

## MINUTES of

### ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on 29 June 2021 at 12:30pm

#### Attendance at Meeting:

##### Councillors:

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)  
Cr I Strutt (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr R Crouch  
Cr M Dusting (arrived 1:01pm)  
Cr N Ledger  
Cr T O'Connor – via Zoom  
Cr T Toomey – via Zoom  
Cr L Sampson

##### Staff:

Ms K Jessep, General Manager  
Mr S Paul, Director Corporate Services/Chief Financial Officer  
Mr T Seymour, Director Development & Infrastructure  
Ms C Valencius, Interim Executive Manager Corporate Services  
Ms N Heaton, Manager, Governance  
Mc H McElnea, Communications Officer  
Ms F Stace, Manager Human Resources (Item 17.2)  
Ms W Westbrook , Minute Clerk

**Apology:** Cr Bell

Cr Dusting – (12:30-1:01pm)

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CONFIRMED

**1 OPENING & WELCOME**

The Chair declared the meeting opened at 12:34pm.

**2 PRAYER**

The Chair read the prayer.

**3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY**

The Chair read the acknowledgement to country.

**4 WEBCAST INFORMATION**

The Chair advised the meeting was recorded, with the recording to be made available on Council's website following the meeting.

**5 APOLOGIES & APPLICATION FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCES BY COUNCILLORS**

The Chair advised receipt of an apology from Cr Bell and Cr Dusting (late arrival).

The Chair advised there were no applications for leave of absence received.

**MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Crouch**

**That Cr Bell and Cr Dusting (arriving late) apologies be noted.**

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

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**CARRIED**

**6 DISCLOSURES & DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

The Chair advised there were no disclosures or declarations made.

## **7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Minutes to be confirmed at the 29 June 2021 Meeting:

### **7.1 MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 25 MAY 2021**

The Chair called for any amendments.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

1. Resolution 23.05/21 Cr Dusting voted against the motion.
2. Add Cr Ledger attendance on Delegate Report, 11 May 2021 GM Workshop details.

**MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Strutt**

**That Council adopt the minutes the meeting held 25 May 2021, with amendment as noted, as a true and correct record.**

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**02.06/21 CARRIED**

### **7.2 MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD 15 JUNE 2021**

The Chair called for any amendments.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Motion X06.06/21 Carried – the word 'vote' moved to previous line.

**MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Ledger**

**That Council adopt the minutes the meeting held 15 June 2021, with amendments as noted, as a true and correct record.**

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**03.06/21 CARRIED**

### **7.3 MINUTES BUDGET REVIEW & FINANCE MEETING HELD 4 MAY 2021**

The Chair noted some administrative amendments.

Item 8.1 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 13 April 2021- delete: 'Minutes of, Budget Review and Finance Committee Meeting held 13 April 2021' 'MOTION Moved: Cr/Seconded : Cr'

**MOTION Moved Cr Ledger / Seconded Cr Crouch**

**That Council receive the minutes the meeting held 4 May 2021.**

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**04.06/21 CARRIED**

## 8 TABLING OF REPORTS & PETITIONS

Petition received 21 June 2021 from Denise Goodall regarding the effect of the Bundarra Sewer Scheme on some residents of Bundarra containing 103 unique names and addresses (some signed).

The petition was tabled.

## 9 URGENT, SUPPLEMENTARY & LATE ITEMS/REPORTS OF BUSINESS

The Chair advised Councillors there is:

one (1) Late Item as published 'Adoption of Operational Plan and Budget 2021-2022' and called for a Procedural Motion to hear the item at 15.14.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Sampson / Seconded: Cr Strutt**

That late item 9.1.1 of business be heard following report 15.13, in the Meeting Agenda.

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

05.06/21 CARRIED

The Chair advised Councillors there were two Items of (2) Urgent business:

- a) Bundarra Sewer Scheme Variation for Private Works, and
- b) Bundarra Sewer Scheme Variation Section 67 Private Works.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Ledger**

That Council call an Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 2 July 2021 4:00pm to consider the two urgent matters regarding the Bundarra Sewerage project.

