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**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 17 June 2025**

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**MINUTES OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MARKET STREET BALRANALD
ON TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2025 AT 5PM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor opened the meeting at 5pm.

2 PRAYER & ACKNOWLEDGMENT 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.

PRESENT:

Mayor Louie Zaffina, Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott, Cr Leigh Byron, Cr Iain Lindsay-Field, Cr Alison Linnett, Cr Phillip Pippin, Cr German Ugarte, Member Edna Mendes

IN ATTENDANCE:

David McKinley (Director of Infrastructure and Planning Services), Carol Holmes (Senior Executive Officer), Peter Bascomb (Interim General Manager)

3 APOLOGIES

Cr Tracy O'Halloran

RESOLUTION 2025/124

Moved: Cr Alison Linnett

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That the apology received from Cr Tracy O'Halloran be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 20 MAY 2025**

RESOLUTION 2025/125

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Cr Phillip Pippin

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 May 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Interest submitted to this meeting.

6 MAYORAL/COUNCILLOR REPORT**0.0 MAYORAL MINUTE - LIMITING OVERNIGHT TRUCK PARKING**

MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION

That Council implements a "No Truck Parking 8pm to 6am" zone along the South-Western side of Market St from the corner of Cally St for 70 metres.

Cr Louie Zaffina:

- Attended a meeting held at Euston Club on 5 June Sustainable Communities Program
- Congratulated Edna Mendes on her role of Chief Financial
- Thanked Mr Glenn Carroll for his time with Councils as the Director of Governance, Business and Community Services.

7 COMMITTEE REPORTS**7.1 BALRANALD BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON MONDAY 9 APRIL 2025**

RESOLUTION 2025/126

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That the minutes of the Balranald Beautification Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday, 9 April 2025 be received and noted.

CARRIED

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7.2 EUSTON PROGRESSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 28 APRIL 2025

RESOLUTION 2025/127

Moved: Cr Alison Linnett

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That:

1. the Minutes of the Euston Progressive Advisory Committee meeting held on Monday 28 April 2025 be received and noted.
2. Council endorse the concept of the artwork on the water towers Mural.

CARRIED**8 NOTICE OF MOTION Nil****9 NOTICE OF RESCISSION Nil****GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)****PART A – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION****10 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS****10.1 PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP OF RIVERINA AND MURRAY JOINT ORGANISATION****RESOLUTION 2025/128**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council confirms its commitment to joining Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation as full members once the necessary statutory changes have been made.

CARRIED

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10.2 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR FEES FOR 2025-26**RESOLUTION 2025/129**

Moved: Cr Alison Linnett

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council:

1. Sets the annual Councillor Fee payable for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 at \$13,930 as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and in accordance with section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993.
2. Sets the annual Mayoral Additional Fee payable for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026 at \$30,390 as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and in accordance with section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED

10.3 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICIES**RESOLUTION 2025/130**

Moved: Cr Alison Linnett

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council approve the policies listed in the report to be publicly exhibited for a period of 28 days to seek public comment and for any significant public submissions to be reported back to the July 2025 Ordinary Council meeting, otherwise the policies will be deemed to be adopted immediately by Council following the exhibition period.

CARRIED

10.4 ADOPTION OF COUNCIL'S DRAFT 2025-2029 DELIVERY PROGRAM**RESOLUTION 2025/131**

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council, having noted that no submissions were received during the period of public exhibition, adopt the Draft 2025-2029 Delivery Program without amendment.

CARRIED

10.5 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR**RESOLUTION 2025/132**

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council adopt the Draft Operational Plan for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

CARRIED

10.6 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2025/2026 FINANCIAL YEAR**RESOLUTION 2025/133**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That Council adopts the Draft Budget for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

CARRIED

10.7 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REVENUE POLICY AND DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR**RESOLUTION 2025/134**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

THAT:

1. In accordance with the provisions of section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council makes, fixes, levies and adopts the Rates and Charges for the 2025/2026 Financial Year as detailed in the rating categories as set out below:

FARMLAND – GENERAL a rate of zero point one five one zero zero four (0.151004) 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 seven hundred and fifty two dollars (\$752) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirteen point six percent (13.6%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Farmland General rate sub-category; and

FARMLAND – IRRIGABLE HORTICULTURE a rate of zero point six zero eight one three three (0.608133) 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 seven hundred and fifty two dollars (\$752) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing two point five percent (2.5%) 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 five five zero four three (0.355043) 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 seven hundred and fifty two dollars (\$752) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing nineteen point nine percent (19.9%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Farmland Intense rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – BALRANALD a rate of zero point four two one three seven (0.42137) 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 forty dollars (\$240) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty one point seven percent (41.7%) of the

total amount of the rate levy for the Residential Balranald rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – EUSTON a rate of zero point two three nine eight five eight (0.239858) 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 forty dollars (\$240) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty six point five percent (46.5%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential Euston rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – OXLEY a rate of four point zero four four nine six (4.04496) 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 twenty five dollars (\$125) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty five point seven percent (35.7%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential Oxley rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – GENERAL – RURAL (0-2 hectares) a rate of zero point four one four seven seven eight (0.414778) 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 forty (\$240) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty two point one percent (42.1%) 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 four three two one two (0.243212) 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 forty dollars (\$240) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty two point five percent (32.5%) 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 two point two four nine one one nine (2.249119) 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 five hundred and seventeen dollars (\$517) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing nineteen point five percent (19.5%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business Balranald rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – EUSTON a rate of one point six two zero eight five six (1.620856) cents in the dollar on the land value of all rateable land in the Euston Village Zone, being land which has been sub-categorised 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 five hundred and seventeen dollars (\$517) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing twelve point six (12.6%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business Euston rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – RURAL a rate of one point zero seven zero one six one (1.070161) 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 forty dollars (\$240) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty point

