



MINUTES

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Tuesday, 16 June 2026**

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**MINUTES OF BALRANALD SHIRE COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MARKET STREET BALRANALD
ON TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026 AT 4PM**

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 Tracy O'Halloran, Cr Phillip Pippin, Cr German Ugarte

IN ATTENDANCE:

Terry Dodds (CEO), Edna Mendes (Chief Financial Officer), Hodi Beauliv (Executive Manager - Community & Governance), Raju Ranjit (Manager of Infrastructure & Project Services), Carol Holmes (Senior Executive Assistant) and Tharmeala Vijayan (Executive Assistant)

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**4.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 MAY 2026**

RESOLUTION 2026/125

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 26 May 2026 as a true and accurate recording of that meeting.

CARRIED

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was no Disclosures of Interest submitted to this meeting.

6 MAYORAL/COUNCILLOR REPORT**7 COMMITTEE REPORTS****7.1 AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 MAY 2026**

RESOLUTION 2026/126

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council receive and note the Minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on Monday 18 May 2026.

CARRIED

8 NOTICE OF MOTION

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9 NOTICE OF RESCISSION**9.1 NOTICE OF RESCISSION - ADOPTION OF MODEL CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE**

I, Councillor Louie Zaffina, give notice that at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 16 June 2026, I intend to move the following rescission motion:

RESOLUTION 2026/127

Moved: Mayor Louie Zaffina

Seconded: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

That:

1. The resolution 2026/42 titled Adoption of Model Code of Meeting Practice that was passed at the meeting of 17 March 2026 be rescinded.
2. The resolution 2025/218 titled Adoption of Model Code of Meeting Practice that was passed at the meeting of 16 December 2025 be rescinded.
3. That the previous Model Code of Meeting Practice (attached) be restored as the current Code of Meeting Practice

CARRIED

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS REPORTS (INCORPORATING ALL STAFF REPORTS)

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PART A – ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**10 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS****10.1 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY - REVIEW OF SUBMITTED MOTIONS****RESOLUTION 2026/128**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That Council:

1. Endorse the Mayor, Cr Louie Zaffina, as Council's voting delegate for the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government.
2. Authorise the Mayor to vote on motions in a manner consistent with the following principles:
 - a. Support motions that seek practical funding for roads, water, sewer, housing-enabling infrastructure, disaster recovery, disaster betterment, emergency management, grant reform, Financial Assistance Grants and reduced cost shifting.
 - b. Support motions that improve regional and remote council sustainability, provided they do not create new unfunded obligations for Council.
 - c. Oppose, or seek to amend, motions that create new mandatory reporting, planning, monitoring, governance, compliance, staffing, capital or operational requirements for small rural and remote councils without full Commonwealth funding.
 - d. Oppose, or seek to amend, motions that would turn small councils into delivery agencies for national climate, emissions, environmental, waste, social policy or workforce programs without dedicated funding and practical support.
3. Authorise the Mayor to submit, move, second or support amendments to relevant motions where the amendment is designed to ensure:
 - a. No cost shifting to local government.
 - b. No mandatory reporting or implementation obligation on small rural and remote councils.
 - c. Full Commonwealth funding for any new compliance, data, planning, staffing, capital or operational requirement.
 - d. Proportionality for small rural and remote councils; and
 - e. Local discretion where local circumstances vary.
4. Specifically authorise the mayor to seek amendments to motions dealing with:
 - a. Climate change, net zero, emissions reporting and carbon pricing.
 - b. Renewable energy community benefit frameworks.
 - c. Closing the Gap and First Nations partnership obligations.
 - d. Cyber security and artificial intelligence.
 - e. Environment, EPBC reform, waste, FOGO, product stewardship, biodiversity, microplastics and wastewater monitoring.
 - f. Housing and planning frameworks.
 - g. Compulsory youth employment, traineeship and cadetship programs.
 - h. Mandatory 30 km/h speed limits.

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5. Authorise the Mayor to oppose Motion 119, unless amended to remove support for an economy-wide carbon pricing mechanism.
6. Authorise the Mayor to oppose Motion 217, unless amended to make any youth employment, apprenticeship, traineeship or cadetship program voluntary, fully funded and locally controlled.
7. Authorise the Mayor to oppose Motion 234, unless amended to remove mandatory speed-limit wording and replace it with a funded, risk-based local option.
8. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to finalise and submit proposed amendments to the ALGA Secretariat on behalf of Council, in consultation with the mayor.