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

06.06/21 CARRIED

## 10 WRITTEN REPORT FROM DELEGATES

### 10.1 DELEGATE REPORT NEW ENGLAND WEEDS AUTHORITY – PROGRESS OF INVESTIGATIONS INTO PRIVET MANAGEMENT IN THE URALLA SHIRE

**MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Crouch**

That Council receive the Delegate Report New England Weeds Authority – Progress of Investigations into Privet Management in the Uralla Shire.

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

07.06/21 CARRIED

## 10.2 DELEGATE REPORT - WINTERBOURNE WIND FARM COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

**MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Ledger**

**That Council receive the Delegate Report Winterbourne Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee .**

**For: Crs Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**08.06/21 CARRIED**

## 10.3 ACTIVITIES SUMMARIES

Councillors provided a verbal account of activities/meetings they have attended for the month

<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>	Mark Dusting	
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>	29 June 2021	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
25 May 2021	Council Meeting	Chambers
7 Jun 2021	NEWA Meeting	Armidale
7 Jun 2021	Operational Plan & Budget	Uralla
8 Jun 2021	Budget Review & Finance Committee Meeting	Uralla
15 Jun 2021	NEWA Meeting	Uralla
15 Jun 2021	GM workshop	Uralla
16 Jun 2021	NEWA – Organising Privet Report	Armidale
29 Jun 2021	NEWA Extraordinary Meeting	Armidale
Expense Claims Total		\$0

<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>	Natasha Ledger	
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>	29 June 2021	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
7 Jun 2021	Community Drop in session	Uralla
8 Jun 2021	GM Strategic Workshop	Uralla
8 Jun 2021	Budget Review & Finance Committee Meeting	Uralla
15 Jun 2021	Fuller Park Workshop	Uralla
15 Jun 2021	Extraordinary Meeting	Uralla
29 Jun 2021	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Uralla
Expense Claims Total		\$119.68

Cr Dusting arrived at the meeting 1:01pm

<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>	Robert Crouch	
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>	29 June 2021	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
04 June 2021	Visitor Information Centre opening	Uralla
07 June 2021	Annual Operating Plan community drop in session	Uralla
07 June 2021	Winterbourne wind farm community consultative Committee	Walcha
08 June 2021	Budget Review and Finance Committee	Uralla

08 June 2021	Council meeting, GM workshop and briefing	Uralla
09 June 2021	Annual Operating Plan community drop in session	Bundarra
15 June 2021	New England Weeds Authority (observer)	Uralla
15 June 2021	Council meeting	Uralla
15 June 2021	Fuller Park workshop	Uralla
29 June 2021	Ordinary Council Meeting	Uralla
Expense Claims Total		\$0

<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>		Levi Sampson
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>		29 June 2021
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
8 Jun 2021	GM Workshop	Uralla
8 Jun 2021	BRFC	Uralla
15 Jun 2021	GM Workshop	Uralla
29 Jun 2021	Ordinary Meeting	Chambers
Expense Claims Total		\$93.84

<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>		Tara Toomey
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>		29 June 2021
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
8 Jun 2021	Budget Review & Finance Committee Meeting	Uralla
8 Jun 2021	GM Workshop	Uralla
15 Jun 2021	Extraordinary Meeting of Council	Uralla
15 Jun 2021	Fuller Park Workshop	Uralla
29 Jun 2021	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Uralla
Expense Claims Total		\$0

<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>		Tom O'Connor
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>		29 June 2021
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
15 June	Extraordinary Council meeting 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Chambers
16 June	Alternate Delegate to Uralla Shire Local Traffic Committee on the Full Closure of Barleyfields Road North (Delegate Cr. R. Bell declared a conflict of interest.	By email
29 June	Council meeting	By Zoom
Expense Claims Total		\$0

