

**MINUTES OF INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, 144 OTHO STREET,
INVERELL
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2024 AT 10.30AM**

PRESENT: Cr Paul King OAM [Chairperson], Cr Paul Harmon (Mayor), Cr Kate Dight, Cr Stewart Berryman, Cr Di Baker, Cr Jacko Ross, Cr Wendy Wilks and Cr Jo Williams.

IN ATTENDANCE: Brett McInnes (General Manager), Paul Pay (Director Corporate and Community Services), Justin Pay (Director Civil Services) and Sharon Stafford (Governance and Executive Services).

1 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo Williams

Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

That the Minutes of the Economic and Community Sustainability Committee Meeting held on 13 March, 2024, 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 2024/2025 DRAFT ESTIMATES AND OPERATIONAL PLAN, AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN S12.5.3

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
 Seconded: Cr Paul Harmon

1. *The Committee recommends to Council that the following works be funded from the Urban Works Vote and be included in the 2024/2025 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>	\$612.331K	\$ 0K
B	Urban Work Contribution to Pool Loan	\$58.754K	
C	Footpaths and Cycleway Construction		
	<i>\$ for \$ Contribution to PAMP Program (Subject to RMS approving the 2024/2025 Program)</i>	\$49.67K	
D	Village Works – Community suggested projects		
	Ashford	\$ 7.890K	
	Delungra	\$ 7.890K	
	Gilgai	\$ 7.890K	
	Yetman	\$ 7.890K	
	Tingha	\$ 7.890K	
	Oakwood	\$ 1.170K	
	Bonshaw	\$ 1.170K	
	Graman	\$ 1.170K	
	Nullamanna	\$ 1.170K	
	Elsmore	\$ 1.170K	
	Stannifer	\$ 1.170K	
	Gum Flat	\$ 1.170K	
	TOTALS	\$ 768.395K	\$0K

2. *That:*

- i) *the budget allocations of \$2.842M for the 2024/2025 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*

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- iii) *the budget allocation of \$3.108M for the 2024/2025 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;*
 - iv) *the budget allocation of \$1.402M for the 2024/2025 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; and*
 - v) *the budget allocation of \$544.99K for the RERRF/REPAIR Program be endorsed and a report on the projects for the RERRF/REPAIR Program for 2024/2025 be presented to the Civil and Environmental Services Committee once funding allocation has been confirmed.*
3. *That Council utilises the maximum permissible rate increase allowed by IPART of 4.5%.*
4. *That:*
- i) *Council provide an allocation of \$108K for joint industry promotions and assistance;*
 - ii) *the 2024/2025 Strategic Capital Infrastructure Fund of \$670K be utilised for loan repayments for the Inverell Aquatic Centre Redevelopment;*
 - iii) *additional interest on investments of \$476K be allocated to Strategic Capital Infrastructure fund to fund future capital projects with a further report to be presented to Council to utilise these funds;*
 - iv) *the budget allocation of \$324K for the 2024/2025 Special Projects – Roads Infrastructure Fund be endorsed;*
 - v) *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;*
 - vi) *the transfers to and from Internally Restricted Assets be endorsed; and*
 - vii) *the list of additional one off budget adjustments listed in section 5.2.2 & 5.2.3 of the report be endorsed.*
5. *That:*
- i) *the following rating categories be utilised for the 2024/2025 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 \$235 plus an Ad Valorem Rate be determined for the categories detailed in above.*

6. *The Interest Rate applicable to Outstanding Rates and Charges for 2024/2025 be the maximum allowable as advised by the Office of Local Government.*

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

i)	<i>Waste Management Charge – All Properties</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
ii)	<i>Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge: per service per assessment</i>	<i>\$418.00</i>
iii)	<i>Domestic Waste Management - Occupied Charge</i>	<i>\$418.00</i>
	<i>Tingha Boundary Adjustment – properties with 140lt garbage bin per service per assessment</i>	
iv)	<i>Domestic Waste Management – Unoccupied Charge</i>	<i>\$75.00</i>
v)	<i>Weekly Commercial Waste Management Charge</i>	<i>\$418.00</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>\$160.00</i>
vii)	<i>Fortnightly Commercial Recycling Charge (ex GST)</i>	<i>\$85.00</i>
	<i>(These Charges 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) *the report on the 2024/2025 budget be noted;*

- ii) *the draft estimates (incorporating the Operational Plan and Long-Term Financial Plans) for the General Activities for 2024/2025 be adopted and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days as required by Section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993.*

11. *That:*

- i) *a 2024/2025 “Deficit” Budget of \$211K for the Sewer Fund from ordinary activities before capital amounts be adopted;*
- ii) *the Sewerage Charges as listed below be adopted for 2024/2025:*