CARRIED

10.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE OF ACCOUNTING PRACTICE AND FINANCIAL REPORTING; THE CODE WORKING GROUP

RESOLUTION 2026/129

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That Council note:

1. The Chief Executive Officer has joined the Office of Local Government's Code Working Group for the Local Government Code of Accounting Practice and Financial Reporting.
2. The Chief Executive Officer's participation provides an opportunity to contribute a rural and remote council perspective to future discussions on local government financial reporting, sustainability, asset renewal, grant dependency and practical financial information for councillors and communities.
3. Any material policy, financial or legislative matters arising from the Code Working Group will be reported back to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and Council as required.

CARRIED

10.3 POLICY - CEO LEAVE

RESOLUTION 2026/130

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council:

1. Notes the annual leave approval arrangements applying to the Chief Executive Officer under the standard NSW local government employment framework.
2. Confirms that ordinary annual leave applications by the Chief Executive Officer are to be submitted to, and approved by, the mayor.
3. Notes that a formal Council resolution is not required for ordinary annual leave taken by the Chief Executive Officer, including annual leave greater than two days.
4. Notes that Council approval may still be required where:
 - An Acting Chief Executive Officer appointment is required.

- Delegations need to be amended or confirmed.
 - Leave outside ordinary annual leave is proposed; or
 - A policy or employment contract matter requires formal Council determination.
5. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer review the Council's Annual Leave Policy and adjust if necessary.

CARRIED

10.4 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT REVENUE POLICY AND DRAFT FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR

RESOLUTION 2026/131

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran
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 2026/2027 Financial Year as detailed in the rating categories as set out below:

BUSINESS – PARISHES OF PITAPUNGA, CROKEE, MUCKEE & LAWRENCE – MINERAL SANDS EXTRACTION (LOCATION B) a rate of zero point one nine eight three (0.1983) 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, seven hundred and ten (\$2,710) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing seventeen point six percent (17.6%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the **Business – Parishes of Pitapunga, Crokee, Muckee & Lawrence** sub category; and

FARMLAND – GENERAL a rate of zero point one five eight six three (0.15863) 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 eight six dollars (\$786) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirteen point five percent (13.5%) 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 three eight eight seven (0.63887) 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 eight six dollars (\$786) 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

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FARMLAND – INTENSE a rate of zero point three seven two nine nine (0.37299) 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 eighty six dollars (\$786) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing twenty one point three percent (21.3%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Farmland Intense rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – BALRANALD a rate of zero point four four two six six (0.44266) 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 fifty one dollars (\$251) 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 five one nine eight (0.25198) 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 fifty one dollars (\$251) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty six point four percent (46.4%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Residential Euston rate sub-category; and

RESIDENTIAL – OXLEY a rate of four point two four nine three seven (4.24937) 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 thirty dollars (\$130) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty five point eight percent (35.8%) 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 three five seven four (0.43574) 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 fifty one (\$251) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty two point zero percent (42.0%) 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 five five five (0.2555) 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 fifty one dollars (\$251) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing thirty two point four percent (32.4%) 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 three six two seven eight (2.36278) 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 forty dollars (\$540) 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 zero two seven seven (1.70277) 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 forty dollars (\$540) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing twelve point five (12.5%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business Euston rate sub-category; and

BUSINESS – RURAL a rate of one point one two four two four (1.12424) 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 fifty one dollars (\$251) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty point six percent (40.6%) 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 seven six nine eight two (3.76982) 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, seven hundred and ten dollars (\$2,710) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing three point nine percent (3.9%) 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 two point zero zero nine zero one (2.00901) 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 forty one dollars (\$141) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing forty two point eight percent (42.8%) 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 six point one nine nine two nine (6.19929) 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 eight six dollars (\$786) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount producing five point nine percent (5.9%) 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 five nine seven eight nine (9.59789) 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 seven one zero dollars (\$2,710) 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;

BUSINESS – PARISHES OF PITAPUNGA, CROKEE, MUCKEE & LAWRENCE – MINERAL SANDS EXTRACTION (LOCATION B) a rate of zero point one nine eight three (0.1983) 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, seven hundred and ten (\$2,710) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing seventeen point six percent (17.6%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the **Business – Parishes of Pitapunga, Crokee, Muckee & Lawrence sub category**; and

BUSINESS – ACCOMMODATION CAMPS a rate of three point five (3.5000) 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 – Accommodation Camps** pursuant to Sections 518 and 529 of the Local Government Act, 1993 and subject to a base amount of five hundred and forty dollars (\$540) in respect of each separate parcel with the base amount percentage producing five point eight one percent (5.81%) of the total amount of the rate levy for the Business – Accommodation Camps sub category

2. Council increases the Notional yield by the maximum 4.6% 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 2026/2027 Financial Year;

4. 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 2026 until 30 June 2027 to be 9.5%; and

5. 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 2026 until 30 June 2027 to be 9.5%.

