and LOST.

05.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr D Carter seconded Cr M Cook that the Councillor annual remuneration for 2024/25 period be set at \$10,220 and the Mayoral Allowance increase to 23,071 with \$4,614 of this amount being paid to the Deputy Mayor.*

4[CFO] 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

06.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr R Asmus seconded Cr P Halliburton that the Council note the report on the 2024 Local Government election.*

5[GM] CARETAKER RESTRICTION – NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

07.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr N Smith seconded Cr M Knight that:*

1. *The Council note the requirements of the caretaker period.*
2. *Council suspend all Mayor and Deputy Mayor delegations from the 14 September 2024 until the first Council meeting is held after the election has been declared by the NSW Electoral Office.*
3. *The Council publicly advertise a Council meeting for 4:30pm on Tuesday, 15 October 2024.*
4. *Council nominate the civic and ceremonial function assigned to the Mayor to Mr Robert Callow from the 14 September 2024 until the election of a Mayor at the first Council meeting after the election is declared.*

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6[DCCD] COUNCIL INVESTMENTS AND BANK BALANCES

08.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr N Smith seconded Cr R Asmus that Council notes the Investment Report as of 31 May 2024, including the certification by the Responsible Accounting Officer.

7[CFO] 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

09.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr N Smith seconded Cr D Carter that the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and General Manager attend the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference with associated costs being paid by Council.

8[CFO] NOTICES OF MOTION FOR 2024 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE

10.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr M Knight that Councillors consider nominating proposed motion/s for the 2024 Local Government NSW Annual Conference.

9[CFO] INQUIRY INTO REGIONAL BANK CLOSURES

11.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr M Austin seconded Cr R Asmus that Council note and endorse the Parliamentary Report into Regional Branch closures.

10[CFO] SUBMISSIONS RELATING TO FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

12.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr R Asmus seconded Cr M Austin that Council note the submissions attached to this report.

11[CFO] SUBMISSION RELATING TO THE ASSETS, PREMISES AND FUNDING OF THE RURAL FIRE SERVICE (RFS)

13.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr M Knight that Council note the submission to the NSW Public Accounts Committee attached to this report.

12[CFO] JUNEE JUNCTION RECREATION & AQUATIC CENTRE (JJRAC) SERVICE REVIEW

14.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr N Smith that Council endorse the Service Review of the Junee Junction Recreation & Aquatic Centre (JJRAC) as attached to this report.

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13[CFO] LIBRARY SERVICE REVIEW

15.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr N Smith that:

1. Council endorse the Service Review of the Library as attached to this report.
2. The Council renew its membership to the Riverina Regional Library Deed of Agreement 2022/26 which has been updated to include additional member councils (Leeton and Berrigan Shire Councils), including authorising the Junee Shire Council's common seal to that agreement if required.

14[CFO] APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO ARIC

16.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr N Smith seconded Cr A Clinton that Council appoint Nick Tobin as the Chairman and Kylie McRae and Glenn Wilcox as Independent members of the Junee Shire Council Audit Risk and Improvement Committee(ARIC).

15[CFO] COOLAMON AND JUNEE DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLAN

It was MOVED by Cr M Knight seconded Cr N Smith that the Council place the attached Drought Resilience Plan on public exhibition for 28 days.

Cr M Knight seconded Cr N Smith agreed to the following being added to the Motion being that the commencement date for exhibition commences upon certain inaccuracies being corrected and forwarded to the consultant to establish whether or not they can be incorporated in the Plan.

17.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr M Knight seconded Cr N Smith that the commencement date for exhibition for the Coolamon and Junee Drought Resilience Plan commences upon certain inaccuracies being corrected and forwarded to the consultant to establish whether or not they can be incorporated into the Plan.

16[DES] ROADS TO RECOVERY FUNDING RELEASE

18.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr M Austin seconded Cr D Carter that:

1. The report regarding the Roads to Recovery funding for 2024 - 2029 totalling \$5,173,836 be noted.
2. Council endorses the inclusion of the increased funding in the relevant budgets within the delivery program and operational plan, to be presented at a future meeting.

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17[DES] CEMETERIES ACT UPDATE

19.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr P Halliburton seconded Cr R Asmus that updates regarding the progression of the Cemeteries and Crematoria NSW legislation changes are received and noted.

18[DES] LOCAL ROADS CONGRESS 2024

20.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr N Smith seconded Cr R Asmus that the report from the 2024 NSW Local Roads Congress be received and noted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nil

DELEGATES REPORTS

21.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr M Knight seconded Cr N Smith that the meeting report prepared by Councillor Knight from the Destination and Visitor Economy Conference held 28 – 30 May 2024, be noted.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

INFORMATION BOOKLET

The information booklet was received and noted.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

22.06.24 At 5.20pm, Council **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr R Asmus seconded Cr N Smith to go into Closed Committee of the Whole under Section 10A (2):

- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposed to conduct) business.

19[GM] SERVICE REVIEW - JUNEE JUNCTION RECREATION & AQUATIC CENTRE (JJRAC)

23.06.24 **RESOLVED** on the motion of Cr D Carter seconded Cr A Clinton that:

1. Council receives and notes the report.
2. Council endorse Option 1 contained in the report.

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20[GM] JUNEE GOLF CLUB

The Chief Financial Officer left the meeting at 5.22pm.

24.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr R Asmus seconded Cr M Cook that Council note the report and adopt Action 7 included within the report.*

The Chief Financial Officer returned to the meeting at 5.37pm.

REVERSION TO OPEN COUNCIL

25.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr M Cook seconded Cr M Knight that Council move out of Committee and revert to an open meeting of the Council, the time being 5.38pm.*

26.06.24 **RESOLVED** *on the motion of Cr M Cook seconded Cr N Smith that Council adopt the resolutions made in Closed Committee.*

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.40pm.

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GENERAL MANAGER: _____