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MINUTES OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MARKET STREET BALRANALD ON TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023 AT 5PM

1 OPENING OF MEETING

5.00 pm

2 ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY

We pay our respect to the Traditional Custodians of the Lands where we hold this meeting to Elders past, present and emerging.

PRESENT:

Administrator, General Manager, Executive Manager of Engineering, Finance Consultant (Online), Senior Executive Officer, Executive Assistant

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

- 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
- 4.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/35

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Nil

- 6 ADMINISTRATOR MINUTE/REPORT
- 6.1 MAYORAL MINUTE FLOODS REPORT 2022-2023

THIS ITEM WAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACCESS INCLUSION AND WELLBEING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION 2023/36

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Strengthening Community Access Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee (*SCAIWAC*) meeting held on Thursday, 23 February 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.2 EXECUTIVE OF CHAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION 2023/37

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the Minutes of the Executive of Chairs Advisory Committee (*EOCAC*) meeting that was held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED

7.3 GROWING BUSINESS INDUSTRY & TOURISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

RESOLUTION 2023/38

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

- 1) That the Minutes of the Growing Business Industry & Tourism Advisory Committee (*GBITAC*) meeting held on Tuesday, 7 March 2023 be received and noted.
- 2) That Council contact the Managers of the Yanga and Mungo National Parks in order to assist in revitalising the relationships between agencies post COVID-19

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)

PART A - ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 8 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS
- 8.1 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLUTION 2023/39

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Draft Operational Plan for the 2023/2024 Financial Year and places the Draft Operational Plan on public display, for a minimum period of twenty-eight (28) days.
- 2. Requests for the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council (in June 2023), after the exhibition period ends, in the event of Council receiving any significant submissions regarding the Draft Operational Plan for the 2023/2024 Financial Year, otherwise that the Draft Operational Plan be adopted by Council once the exhibition period ends.

CARRIED

8.2 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLUTION 2023/40

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the Draft Budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year and places it on public exhibition for a period of twenty-eight (28) days.
- 2. Requests for the General Manager to prepare a further report to Council (in June 2023), after the exhibition period ends, detailing all submissions that have been received for Council's consideration and to formally adopt the Final Budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

8.3 ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT REVENUE POLICY FOR THE 2023/2024 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLUTION 2023/41

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

THAT:

- 1. An amendment be made of the percentage under "Business Euston" from (12.2%) to (11.5%).
- 2. In accordance with the provisions of section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the proposed **Rates and Charges** for the 2023/2024 Financial Year (as detailed in Attachment 1) are endorsed by Council to go out on public exhibition as part of Council's Operational Plan and Budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year and in accordance with the provisions of section 405 of *the Act* for a period of 28 days; and
- 3. Council increase the Notional yield by the maximum 10% per annum, being year 6 of a 7-year Special Rate Variation (*SRV*), that has already been approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (*IPART*) as follows:

FARMLAND – **GENERAL** a rate of zero point one three five (0.135) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the area which has been categorised by the Council as **Farmland General** with the dominant use being generally cropping or grazing over significant land area pursuant to Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirteen point nine percent (13.9%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Farmland General rate sub-category; and

FARMLAND – **IRRIGABLE HORTICULTURE** a rate of zero point five seven (0.57) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the area which has been categorised by the Council as **Farmland** – **Irrigable** - **Horticulture** to include nut farms and other irrigatable intensive horticulture land use and has significant and substantial commercial purpose or character, pursuant to Section 515 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing two point two percent (2.2%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Farmland – Irrigable - Horticulture rate sub-category; and

FARMLAND – **INTENSE** a rate of zero point three one (0.31) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the area which has been categorised by the Council as **Farmland Intense** to have medium to high intensity of land use and an intermediate to major economic benefit pursuant to Section 515 of the Local Government Act,1993 and subject to a base amount of six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing twenty point seven percent (20.7%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Farmland Intense rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – **BALRANALD** a rate of zero point five six four (0.564) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the centre of the population being the Balranald Village Zone, being land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as **Balranald Residential** pursuant to Sections 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two hundred and ten dollars (\$210) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty one point nine percent (41.9%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential Balranald rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – **EUSTON** a rate of zero point two four (0.24) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the centre of the population being the Euston Village Zone, being land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as **Euston Residential** pursuant to Sections 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two hundred and ten dollars (\$210) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty six point seven percent (46.7%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential Euston rate subcategory; and

RESIDENTIAL – **OXLEY** a rate of three point five (3.50) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the centre of the population being the Oxley Village Zone, being land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as **Oxley Residential** pursuant to Sections 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of one hundred and ten dollars (\$110) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty six point three percent (36.3%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential Oxley rate subcategory; and