three percent (40.3%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business - Rural rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – PARISH OF CHADWICK – SOLAR FARMS rate of three point five eight eight four seven eight (3.588478) 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, five hundred and ninety dollars (\$2,590) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing two point six percent (2.6%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Parish of Chadwick – Solar Farms sub category.

BUSINESS – RURAL GRAVEL & SAND EXTRACTION a rate of one point nine one two three six nine (1.912369) 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 thirty five dollars (\$135) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty two point nine percent (42.9%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Rural Gravel & Sand Extraction sub-category; and

BUSINESS – PARISHES OF PAIKA, PENARIE, WOOLPAGERIE, WILLILBAH EAST & MAGENTA – GYPSUM EXTRACTION a rate of five point nine zero one zero seven four (5.901074) 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 – 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 seven hundred and fifty two dollars (\$752) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing four point three percent (4.3%) 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 and MAGENTA- MINERAL SANDS EXTRACTION (LOCATION A) a rate of nine point one three six one eight six (9.136186) 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 – Parishes of Willilbah, Bidura, Solferina and Magenta – Mineral Sands Extraction (Location A)** pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two thousand, five hundred and ninety dollars (\$2,590) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing zero point two eight percent (0.28%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Parishes of Willilbah, Bidura, Solferina and Magenta – Mineral Sands Extraction (Location A) sub-category; and

BUSINESS – PARISHES OF PITAPUNGA, CROKEE, MUCKEE & LAWRENCE – MINERAL SANDS EXTRACTION (LOCATION B) a rate of seventeen point one one eight one three (17.11813) 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 **Parishes Of Pitapunga, Crokee, Muckee & Lawrence – Mineral Sands Extraction (Location B)** pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of two thousand, five hundred and ninety (\$2,590) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing zero percent (0%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Parishes of Pitapunga, Crokee, Muckee & Lawrence sub category;

2. Council increases the Notional yield by the maximum 4.5% per annum, being the Rate Peg % approved by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART);

and

3. In accordance with the provisions of Section 535 of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council adopts the Revenue Policy and Fees & Charges (as detailed in Attachment 2 and below) for the 2025/2026 Financial Year;
4. Council adopts the proposed interim Aerodrome Landing Fee (per landing) for;
Commercial Flights of \$200.00
Non-Commercial Flights \$20.00; and
Charities (Flying Doctor \$0.00, as detailed in the submission outlined in this report; and
5. In accordance with the provisions of Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council determines the interest rate on overdue rates and charges for the period from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2026 to be 10.5%; and
6. In accordance with the provisions of Section 566 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1993, Council determines that the interest rate on overdue debtors for the period from 1 July 2025 until 30 June 2026 to be 10.5%.

CARRIED

10.8 ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2035 RESOURCING STRATEGY

RESOLUTION 2025/135

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council adopts the draft Resourcing Strategy.

CARRIED

10.9 EXTENSION OF TIME FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES

RESOLUTION 2025/136

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That Council

1. Reopen the call for Expressions of Interest for members of its Committees until Friday 4 July 2025.
2. Defer nominating Councillor members of the committees until Council's July meeting
3. Consider retaining the name Strengthening Community Access, Inclusion and Wellbeing Advisory Committee (SCAIWAC) rather than the Wellbeing and Health Committee.

CARRIED

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PART B – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**11 GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORTS****11.1 OUTSTANDING DEBTORS AS AT 31 MAY 2025****RESOLUTION 2025/137**

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council note the report.

CARRIED

11.2 OUTSTANDING RATES AND USAGE CHARGES AS AT 31 MAY 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/138**

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council notes the information contained within this report.

CARRIED

11.3 REPORT ON FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS AT 31 MAY 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/139**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council note the financial information contained in this report for the period ending, 31 May 2025.

CARRIED

11.4 MONTHLY INVESTMENTS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2025/140**

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council note the information provided in this report.

CARRIED

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11.5 GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE**RESOLUTION 2025/141**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

Seconded: Cr Phillip Pippin

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.6 INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE FOR MAY 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/142**

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.7 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT**RESOLUTION 2025/143**

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Cr Alison Linnett

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.8 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS JUNE 2025**RESOLUTION 2025/144**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.9 CIRCULARS FROM THE OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**RESOLUTION 2025/145**

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Cr Alison Linnett

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.10 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR, THE INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER AND DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION 2025/146

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

Seconded: Cr Phillip Pippin

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

12 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

12.1 INCOME/EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT 2022-2025

RESOLUTION 2025/147

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Cr German Ugarte

That Council notes the response to the question regarding Income/Expenditure of Waste Management raised by Councillor Iain Lindsay-Field.

CARRIED

13 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 5.48pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 15 July 2025.



MAYOR