Cr Sampson left the Chamber 12:57pm



<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>	Isabel Strutt	
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>	29 June 2021	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
28/05/2021	Lunch with the Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Board	Bundarra
04/06/2021	Official opening of VIC	
07/06/2021	Drop-In Community Consultation Session	Council Chambers Uralla
08/06/2021	Budget Review & /Finance Committee Meeting	Council Chambers Uralla
08/06/2021	GM Workshop and Briefing of Councillors Continuous Improvement; Northern Tablelands Koala Partnership Project; Fibonacci Park; Draft Uralla Open Spaces Strategy; Model Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy Consultation Draft	Council chambers
09/06/2021	Drop-In Community Consultation Session	Bundarra
12/06/2021	Commemoration Service for Private Trevor Atwood	Uralla
15/06/2021	Extraordinary Meeting of Council	Council Chambers Uralla
23/06/2021	2AD Interview – deputising for Mayor	Uralla
29/06/2021	Council Meeting	Chambers
Expense Claim Total		\$0

Cr Sampson returned to the Chamber 1:05pm

<b>COUNCILLOR NAME:</b>	Michael Pearce	
<b>COUNCIL MEETING DATE:</b>	29 June 2021	
<b>DATE</b>	<b>COMMITTEE /MEETING/EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
26 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. 2AD Radio interview	Uralla
27 May 2021	Country Mayors Association Executive Committee meeting	Sydney
28 May 2021	Country Mayors Association Board meeting with GM.	Sydney
31 May 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin.	Uralla
1 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin.	Uralla
2 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin.	Uralla
3 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin.	Uralla
4 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Official Re-Opening of Uralla Visitor Information Centre with Adam Marshall.	Uralla
7 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Drop In Session, Community Engagement regarding Council's Draft Operational Plan and Budget. ( Uralla )	Uralla
8 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. Budget, Review and Finance Committee meeting.	Uralla
9 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin. 2AD Radio Interview	Uralla
10 June 2021	Mayor's Office – Admin.	Uralla

15 June 2021	New England Bush Fire Management Committee , Chair meeting ( non-delegate ) Extra-ordinary Council meeting. Councillor Strategic workshop.	Armidale  Uralla
16 June 2021	Mayor's Office - Admin	Uralla
17 June 2021	Mayor's Office - Admin	Uralla
20 June 2021 21 June 2021 22 June 2021	Attend National General Assembly of Local Government, (NGA) with General Manager.	Canberra
23 June 2021	NGA	Canberra
26 June 2021	Uralla Lions Club change-over, representing Uralla Shire Council.	Uralla
28 June 2021	Mayor's Office - Admin	Uralla
Expense Claims Total		\$478.72

The Chair advised the Delegates report have been tabled.

## 11 ITEMS PASSED IN BULK

The Mayor called for agenda items dealt with, in bulk, by exception – as per Section 13 of Council's Code of Meeting Policy.

Councillors indicated which items of business they wished to speak on or may vote against. The following item(s) were then moved in bulk

**MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Sampson**

**That Council resolve the following items of business on the agenda by way of a single resolution:**

**15.1 Cash at Bank and Investments as at 31 May 2021**

**15.11 Draft Asbestos Policy**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**09.06/21 CARRIED**

### 15.1 CASH AT BANK AND INVESTMENTS

**MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Sampson**

**That;**

- I. Council note the cash position as at 31 May, 2021 consisting of cash and overnight funds of \$6,682,324, term deposits of \$14,107,319 totalling \$16,789,643 of readily convertible funds.
- II. Council note the loan position as at 31 May 2021 totalling \$1,981,743.
- III. The projected unrestricted cash position as at 30 June, 2021 totalling \$2,395,000.