RESIDENTIAL – **GENERAL** – **RURAL** (0-2 hectares) a rate of zero point three seven (0.37) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land used for residential purposes and not located within the Balranald, Euston or Oxley Village Zones, being land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as **Residential General** – **Rural** (0-2 hectares) pursuant to Sections 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two hundred and ten (\$210) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty two point five percent (42.5%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential General – Rural (0-2 hectares) rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – **RURAL** (2-40 hectares) a rate of zero point two two (0.22) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land used for residential purposes and not located within the Balranald and Euston or Oxley Village Zones, being land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as **Residential General** – **Rural** (2-40 hectares) pursuant to Section 516 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993, subject to a base amount of two hundred and ten (\$210) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty two point one two percent (32.12%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential General – Rural (2-40 hectares) rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – BALRANALD a rate of three point zero (3.0) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the Balranald Village Zone, being land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as Business Balranald pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing nineteen point eight percent (19.8%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business Balranald rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – EUSTON a rate of one point seven (1.7) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the Euston Village Zone, being land which has been subcategorised by the Council as Business Euston pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing eleven point five (11.5%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business Euston rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – **RURAL** a rate of one point zero (1.0) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land outside of any of the–Balranald Shire Residential Village Zones and not identified in the otherwise described business areas, being land which has been sub-categorised by the Council as **Business** - **Rural** pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two hundred and ten dollars (\$210) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty seven point seven percent (37.7%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business - Rural rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – RURAL GRAVEL & SAND EXTRACTION a rate of one point six five (1.65) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the Balranald Shire area which has been sub-categorised by the Council as Business – Rural Gravel & Sand Extraction (excluding mineral sands and gypsum extraction) pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of one hundred and twenty dollars (\$120) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty seven point eight percent (37.8%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Rural Gravel & Sand Extraction subcategory; and

BUSINESS – PARISHES OF PAIKA, PENARIE, WOOLPAGERIE, WILLILBAH EAST & MAGENTA – GYPSUM EXTRACTION a rate of five point one (5.1) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the Balranald Shire area which has been sub-categorised by the Council as Business – Parishes of Paika, Penarie, Woolpageri, Willibah East & Magenta – Mining Gypsum Extraction (excluding mineral sands, gravel and sand extraction) pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of six hundred and sixty dollars (\$660) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing seven point two percent (7.2%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Parishes of Paika, Penarie, Woolpagerie, Willibah East & Magenta – Gypsum Extraction sub-category; and

BUSINESS – PARISHES OF WILLILBAH, BIDURA, SOLFERINA - MINERAL SANDS EXTRACTION rate of nine point two (9.2) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land within the Balranald Shire area which will be subcategorised by the Council as Business – Parishes of Willilbah, Bidura, Solferina – Mineral Sands Mines pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two thousand, two hundred and fifty five dollars (\$2,255) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing zero point three percent (0.3%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Parishes of Willilbah, Bidura, Solferina – Mineral Sands Extraction subcategory; and

BUSINESS – PARISH OF CHADWICK – SOLAR FARMS rate of three point one eight (3.18) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land within the Balranald Shire area which will be sub-categorised by the Council as Business – Parish of Chadwick – Solar Farms pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two thousand, two hundred and fifty five dollars (\$2,255) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing two point seven percent (2.7%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Parish of Chadwick – Solar Farms sub category.

4. In accordance with the provisions of Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the proposed Fees & Charges (as detailed in Attachment 2 and below) for the 2023/2024 Financial Year are endorsed by Council to go out on public exhibition as part of Council's Operational Plan and Budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year and in accordance with the provisions of Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993 for a period of 28 days.

The proposed Fees & Charges, include the following:

Raw Water Supply Charges - Balranald and Euston

All Access and Water Usage charges have been calculated in accordance with the following scale, subject to the proviso that where a property has more than one connection each connection shall be charged separately:

Raw Water Access Charges

Connection Size	Annual Charge
20 mm connection	\$ 370
25 mm connection	\$ 578
32 mm connection	\$ 947
40 mm connection	\$ 1,480
50 mm connection	\$ 2,313
80 mm connection	\$ 5,920
100 mm connection	\$ 9,250

Usage Charges for Raw water will be \$1.10 per kilolitre up to 600 kilolitres usage, then \$1.65 per kilolitre for usage over 600 kilolitres. Raw Water usage on community land will be charged at 45 cents per kilolitre.

Note: Flats, Units, Multiple Dwellings will be charged with a Connection Charge plus 50% of the connection charge for each additional dwelling thereafter.

Filtered Water Supply Charges - Balranald and Euston

All Access and Water Usage charges have been calculated in accordance with the following scale, subject to the proviso that where a property has more than one connection each connection shall be charged separately:

Filtered Water Access Charges

Connection Size	Annual Charge
20 mm connection	\$ 425.00
25 mm connection	\$ 664.00
32 mm connection	\$ 1,088.00
40 mm connection	\$ 1,700.00
50 mm connection	\$ 2,656.50
80 mm connection	\$ 6,800.00
100 mm connection	\$10,625.00

Usage Charges for Filtered water will be \$1.75 per kilolitre up to 400 kilolitre usage, then \$2.65 per kilolitre for usage over 400 kilolitres.

Note: Flats, Units, Multiple Dwellings will be charged with a Connection Charge plus 50% of the base 20mm connection charge for each additional dwelling thereafter.

All other Water fees are listed in the Fees and Charges document and incorporated into Council's Operational Plan.