Report

The Revenue Policy outlines the proposed Rates and Annual Charges and Fees and Charges for the 2025/2026 Financial Year. The Revenue Policy was advertised for a period of twenty-eight (28) days together with Council's Operational Plan & Budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year.

The Draft Budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year is underpinned by a rate increase of 4.6% in line with the Rate Peg determined by IPART for all rateable properties.

The Revenue Policy is required to be adopted by resolution of Council prior to 30 June each year. The Draft Revenue Policy for the 2026/2027 Financial Year includes the following:

- A statement with respect to each ordinary rate to be levied including the ad valorem amount (the amount in the dollar) of the rate.
- Whether the rate is to have a base amount and, if so the amount in dollars of the base amount.
 - a) The percentage, in conformity with Section 500 of the Act:
 - i. of the total amount payable by the levying of the rate, or

- ii. in the case of the rate, the rate for the category or sub-category concerned of the ordinary rate, that the levying of the base amount will produce;
 - b) the estimated yield of the rate; and
 - c) the categories or sub-categories of land in respect of which council proposes to levy the rate.
- Council is required to make and levy its ordinary rates and annual charges each year on land in the Balranald Shire area.

As described in the Draft Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges, Council proposes to levy an ordinary rate for the following categories and sub-categories:

- Farmland – General;
- Farmland – Irrigable – Horticulture;
- Farmland – Intense;
- Residential – Balranald;
- Residential – Euston;
- Residential – Oxley;
- Residential – General – Rural (0-2 hectares);
- Residential – Rural (2-40 hectares);
- Business – Balranald;
- Business – Euston;
- Business – Rural;
- Business – Rural Gravel & Sand Extraction;
- Business – Parishes of Paika, Woolpagerie, Penarie Woolpagerie, Willibah East & Magenta – Gypsum Extraction;
- Business – Parishes of Willibah, Bidura, Solferina and Magenta – Mineral Sands (Loc A) Extraction;
- Business – Parishes of Pitapunga, Crokee, Muckee, Lawrence – Mineral Sands (Loc B) Extraction;
- Business – Parish Chadwick - Solar Farms;
- Business – Accommodation Camps.

In addition, all other charges for water, sewer and waste management have been increased by 4.6%, with the exception of Pedestal charges for Accommodation Camps, which has not been increased due to a significant increase in the number of services provided.

The schedule of Fees and Charges, including other annual service access fees and user charges has seen, on average, an increase of 4.6%. Fees and charges are levied on the basis of a combination of statutory amounts, partial cost recovery and full cost recovery, as detailed in the schedule.

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 (Base Access Charge)	\$ 423.00
25 mm connection	\$ 660.00
32 mm connection	\$ 1,083.00
40 mm connection	\$ 1,691.00
50 mm connection	\$ 2,642.00
80 mm connection	\$ 6,761.00
100 mm connection	\$10,566.00

Usage Charges for Raw water will be \$1.25 per kilolitre up to 600 kilolitres usage, then \$1.86 per kilolitre for usage over 600 kilolitres. Raw Water usage on community land will be charged at 0.51 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 Access 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 (Base Access Charge)	\$ 485.00
25 mm connection	\$ 758.00
32 mm connection	\$ 1,243.00
40 mm connection	\$ 1,942.00
50 mm connection	\$ 3,034.00
80 mm connection	\$ 7,768.00
100 mm connection	\$12,137.00

Usage Charges for Filtered water will be \$1.98 per kilolitre up to 400 kilolitre usage, then \$3.03 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 access charges are standardised to a base access charge of \$797.

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)	\$ 797.00
25 mm connection	\$ 1,245.00
32 mm connection	\$ 1,950.00
40 mm connection	\$ 3,189.00
50 mm connection	\$ 4,982.00
Unconnected at 75% of base access charge	\$ 597.75

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 (unchanged).

A sewer usage charge of \$2.40 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 \$516 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 \$361 for each bin collection after the first.

Domestic and Commercial Waste Access Charges

Charges are proposed as scheduled hereunder:

Domestic Waste Charge (all areas)	\$ 516.00
Additional Domestic Waste Collection	\$ 361.00
Commercial weekly bin collection service (Euston)	\$ 516.00
Additional commercial collection – weekly (Euston)	\$ 361.00
Commercial twice weekly collection service (Balranald)	\$ 757.00

Additional commercial collection – twice weekly (Balranald)	\$ 516.00
Vacant Land where collection service is available	\$ 84.00

A charge of \$84 per assessment applies for all rateable, unoccupied residential land to which the weekly collection service is available.