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**10.06/21 CARRIED**

## 15.11 DRAFT ASBESTOS POLICY

**MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Sampson**

**That the Asbestos Policy be placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days (from 30 June 2021 to 28 July 2021) and if no submissions are received, that the policy be adopted.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

11.06/21 CARRIED

## 12 MAYORAL MINUTE

NIL

## 13 PUBLIC FORUM/PRESENTATIONS

Nil

## 14 REPORT OF COMMITTEE S

### 14.1 NOMINATION FOR S355 BUNDARRA SCHOOL OF ARTS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

**Motion Mover: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr O'Connor**

**That Council approve the appointment of Ms Tracey Nagel to the s355 Bundarra School of Arts Hall Committee .**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Cr Strutt**

**Absent:**

12.06/21 CARRIED

## 15 REPORTS TO COUNCIL

### 15.2 DRAFT LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (LTFP) 2022-2031

**MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Sampson**

**That Council undertake community consultation on Council's long term financial sustainability to enable the next term of Council to adopt a sustainable Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that includes a balanced operating outcome before capital grants for all funds by:**

- i. endorsing the recommendation of the Budget Review and Finance Committee to place the Draft LTFP 2022-2031 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days; and
- ii. engaging the services of a suitably qualified consultant to undertake an independent community survey process in order to gain an understanding of the community's current preferences for Council's financial sustainability options including:
  - o increases in revenue; and/or
  - o decreases in service levels; and/or
  - o alternative methods of service delivery; and
- iii. Collating the information from (i) and (ii) above into a strategic plan (including an LTFP) that enables Council to remain an independent and financially sustainable shire.

AMENDMENT #1 Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Dusting

That Council undertake community consultation on Council's long term financial sustainability to enable the next term of Council to adopt a sustainable Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that includes a balanced operating outcome before capital grants for all funds by:

- i. endorsing the recommendation of the Budget Review and Finance Committee to place the Draft LTFP 2022-2031 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days; and
- ii. to undertake an independent community survey process in order to gain an understanding of the community's current preferences for Council's financial sustainability options including:
  - o increases in revenue; and/or
  - o decreases in service levels; and/or
  - o alternative methods of service delivery; and/or
  - o reduce Council's expenditure to fit within existing resources
- iii. Collating the information from (i) and (ii) above into a strategic plan (including an LTFP) that enables Council to remain an independent and financially sustainable shire.

For: Crs Dusting, Pearce, Crouch

Against: Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Toomey, O'Connor

Absent: Nil

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AMENDMENT #2 Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Crouch

That Council undertake community consultation on Council's long term financial sustainability to enable the next term of Council to adopt a sustainable Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that includes a balanced operating outcome before capital grants for all funds by:

- i. endorsing the recommendation of the Budget Review and Finance Committee to place the Draft LTFP 2022-2031 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Pearce, Crouch, O'Connor

Against: Cr Strutt, Toomey, Sampson

Absent: Nil

CARRIED

The AMENDMENT became the SUBSTANTIVE MOTION.

MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Crouch

That Council undertake community consultation on Council's long term financial sustainability to enable the next term of Council to adopt a sustainable Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) that includes a balanced operating outcome before capital grants for all funds by:

- i. endorsing the recommendation of the Budget Review and Finance Committee to place the Draft LTFP 2022-2031 on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Pearce, Crouch, O'Connor

Against: Crs Strutt, Toomey, Sampson

Absent:

13.06/21 CARRIED

### **15.3 REVISED URALLA LOCAL STRATEGIC PLANNING STATEMENT (LSPS) 2021**

Cr Sampson left Chamber 2:03pm

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Dusting**

**To move to Committee of the Whole.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Cr Sampson**

**14.06/21 CARRIED**

Cr Ledger left Chamber 2:04pm

Cr Ledger returned to the Chamber 2:05pm

Cr Sampson returned to the Chamber 2:05pm

Councillors held a detailed discussion in Committee regarding the report.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Strutt**

**To resume Standing Orders.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**15.06/21 CARRIED**

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in Committee.

**MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Strutt**

**That Council adopt the Uralla Shire Local Strategic Planning Statement 2021 as amended.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce**

**Against: Crs Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Absent: Nil**

**16.06/21 CARRIED**

The Chair called for a short adjournment at 2:21pm

The Chair resumed the meeting at 2:26pm

### **15.4 URALLA CBD GARDEN BLISTERS ANNUAL MAINTENANCE**

**MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Strutt**

**That Council receive the advice regarding the annual maintenance of the Uralla CBD garden blisters.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**17.06/21 CARRIED**

## **15.5 THUNDERBOLT ENERGY HUB – WIND FARM - COMMUNITY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting / Seconded: Cr Ledger**

**To move to Committee of the Whole.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, O'Connor**

**Against: Cr Toomey**

**Absent:**

**18.06/21 CARRIED**

Councillors held a detailed discussion in Committee regarding the report.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting / Seconded: Cr Strutt**

**To resume Standing Orders.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**19.06/21 CARRIED**

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in Committee.