Charge	\$
Sewerage Charge Occupied	645.00
Sewerage Charge Unoccupied	406.00
Sewerage Charge Flats/Units	645.00
Sewerage Charge Nursing Homes	3,025.00
Sewerage Charge Inverell Showground	4,090.00
Sewerage Charge Hotel/Licensed Clubs	1,928.00

Number of Services per Assessment	Annual Charge Per Assessment \$
1	645.00
2	1,051.00
3	1,457.00
4	1,863.00
5	2,269.00
6	2,675.00
7	3,081.00
8	3,487.00
9	3,893.00
10	4,299.00
11	4,705.00
12	5,111.00
13	5,517.00
14	5,923.00
15	6,329.00
16	6,735.00

Charge Structure for Non-Rateable Properties

Charge	\$
Non-ratable - Schools - wc's	133.00
Non-ratable - Other - wc's	143.00
Non-rayable - Urinals	133.00

Charge Structure for Motels and Caravan Parks

In accordance with the charge structure for Motels and Caravan Parks, the following charges are proposed for 2024/2025:

Charge	\$
Motel Residence	1,928.00
Motel Restaurant	645.00
Motel Ensuite	203.00
Caravan Park Residence	645.00
Caravan Park Amenities Block	1,928.00
Caravan Park Ensuite Cabins	203.00

Charge Structure for Showgrounds

In accordance with the charge structure for Inverell Showgrounds the following charges are proposed for 2024/2025:

Charge	\$
Inverell Showgrounds	4,090.00

- iii) *The Draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Sewerage Fund for 2024/2025 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) *a 2024/2025 "Deficit" Budget of \$217K for the Water Fund from ordinary activities before capital amounts be adopted;*
- ii) *a water availability base charge of \$457.00 per assessment (includes first water meter) be adopted for 2024/2025;*
- iii) *a water charge of \$457.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for 2024/2025;*
- iv) *a water charge of \$457.00 per assessment (includes first water meter) be adopted for properties within the Tingha Boundary Adjustment area for 2024/2025;*
- v) *a water charge of \$457.00 per additional water meter, per assessment be adopted for properties within the Tingha Boundary Adjustment area for 2024/2025;*
- vi) *a charge of \$2.14 per kilolitre be adopted for commercial water consumption for 2024/2025;*
- vii) *a charge of \$2.14 per kilolitre, 0 to 600 kilolitres and \$2.46 per kilolitre over 600 kilolitres be adopted for residential water consumption for 2024/2025;*

- viii) *a charge of \$1.14 per kilolitre be adopted for water consumption - Abattoirs, plus a 20 per cent early settlement discount for 2024/2025;*
- ix) *a charge of \$1.14 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 facilities and parks) for 2024/2025;*
- x) *a charge of \$0.56 per kilolitre be adopted for Raw Water consumption for 2024/2025; and*
- xi) *the draft Estimates (incorporating Operational Plan) for the Water Fund for 2024/2025 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

At this juncture, the time being 11.20am, Cr King left the meeting. Cr Harmon assumed the Chair.

4.2 CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IN REGIONAL AND RURAL COMMUNITIES – INVERELL SHIRE COUNCIL PERSPECTIVE S14.11.1/17

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight

Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommend to Council that:

- 1. Council make a submission to the Legislative Assembly Inquiry into Community Safety in Regional and Rural Communities regarding the level and impact of crime in the Inverell Shire;*
- 2. Council encourage community members that have been impacted upon by crime and other interested parties to make submissions to the Inquiry into Community Safety in Regional and Rural Communities;*
- 3. Council seek the formal support of the Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall MP and Northern Tablelands Councils to have an Inquiry hearing conducted in Inverell; and*
- 4. Council continue to advocate on behalf of the community to relevant authorities, agencies and government to ensure an appropriate and wholistic response to crime and community safety in Inverell Shire.*

CARRIED

5 INFORMATION REPORTS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Wendy Wilks
Seconded: Cr Jacko Ross

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.1 KEY ELECTION DATES S13.7.4/05

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the following information report be received and noted.

CARRIED

5.2 SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL "LIVE & LOCAL" AT THE INVERELL LIBRARY S3.6.17/06

6 GOVERNANCE REPORTS

6.1 AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE - INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER S4.11.21

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Kate Dight
Seconded: Cr Jo Williams

That the Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the proposed Internal Audit Charter.

CARRIED

6.2 GOVERNANCE - MONTHLY INVESTMENT REPORT S12.12.2

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jo Williams
Seconded: Cr Kate Dight

The Committee recommends 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 11.46am.