

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 APRIL 2022 AT 11AM**

PRESENT: Cr Paul King OAM (Chairperson), Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Kate Dight and Cr Nicky Lavender.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Jacko Ross, Cr Wendy Wilks and Cr Di Baker.

Paul Henry (General Manager), Brett McInnes (Director Civil & Environmental Services) and Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Economic Services).

1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the apology received from Cr Jo Williams for personal reasons be accepted and leave of absence granted.

CARRIED

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 9 March, 2022, as circulated to members, be confirmed as a true and correct record of that meeting.

CARRIED

3 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS/PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Nil

4 DESTINATION REPORTS

4.1 DONATION REQUEST - INVERELL ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION S12.22.1/15

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

The Committee recommend to Council that Council donate \$500 to the Inverell Anglers' Association to assist with costs associated with restocking trout in the Macintyre River Catchment.

CARRIED

4.2 ARTS NORTH WEST (ANW) MEMBERSHIP S26.5.4**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

The Committee recommend to Council that Council agree to membership of Arts North West for the year 2022/23 at \$14,866.70.

CARRIED**4.3 2022/2023 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN S12.5.3****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

The Committee recommend to Council that:

1. *Council authorise the General Manager to submit a permanent Additional Special Variation (ASV) under section 508(2) of the Local Government Act 1993 of 1.3% increase in General Rates Revenue which will generate additional revenue of \$191,179;*
2. *Council proceed with a permanent Additional Special Variation application for the purpose of maintaining financial sustainability and to maintain essential community infrastructure assets including Council's road network; and*
3. *Council has considered the impact of the ASV on ratepayers and the community and considers the increases in general rates to be reasonable.*

CARRIED

4.4 2022/2023 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN S12.5.3

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Paul Harmon

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

1. *That the following works be funded from the Urban Works Vote and be included in the 2022/2023 Budget:*

i) *Inverell and Villages - Urban Renewal and Upgrade General Fund, Water Fund*

		General Fund	Water Fund
A	Inverell and Villages - Urban Renewal and Upgrade <i>Project subject to a further report to Civil and Environmental Committee</i>	\$500.16K	\$ 0K
B	Urban Work Contribution to Pool Loan	\$98.76K	
C	Footpaths and Cycleway Construction \$ for \$ Contribution to PAMP Program (Subject to RMS approving the 2022/2023 Program)	\$47.73K	
D	Village Works – Community suggested projects		
	Ashford	\$ 7.54K	
	Delungra	\$ 7.54K	
	Gilgai	\$ 7.54K	
	Yetman	\$ 7.54K	
	Tingha	\$ 7.54K	
	Oakwood	\$ 1.12K	
	Bonshaw	\$ 1.12K	
	Graman	\$ 1.12K	
	Nullamanna	\$ 1.12K	
	Elsmore	\$ 1.12K	
	Stannifer	\$ 1.12K	
	Gum Flat	\$ 1.12K	
	TOTALS	\$ 692.19K	\$0K

2. *That:*

- i) *the budget allocations of \$2.378M for the 2022/2023 ACRD Program be endorsed and a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the funding allocations and individual works proposed to be undertaken under this program;*
- ii) *the budget allocations of the \$160K RMS Supplementary Block Grant Program be the subject of a further report to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee Meeting;*

- iii) *the budget allocation of \$2.912M for the 2022/2023 Block Grant Program be endorsed and a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded; and*
- iv) *the budget allocation of \$1.402M for the 2022/2023 Roads to Recovery Program be endorsed and a further report be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded;*
- v) *the budget allocation of \$544.99K for the RMS Repair Program be endorsed and a report on the projects for the RMS approved Repair Program for 2022/2023 be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee once advice has been received.*

3. *That Council utilises the maximum permissible rate increase allowed by IPART of 0.7% plus any approved ASV of up to 1.3%.*

4. *That:*

- i) *The Financial Reserves Policy be adopted;*
- ii) *The new format for reporting of the financial reserves be endorsed;*
- iii) *Council provide an allocation of \$117K for joint industry promotions and assistance;*
- iv) *the 2022/2023 Strategic Capital Infrastructure Fund of \$630K be utilised for loan repayments for the Inverell Aquatic Centre Redevelopment*
- v) *The budget allocation of \$341K for the 2021/2023 Special Projects – Roads Infrastructure Fund be endorsed;*
- vi) *A further report be presented to the Civil and Environment Committee in respect of the specific projects to be funded under the Special Projects – Roads Infrastructure Fund;*
- vii) *the transfers to and from Internally Restricted Assets be endorsed; and*
- viii) *the list of inclusions as included in the 2022/2023 draft Operational Plan/Budget and listed in section 6.2.2 & 6.2.3 of the report be endorsed.*

5. *That:*

- i) *The following rating categories be utilised for the 2022/2023 rating year:*

Residential – Inverell

Residential – General

Residential – Ashford

Residential – Delungra

Residential – Gilgai

Residential – Yetman

Residential - Tingha

Residential – Rural

Business – Inverell Industrial/Commercial

Business – Other

Farmland

Mining

- ii) *A General Base Amount of \$225 plus an Ad Valorem Rate be determined for the categories detailed in above.*

6. *Extra charges on overdue rates and charges will be levied at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum on a daily simple interest basis for the year ending 30 June 2023.*