The Mayor called for nominations.

Cr Ledger was nominated

**MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Dusting**

**That Council nominate Cr Ledger as Council's representative, and the General Manager as Council's alternate representative, for the Thunderbolt Energy Hub – Wind Farm Community Consultative Committee.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**20.06/21 CARRIED**

## **15.6 WORKS PROGRESS REPORT AS AT 30 MAY 2021**

**MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Ledger**

**That Council receive the report on works completed or progressed during May 2021 and works programmed for June 2021.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**21.06/21 CARRIED**

## 15.7 BUNDARRA SEWERAGE SCHEME – PROJECT UPDATE REPORT

**MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Ledger**

**That Council receive the Bundarra Sewerage Scheme – Project Update Report.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

22.06/21 CARRIED

## 15.8 FIXING LOCAL ROADS ROUND 3 – GRANT APPLICATION

**MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Strutt**

**That Council makes an application for funding under Round 3 of the Fixing Local Roads program for up to \$1,010,625 being 75% of the costs for rehabilitation of the candidate roads as follows:**

Road Name	Length (m)	Year	Cost estimate
Kingstown Road	1,500	21/22 & 22/23	\$336,875
Gostwyck Road	2,500	21/22 & 22/23	\$673,750
Northeys Road	1,500	21/22 & 22/23	\$336,875
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,347,500</b>

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

23.06/21 CARRIED

## 15.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REMUNERATION TRIBUNAL'S DETERMINATION FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS' REMUNERATION

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Crouch**

**To move to Committee of the Whole.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

24.06/21 CARRIED

Councillors held a detailed discussion in Committee regarding the report.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Dusting**

**To resume Standing Orders.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

25.06/21 CARRIED

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in Committee.

**MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr O'Connor**

**That Council:**

- i. Fix the 2021/2022 fee payable to Councillors at \$11,628; and
- ii. Fix the 2021/2022 fee payable to the Mayor at \$20,952 (additional to the fee paid to the Mayor as Councillor).

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, O'Connor**

**Against: Cr Toomey**

**Absent: Nil**

**26.06/21 CARRIED**

## **15.10 DRAFT MODEL COUNCILLOR AND STAFF INTERACTION POLICY**

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Sampson**

**To move to Committee of the Whole**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**27.06/21 CARRIED**

Councillors held a detailed discussion in Committee regarding the report.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt / Seconded: Cr Dusting**

**To resume Standing Orders**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent:**

**28.06/21 CARRIED**

The Chair outlined details of the discussion held in Committee.

**MOTION Moved Cr Ledger / Seconded Cr Strutt**

**That Council receive the report and note that individual submissions can be made to the Office of Local Government on the Model Councillor and Staff Interaction Policy.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**29.06/21 CARRIED**

## **15.12 RESOLUTIONS REGISTER ACTIONS STATUS**

**MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger / Seconded: Cr Sampson**

**That Council receive the Resolution Action Status as at 23 June 2021.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

**30.06/21 CARRIED**



### 15.13 JOINT COUNCIL FORUM ON THE NEW ENGLAND RENEWABLE ENERGY ZONE

**MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Sampson**

That Council thank the General Manager for conducting a very successful workshop and share the outcomes of the Joint Forum on the New England Renewable Energy Zone (NEREZ) held 7 May 2021 at the Uralla Memorial Hall with the Chair of the New England Regional Reference Group, Mr James Hay, requesting that the outcomes be considered as a submission forming part of the Regional Reference Group's community engagement commitment.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