Sewerage Access Charges - Balranald and Euston

Residential sewer charges will be standardised to a base access charge of \$698.

Non-Residential sewer access charges will be calculated in accordance with the following scale based on the size of the filtered water supply connection to the property, subject to the proviso that where a property has more than one sewer connection each connection shall be charged separately and provided further that in the event a residential property having access to the Balranald and Euston Sewerage Reticulation Mains that only has a raw water connection, the following scale of charges shall apply accordingly:

Non-Residential Sewer Access Charges

Connection Size	Annual Charge
20 mm connection (Base Access Charge)	\$ 698.00
25 mm connection	\$ 1,090.00
32 mm connection	\$ 1,786.00
40 mm connection	\$ 2,792.00
50 mm connection	\$ 4,362.00
80 mm connection	\$11,168.00
100mm connection	\$17,450.00
Unconnected at 75% of base access charge	\$ 523.50

Note: Flats, Units, Multiple Dwellings will be charged with a Connection Charge plus 50% of the base 20mm connection charge for each additional dwelling thereafter.

A Pedestal Charge will apply to any accommodation camp facility and levied at \$200 per pedestal.

A sewer usage charge of \$2.20 per kilolitre shall be levied on all non-residential properties, according to the actual volume of filtered water usage to which a Sewer discharge factor (SDF) has been applied.

Waste Management Charges

Domestic Waste Management Charge

A waste management service charge of \$429 is applied to all assessments which are rateable occupied residential land to which the weekly collection service is available.

A property can request more than one weekly bin collection service for \$300 for each bin collection after the first.

Domestic Waste Access Charge

A charge of \$70 per assessment applies for all rateable, unoccupied residential land to which the weekly collection service is available.

Commercial Waste Management Charge

Charges are proposed as scheduled hereunder:

Commercial weekly bin collection service (Euston)	\$ 429
Additional commercial collection – weekly (Euston)	\$ 300
Commercial twice weekly collection service (Balranald)	\$ 630
Additional commercial collection – twice weekly (Balranald)	\$ 429

Stormwater Management Charge

Council will levy a stormwater management charge, under section 496A of the Local Government Act, 1993 against rateable properties for which the service is available in order to establish and sustain a funding source for improved storm water management.

This charge appears as a separate charge on the rate notice.

Residential Property per annum	\$ 25.00
Residential Strata Property per annum	\$ 12.50
Business Property per annum	\$ 25.00
Business Strata Property per annum	\$ 12.50

- 5. Council increase all other Service user charges as listed in Council's proposed Fees & Charges (Attachment 2) for the 2023/2024 Financial Year;
- 6. Council, in accordance with the provisions of Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993 determines the proposed interest on overdue rates and charges for the period from 1 July, 2023 until 30 June, 2024 will be the maximum rate as set by the Minister for Local Government (The rate has not been announced for the 2023/2024 Financial Year as yet).

- 7. Council determines that the interest rate to apply to overdue debtors for the period from 1 July, 2023 until 30 June, 2024 will be the maximum rate as set by the Minister for Local Government (The rate has not been announced for the 2023/2024 Financial Year as yet).
- 8. Council requests for a further report to be submitted in June 2023, together with all submissions received at the conclusion of the public exhibition period as part of the review and adoption of the Final Operational Plan and Budget for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.

CARRIED

8.4 FEE WAIVER REQUEST

RESOLUTION 2023/42

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council:

- 1. Allows the use of the Greenham Park Hall by the Balranald Child and Family Health Services and Maari Ma to run a Health and Wellbeing Service for Balranald residents and waives the fees of hiring the Greenham Park Hall.
- 2. Advise the Balranald Child and Family Health and Maari Ma in writing that the Greenham Park Hall Hire fee has been waived from Thursday, 16 March 2023 until Thursday, 7 December 2023, however the hall must be left in a clean and tidy state after each monthly program.

CARRIED

8.5 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/43

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council authorises for the Administrator and the General Manager to attend the Australian Local Government Association (*ALGA*) National General Assembly (*NGA*) 2023 which is being held in Canberra from Tuesday, 13 June 2023 until Friday, 16 June 2023.

PART B - ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS

9.1 REPORT ON FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS AT WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/44

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receives and notes the financial information contained in this report for the period ending Wednesday, 5 April 2023.

CARRIED

9.2 MONTHLY INVESTMENTS REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/45

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That Council receives and notes the information contained in this report.

CARRIED

9.3 GRANT STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2023/46

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.4 QUARTERLY TOURISM REPORT

RESOLUTION 2023/47

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

9.5 ENGINEERING UPDATE FOR MARCH/APRIL 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/48

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.6 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2023/49

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.7 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS AS AT THURSDAY, 13 APRIL 2023

RESOLUTION 2023/50

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

9.8 ADMINISTRATOR, GENERAL MANAGER AND STAFF MEETINGS

RESOLUTION 2023/51

Moved:

Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

9.9 CIRCULARS FROM THE OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

RESOLUTION 2023/52

Moved: Administrator Mike Colreavy

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

10 NOTICE OF MOTION / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.15pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 16 May 2023.

ADMINISTRATIOR

GENERAL MANAGER

