

MAYORAL MINUTE

UJNT/22/3473



Mayor's Recommendation:

That the Mayoral Minute tabled at 22 March 2022 Meeting be noted.

- 1) Special Local Government Conference. Attended by General Manager and Mayor 28th February until 2nd March 2022. Cost \$4,274. **Draft Minutes in NextCloud.**
- 2) New England Joint Organisation of Councils. Attended by Mayor. 7th March 2022. **Draft minutes in NextCloud.** Note Paul Harmon, Inverell Mayor elected Chairperson.
- 3) Country Mayors Association meeting. Mayor an apology. 11th March 2022. **Draft Minutes in NextCloud.** Note details on Rate Pegging increase from 0.7% to 2.5% subject to a Council resolution and submitted by 29th April 2022; Bio Diversity Offset Scheme and Transfer of RFS Assets.
- 4) Statement of Expectations for the Renewable Energy Zone Councils. The letter sent to Hon Adam Marshall, MP, by the Armidale Regional Council, Glen Innes Severn Council, Inverell Shire Council, Walcha Council, and Uralla Shire Council – **in NextCloud.**
- 5) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Uralla. ZNET and Uralla Business Chamber have advised they are applying for EV Charging Station within Uralla CBD. Cost implications to ratepayers are not yet known or resourced but may include: power connection, power upgrades, signage, administration (account management), depreciation and maintenance. There may be a return on investment from user charges (not yet known).
- 6) Telstra Outage in Uralla. Telstra have advised:
 - i) Upgrading 4G capacity - should be a significant uplift in capacity and coverage
 - ii) Tower outages during works from Wednesday 16 – Monday 21 March 2022
 - iii) Emergency services numbers diverted during the outages.
 - iv) Have communicated with the Telstra that two text messages to users on 10 and 12 March was inadequate.
- 7) Tragic Accident corner of Maitland and King Street, Uralla. Council is carrying out an urgent traffic safety audit to determine what upgrades can be carried out to upgrade this intersection. Council has requested advice from the NSW Police in regards to the cause of the accident and whether the Police have identified any improvements to the intersection that may reduce the risk of recurrence. Council will undertake a traffic safety **inspection** of the intersection with TfNSW after the receipt of advice from the police as to the cause of the accident.