31.06/21 CARRIED

### 15.14 (9.1)LATE REPORTS TO COUNCIL- ADOPTION OF OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET 2021-2022

**MOTION Moved: Cr O'Connor / Seconded: Cr Crouch**

That Council:

1. That in accordance with Sections 533, 534, 535 and 536 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the rates and annual charges for 2021-22 as set out below:
  - a) That in relation to Ordinary Rates, Council apply the 2.0% rate increase as determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal;
  - b) That pursuant to Section 494 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following Ordinary Rates for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Category & Sub-Category	Base Amount \$	Base Amount %	Ad-Valorem Rate in the \$
Farmland	\$306.00	7.59%	0.3201
Residential – Ordinary	\$306.00	49.95%	0.3201
Residential – Rural	\$306.00	34.62%	0.3201
Business	\$306.00	45.33%	0.3201
Mining	\$306.00	0.00%	0.3201

- c) That in relation to water supply charges and pursuant to Sections 501 and 502 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following charges on all consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Uralla or Bundarra water supply systems for water supply services for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Location	Water Supply Access Charges
Uralla Water	\$395.00
Bundarra Water	\$395.00
	Water Supply Consumption Charges per KL
Uralla Water	\$2.86
Bundarra Water	\$2.86

- d) That in relation to sewerage service charges pursuant to Sections 501 and 502 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following rates and charges on all residential consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Uralla or Bundarra sewer system for sewerage services for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Location	Residential Sewer Access Charges
Uralla Sewerage	\$645.00
Bundarra Sewerage	\$645.00

- e) That in relation to sewerage service charges pursuant to Sections 501 and 502 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following rates and charges on all non-residential consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Uralla or Bundarra sewer systems for sewerage services for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Location and charge	Non-Residential Sewer Access Charges
Uralla Sewerage – Access	\$450.00
Bundarra Sewerage – Access	\$450.00
	Sewer Usage Charges per KL
Uralla Sewerage – Usage	\$1.50
Bundarra Sewerage – Usage	\$1.50

- f) That in relation to trade waste charges pursuant to Sections 501 and 502 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following rates and charges on all non-residential consumers connected to, or capable of being connected to, the Uralla or Bundarra sewer systems for trade waste services for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Location and charge	Trade Waste Annual Charges
Uralla Sewerage – Access	\$83.00
Bundarra Sewerage – Access	\$83.00
	Trade Waste Usage Charge per KL
Uralla Sewerage – Usage	\$1.47
Bundarra Sewerage – Usage	\$1.47

- g) That in relation to stormwater management services (drainage charges) pursuant to Section 496A of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following annual charge on all urban residential, business and industrial lots with impervious surfaces for stormwater management services for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022::

Charge per Lot	Stormwater Service Management Charge
Urban residential levy	\$25.00
Urban strata residential levy	\$12.50
<b>Charge per 350m<sup>2</sup></b>	
Urban Business and industrial	\$25.00

- h) That in relation to environmental levy pursuant to Section 501 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charge on all rateable properties as an environmental levy for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Description	Charge
Environmental Levy	\$320.00

- i) That in relation to waste management charges pursuant to Sections 496 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charges for the provision of waste management collection services on each parcel of rateable land for which services are available for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Waste Charge Description	Residential Charge
Uralla Residential	\$360.00
Bundarra Residential	\$360.00
Invergowrie Residential	\$360.00
Kentucky Residential	\$269.00
Additional General Waste 140L	\$235.00
Additional Recycling Bin 240L	\$125.00

- j) That in relation to waste management charges pursuant to Sections 503(2) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charges for the removal of material from non-rateable properties for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Waste Charge Description	Non-Rateable Charge
Uralla & Bundarra Non-Rateable – 240L General	\$269.00
Uralla & Bundarra Non-Rateable – 140L General	\$208.00
Uralla & Bundarra Non-Rateable – 240L Recycling	\$125.00

- k) That in relation to waste management charges pursuant to Sections 501 of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, Council make and levy the following annual charges for the removal of material from non-residential properties for the year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

Waste Charge Description	Non Residential Charge
Uralla Commercial – 240L General	\$269.00
Uralla Commercial – 140L General	\$208.00
Bundarra Commercial – 240L General	\$269.00
Uralla & Bundarra Commercial – 240L Recycling	\$125.00

- l) That the interest rate on overdue rates and charges, pursuant to Section 566(3) of the NSW Local Government Act 1993, be the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue

rates and charges for the 2021-2022 rating year of 6.00% from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 as determined by the Office of Local Government.