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 stormwater 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

Public Submissions

At the completion of the statutory period for public consultation, where all proposed Rates, Fees and other charges were placed on exhibition, Council had received no public submissions.

Internal Submissions

There are no internal submissions relating to any aspect of the annual Revenue Policy or proposed Fees and Charges.

The above recommendations are now submitted for Council endorsement.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Fees & Charges support Council's Operating Budget and underpin the recoupment of costs incurred in delivering services to the community.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act, 1993.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Revenue Policy.

RISK RATING

Low.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

The Revenue Policy and Fees & Charges for the 2026/2027 Financial Year were placed on public exhibition for a minimum twenty-eight (28) days, from Wednesday 22 April 2026 until Monday 25 May 2026. No public submissions were received.

CARRIED

10.5 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT BUDGET FOR THE 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR**RESOLUTION 2026/132**

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr Alison Linnett

That Council adopts the Draft Budget for the 2026/2027 Financial Year.**CARRIED****10.6 ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR****RESOLUTION 2026/133**

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council adopt the Draft Operational Plan for the 2026/2027 Financial Year.**CARRIED****10.7 MAYORAL AND COUNCILLOR FEES FOR 2026-27****RESOLUTION 2026/134**

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council:

1. Sets the annual Councillor Fee payable for the period 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2027 at \$14,450 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 2026 to 30 June 2027 at \$31,510 as determined by the Local Government Remuneration Tribunal and in accordance with section 248 of the Local Government Act 1993.

CARRIED**10.8 COUNCILLOR SUPERANNUATION PAYMENTS****RESOLUTION 2026/135**

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr Alison Linnett

That the report be received and noted and that Council endorse the payment of Superannuation to any Councillor choosing to take up the offer.**CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 2026/136

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That the late item 10.9 Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) 75th Anniversary Conference be admitted to the agenda.

CARRIED**10.9 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION (ALGWA) 75TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE****RESOLUTION 2026/137**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council;

1. Determine whether it would like representatives to attend the ALGWA 75th anniversary Conference held on Thursday, 20 to Saturday, 22 August 2026; and
2. Nominate Crs Tracy O'Halloran, Alison Linnett and Ms Edna Mendes and Hodi Beauliv to attend the ALGWA 75th anniversary Conference.

CARRIED

PART B – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**11 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS****11.1 REPORT OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION****RESOLUTION 2026/138**

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council notes the financial information contained in this report for the period ending 31 May 2026.

CARRIED

11.2 MONTHLY INVESTMENTS REPORT**RESOLUTION 2026/139**

Moved: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council note the information provided in this report.

CARRIED

11.3 OUTSTANDING RATES AND USAGE CHARGES AS AT 31 MAY 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/140

Moved: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That Council notes the information contained within this report.

CARRIED

11.4 OUTSTANDING DEBTORS AS AT 31 MAY 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/141

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

That Council note the report.

CARRIED

11.5 SERVICE REQUEST INFORMATION REPORT

RESOLUTION 2026/142

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr Phillip Pippin

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.6 WESTERN REGION OF COUNCILS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT - ADVOCACY PAPER AND PROJECT PLAN

RESOLUTION 2026/143

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.7 GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS STATUS UPDATE

RESOLUTION 2026/144

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Cr German Ugarte

That Council note the May Grants Projects Update report.

CARRIED

11.8 PLANNING UPDATE FOR MAY 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/145

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.9 ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITHIN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTION 2026/146

Moved: Cr Alison Linnett

Seconded: Cr Leigh Byron

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.10 TECHNICAL AND PROJECT SERVICES UPDATE FOR MAY 2026

RESOLUTION 2026/147

Moved: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

11.11 MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE MAYOR, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

RESOLUTION 2026/148

Moved: Cr Alison Linnett

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Dwaine Scott

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.12 CORRESPONDENCE**RESOLUTION 2026/149**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Iain Lindsay-Field

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.13 OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**RESOLUTION 2026/150**

Moved: Cr German Ugarte

Seconded: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

That the report be received and noted.

CARRIED

11.14 CIRCULARS FROM THE OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**RESOLUTION 2026/151**

Moved: Cr Leigh Byron

Seconded: Cr Tracy O'Halloran

That Council notes the report.

CARRIED

12 NOTICE OF MOTION / QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

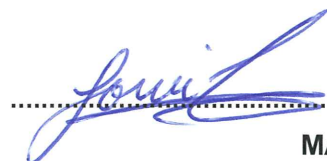
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6 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Nil

The Meeting closed at 6.11 PM.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Council Meeting held on 21 July 2026.


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MAYOR

