



AGENDA

Extraordinary Council Meeting Tuesday, 22 July 2025

Date: Tuesday, 22 July 2025

Time: 4pm

Location: Council Chambers, Market Street Balranald

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Interim General Manager**

BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

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OUR VISION

To create a better, more vibrant, more resilient and more engaged community, by capitalising upon its human, cultural, environmental and business assets and encouraging a strong sense of civic participation and pride.

OUR MISSION

“Committed to Balranald Shire, Providing for our People, Protecting our Heritage, and Planning for our Future.”

OUR VALUES

Honesty:	We will be transparent, frank and truthful to ourselves, each other and with other people we deal with.
Respect:	We will treat others as we want to be treated ourselves, we will be tolerant of each other and accept that people have different opinions.
Enjoyment:	We will create a pleasant and enjoyable working environment with satisfying jobs.
Teamwork:	We will cooperate and support each other to achieve common goals.
Openness:	We will collaborate openly and provide opportunities to communicate and network regularly with each other.
Leadership:	We will provide a clear strategy and direction and support all to achieve organisational and community goals.
Customer Focus:	We will constantly strive to be responsive to our customers' needs and preferences by providing high quality services.

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary Meeting of Council will be held in
the Council Chambers, Market Street Balranald on:
Tuesday, 22 July 2025 at 4pm

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Chapter 3. Principles for Local Government

8 Object of principles

The object of the principles for councils set out in this Chapter is to provide guidance to enable councils to carry out their functions in a way that facilitates local communities that are strong, healthy and prosperous.

8A Guiding principles for councils

- (1) Exercise of functions generally.

The following general principles apply to the exercise of functions by councils--

- (a) Councils should provide strong and effective representation, leadership, planning and decision-making.
 - (b) Councils should carry out functions in a way that provides the best possible value for residents and ratepayers.
 - (c) Councils should plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community.
 - (d) Councils should apply the integrated planning and reporting framework in carrying out their functions so as to achieve desired outcomes and continuous improvements.
 - (e) Councils should work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.
 - (f) Councils should manage lands and other assets so that current and future local community needs can be met in an affordable way.
 - (g) Councils should work with others to secure appropriate services for local community needs.
 - (h) Councils should act fairly, ethically and without bias in the interests of the local community.
 - (i) Councils should be responsible employers and provide a consultative and supportive working environment for staff.
- (2) Decision-making The following principles apply to decision-making by councils (subject to any other applicable law)--
- (a) Councils should recognise diverse local community needs and interests.
 - (b) Councils should consider social justice principles.
 - (c) Councils should consider the long term and cumulative effects of actions on future generations.
 - (d) Councils should consider the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
 - (e) Council decision-making should be transparent and decision-makers are to be accountable for decisions and omissions.
- (3) Community participation Councils should actively engage with their local communities, through the use of the integrated planning and reporting framework and other measures.

Principles of sound financial management*8B Principles of sound financial management*

The following principles of sound financial management apply to councils:

- (a) Council spending should be responsible and sustainable, aligning general revenue and expenses.
- (b) Councils should invest in responsible and sustainable infrastructure for the benefit of the local community.
- (c) Councils should have effective financial and asset management, including sound policies and processes for the following--
 - (i) performance management and reporting,
 - (ii) asset maintenance and enhancement,
 - (iii) funding decisions,
 - (iv) risk management practices.
- (d) Councils should have regard to achieving intergenerational equity, including ensuring the following--
 - (i) policy decisions are made after considering their financial effects on future generations,
 - (ii) the current generation funds the cost of its services.

Integrated planning and reporting principles that apply to councils*8C Integrated planning and reporting principles that apply to councils*

The following principles for strategic planning apply to the development of the integrated planning and reporting framework by councils:

- (a) Councils should identify and prioritise key local community needs and aspirations and consider regional priorities.
- (b) Councils should identify strategic goals to meet those needs and aspirations.
- (c) Councils should develop activities, and prioritise actions, to work towards the strategic goals.
- (d) Councils should ensure that the strategic goals and activities to work towards them may be achieved within council resources.
- (e) Councils should regularly review and evaluate progress towards achieving strategic goals.
- (f) Councils should maintain an integrated approach to planning, delivering, monitoring and reporting on strategic goals.
- (g) Councils should collaborate with others to maximise achievement of strategic goals.
- (h) Councils should manage risks to the local community or area or to the council effectively and proactively.
- (i) Councils should make appropriate evidence-based adaptations to meet changing needs and circumstances.

2 PRAYER & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**Prayer**

ALMIGHTY AND ETERNAL GOD, GIVE US THE GRACE TO FAITHFULLY FULFIL
THE DUTIES OF OUR OFFICE.

SHED THE LIGHT OF YOUR WISDOM AND COUNSEL UPON US SO THAT,
STRENGTHENED BY THESE GIFTS, WE WILL, IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF
THE AFFAIRS OF THE COUNCIL, ALWAYS DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND JUST.

WE ASK THAT OUR DELIBERATIONS WILL BE BOTH FRUITFUL AND WISE.

AMEN

Acknowledgement of Country

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

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**3 APOLOGIES**

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)****PART A – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION****5 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS****5.1 COUNCIL COMMITTEES - MODIFICATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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| <b>File Number:</b>                | <b>D25.111680</b>                                                                              |
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| <b>Operational Plan Objective:</b> | <b>Pillar 1: Our People – A community that is proactive, engaged, inclusive and connected.</b> |

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To amend the Terms of Reference of the Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Amend the Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference to increase the number of community members from seven to nine;
2. Confirm that the Mayor is an ex officio member of each advisory committee with voting rights and request that this be reflected in Advisory Committee Guidelines and future reviews of the committees' Terms of Reference.

**REPORT**

A separate report considers the addition of community members to the Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SCAIWAC) because two Expressions of Interest were overlooked.

The Interim General Manager apologises to the community members and Council.

SCAIWAC's current Terms of Reference allow for seven community members. That needs to be modified to allow for the additional community members if Council should so resolve.

While it is understood that Mayor is an ex officio member of committees the OLG recommends that it be explicitly stated in a resolution for absolute clarity.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION**

N/a

**LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATION**

Acts of Parliament – Legislation

*Section 355 & 377 of the Local Government Act, 1993*

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

Model Code of Meeting Practice

Advisory Committee Guidelines

Committee Terms of Reference

**RISK RATING**

Low

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



**6 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act 1993:

**6.1 Council Committees - Appointment of Community Members**

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 10A(2) - a of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

**7 CLOSURE OF MEETING**