For: Crs Dusting, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor  
Against: Cr Ledger  
Absent: Nil

32.06/21 CARRIED

MOTION Moved: Cr Strutt/ Seconded: Cr Sampson

2. That Council:

a. Approve expenditure and vote funds as detailed in the combined Draft 2017-2022 Delivery Program and 2021-22 Operational Plan, contained at Attachment A, in accordance with Part 9, Division 5, clause 211(2) of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

b. Adopt the combined 2017-2022 Delivery Program and 2021-22 Operational Plan, including the 2021-22 Statement of Revenue Policy incorporating the annual budget and fees and charges.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce,  
Against: Crs Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor  
Absent: Nil

33.06/21 CARRIED

## 16 MOTIONS ON NOTICE QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

### 16.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - AUSTRALIAN MADE UNIFORM FOR COUNCIL WORKERS

MOTION Moved: Cr Ledger /Seconded: Cr Sampson

That Council recommend to NEJO a uniform clothing manufacturing plant or procurement process be provided to member Councils providing jobs and Australian made clothing for the council workforce.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson,  
Against: Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor  
Absent: Nil

LOST

## 17 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The Chair advised there were confidential matters to be heard at the 29 June 2021 Ordinary Meeting.

PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved: Cr Crouch / Seconded: Cr Strutt

To move into Closed Session of Council

That Council move into closed session and close the meeting to members of the public and press for the following reasons given the reports 17.1 & 17.2 & 17.3 relate to :-

Section 10A (2) of the *Local Government Act (NSW) 1993*.

A council, or a Committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:

- (1) A council, or a Committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
  - (a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
  - (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.

(2) The matters and information are the following: [delete non-relevant sub-clauses]

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
- (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
- (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

34.06/21 CARRIED

#### REPORTS TO CLOSED SESSION

### 17.1 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - WRITE-OFF DEBTS IDENTIFIED IN DOUBTFUL DEBTS PROVISION

**MOTION Moved: Cr Sampson /Seconded: Cr Crouch**

That Council write-off the charges listed for each debtor in this report totalling \$2,091.12 in accordance with Section 607 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and *Regulation 131* of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

35.06/21 CARRIED

### 17.2 CONFIDENTIAL REPORT - STATECOVER REPORT ON WORKERS' COMPENSATION

**MOTION Moved: Cr Dusting /Seconded: Cr Crouch**

That Council receive the StateCover Report on Workers Compensation.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

36.06/21 CARRIED

#### MOVE TO OPEN SESSION

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved Cr Dusting /Seconded Cr Crouch**

To return to Open Session of Council.

For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor

Against: Nil

Absent: Nil

37.06/21 CARRIED

## 18 COMMUNICATION OF COUNCIL DECISIONS

**PROCEDURAL MOTION Moved Cr Dusting /Seconded Cr Crouch**

The resolutions of Closed Session of Council become the resolutions of Open Session of Council.

**ITEM: 17.1 That Council write-off the charges listed for each debtor in this report totalling \$2,091.12 in accordance with Section 607 of the *Local Government Act 1993* and Regulation 131 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005*.**

**ITEM: 17.2 That Council receive the StateCover Report on Workers Compensation.**

**For: Crs Dusting, Ledger, Sampson, Strutt, Pearce, Crouch, Toomey, O'Connor**

**Against: Nil**

**Absent: Nil**

38.06/21 CARRIED

## 19 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting was closed at 3:38pm.

## 20 COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED

COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:	
RESOLUTION NUMBER:	01.07/21
DATE:	27 July 2021
MAYOR:	Councillor Michael Pearce 