7. *That the following Waste Management Charges be adopted:*

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| i) | <i>Waste Management Charge – All Properties</i> | <i>\$96.00</i> |
| ii) | <i>Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge: per service per assessment</i> | <i>\$363.00</i> |
| iii) | <i>Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge</i> | <i>\$363.00</i> |
| | <i>Tingha Boundary Adjustment – properties with 140lt garbage bin per service per assessment</i> | |
| iv) | <i>Domestic Waste Management – Unoccupied Charge</i> | <i>\$66.00</i> |
| v) | <i>Weekly Commercial Waste Management Charge</i> | <i>\$363.00</i> |
| | <i>(This Charge is levied per Service, and GST is charged if applicable)</i> | |
| vi) | <i>Weekly Commercial Recycling Charge (ex GST)</i> | <i>\$135.00</i> |
| vii) | <i>Fortnightly Commercial Recycling Charge (ex GST)</i> | <i>\$70.00</i> |
| | <i>(These Charge are levied per Service, and GST is charged if applicable)</i> | |

8. *That the Fees and Charges, as recommended, be adopted.*

9. *That:*

- i) *the Stormwater Management Service Charge be set at the maximum amount allowable of \$25.00 per Residential Premises, \$12.50 per Residential Strata lot, and \$25.00 for Business Premises for each 350 square metres or additional part thereof, subject to a maximum charge on Business Premises of \$200.00; and*
- ii) *the Stormwater Management Program as recommended being Gilgai Drainage Project as per the adopted Gilgai Drainage Upgrade Plan, be adopted.*

10. *That:*

- i) *Council borrow up to \$10,000,000 for the redevelopment of the Inverell Aquatic Centre over 20 years;*
- ii) *Loan Repayments be funded from the Strategic Capital Infrastructure Fund and Urban Works allocations as detailed in the tables provided.*

11. *That:*

- i) *the report on the balanced budget be noted;*
- ii) *the draft estimates (incorporating the Operational Plan and Long-Term Financial Plans) for the General Activities for 2022/2023 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

12. *That:*

- i) *the Sewerage Charges as listed below be adopted for 2022/2023:*

Charge	\$
Sewerage Charge Occupied	580.00
Sewerage Charge Unoccupied	365.00
Sewerage Charge Flats/Units	365.00
Sewerage Charge Nursing Homes	2,720.00
Sewerage Charge Hotel/Licensed Clubs	1,735.00

<i>Number of Services per Assessment</i>	<i>Annual Charge Per Assessment \$</i>
1	580.00
2	925.00
3	1,270.00
4	1,615.00
5	1,960.00
6	2,305.00
7	2,650.00
8	2,995.00
9	3,340.00
10	3,685.00
11	4,030.00
12	4,375.00
13	4,720.00
14	5,065.00
15	5,410.00
16	5,755.00

Charge Structure for Non-Ratables

Charge	\$
Non-ratable - Schools - wc's	95.00
Non-ratable - Other - wc's	158.00
Non-rayable - Urinals	95.00

Charge Structure for Motels and Caravan Parks

In accordance with the new charge structure for Motels and Caravan Parks the following charges be adopted for 2022/2023:

Charge	\$
Motel Residence	1,735.00
Motel Restaurant	580.00
Motel Ensuite	183.00
Caravan Park Residence	580.00
Caravan Park Amenities Block	1,735.00
Caravan Park Ensuite Cabins	183.00

- ii) *The Draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Sewerage Fund for 2022/2023 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

13. That:

- i) *a water availability base charge of \$415.00 per assessment (Includes first water meter) be adopted for 2022/2023;*
- ii) *a water charge of \$415.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for 2022/2023;*
- iii) *a water charge of \$410.00 per assessment (includes first water meter) be adopted for properties within the Tingha Boundary Adjustment area for 2022/2023;*
- iv) *a water charge of \$415.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for properties within the Tingha Boundary Adjustment area for 2022/2023;*
- v) *a charge of \$1.78 per kilolitre be adopted for commercial water consumption for 2022/2023;*
- vi) *a charge of \$1.78 per kilolitre, 0 to 600 kilolitres and \$2.00 per kilolitre over 600 kilolitres be adopted for residential water consumption for 2022/2023;*
- vii) *a charge of \$0.93 per kilolitre be adopted for water consumption - Abattoirs, plus a 20 per cent early settlement discount for 2022/2023;*
- viii) *a charge of \$0.93 per kilolitre be adopted for Community Facilities water consumption; Eligible entities include: Inverell Minor League, Inverell Golf Club, Inverell Tennis Club, Inverell Rugby Club, Gilgai Tennis Club, Inverell Equestrian Council and Inverell Shire Council (Sporting fields and Parks) for 2022/2023;*
- ix) *a charge of \$0.45 per kilolitre be adopted for Raw Water consumption for 2022/2023; and*
- x) *the draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Water Fund for 2022/2023 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993.*

CARRIED

5 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

5.1 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Nicky Lavender

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

The Committee recommend to Council that:

- i) the report indicating Council's Fund Management position be received and noted; and*
- ii) the Certification of the Responsible Accounting Officer be noted.*

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 12.55pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee held on 11 May 2022.

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CHAIRPERSON