



## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held at 3:00pm  
18 October 2018

### ROLL CALL

#### Councillors:

Cr M Pearce (Mayor)  
Cr R Crouch (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr R Bell  
Cr M Dusting  
Cr N Ledger  
Cr L Sampson  
Cr I Strutt  
Cr T Toomey  
Cr K Ward

#### Staff:

Mr A Hopkins, General Manager  
Mr T Seymour, Director Infrastructure & Regulation  
Ms T Kirkland, Director Community & Governance  
Mr S Paul, Chief Financial Officer  
Minute Clerk

# MINUTES

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*The Meeting Commenced at: 3:00pm*

**ATTENDANCE**

Present were the Chairperson Cr M Pearce (Mayor), Cr R Crouch (Deputy Mayor), and Councillors, R Bell, N Ledger, L Sampson, I Strutt, T Toomey and K Ward, General Manager Andrew Hopkins, Director of Infrastructure and Regulation (Mr T Seymour), Chief Financial Officer (Mr S Paul) and Minute Clerk (Ms G Stratton).

**1. OPENING OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING AND PRAYER**

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**3. APOLOGIES**

*The Chair advised receipt of an apology from Cr M Dusting.*

**MOTION (Crs K Ward / R Crouch)**

That;

Council accept the apology from Cr M Dusting for the Extraordinary meeting held 18 October 2018.

**X1.10/18 CARRIED**

**4. DISCLOSURES & DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no disclosures or declarations made.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

Speaker 1:	Wendy Westbrook
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, Wendy Westbrook.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for her presentation to Council.*

Speaker 2:	Rob Valler
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, Rob Valler.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for his presentation to Council.*

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Speaker 3:	Karen Cotton
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, Karen Cotton.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for her presentation to Council.*

Speaker 4:	David Mailler
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, David Mailler.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for his presentation to Council.*

Speaker 5:	Stan Kolonosky
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, Stan Kolonosky.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for his presentation to Council.*

Speaker 6:	Annie Hutchinson
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, Annie Hutchinson.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for her presentation to Council.*

Speaker 7:	Debra Behrens
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, Debra Behrens.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for her presentation to Council.*

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Speaker 8:	Lindsay Hunt
Subject:	Community Response to Report 1 – Proposed Community Engagement of a Special Rate Variation

*The Chair introduced the Speaker, Lindsay Hunt.*

*The Speaker made a presentation to Council in relation to the proposed community engagement of a Special Rate Variation.*

*The Chair invited questions from Councillors.*

*The Chair thanked the Speaker for his presentation to Council.*

## 6. PURPOSE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Department: General Manager's Office  
Submitted by: Andrew Hopkins  
Reference/Subject: Report 1 – Undertake Community Engagement about Special Rate Variation

### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

#### That Council;

1. Commence community engagement for a permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) to the General Fund commencing in 2019-20, at indexation above the rate peg, of 12%, then 10% in 2020-21, then 8% in 2021-22 and 6% in 2022-23 (a cumulative increase in rates of 54.4%), as per Scenario 3 of the Morrison Low Long Term Financial Plan 2018 to 2029 report, acknowledging that the community may recommend a lesser SRV percentage based on reduced service levels and/or other revenue improvements and/or efficiency gains.
2. Council endorse and implement the Special Rate Variation Application Engagement Strategy - Uralla Shire Council prepared by the Centre for Local Government of the University of Technology Sydney.
3. Council engage the Centre for Local Government of the University of Technology Sydney to undertake community engagement generally consistent with their Special Rate Variation Application Engagement Strategy - Uralla Shire Council
4. On or before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018, formally notify the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) that Council intends to submit a Special Rate Variation application on or before 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs R Crouch / T Toomey)**

**To move to Committee of the Whole**

**X2.10/18 CARRIED**

*Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the proposed community engagement for a Special Rate Variation.*

#### **PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs T Toomey / R Bell)**

**To resume Standing Orders**

**X3.10/18 CARRIED**

*The Chair outlined details of the proposed motion determined during discussion in committee.*

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**MOTION (Crs R Crouch / T Toomey)**

That Council;

1. Not proceed with a Special Rate Variation this year;
2. Form a Budget Review and Finance Committee to examine Council's financial position and undertake a detailed review of Council's budget and expenditure. This committee to:
  - a. Be tasked with examining Council's budget and service delivery to keep the budget in surplus;
  - b. Focus on key Council functions and clearly identify options to service level delivery and operating procedures necessary to support (a);
  - c. Scrutinise discretionary expenditure, including cost benefit analyses as appropriate for recommendation to Council;
  - d. Be a Committee of the whole;
  - e. Meet monthly or more frequently if determined by the Committee; and
  - f. Be chaired by a Councillor.

**X4.10/18 CARRIED**

*Cr M Dusting was absent at the time of voting.*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs R Bell / R Crouch)**

To adjourn the Meeting of Council to take a five minute break.

**X5.10/18 CARRIED**

*The Meeting resumed at 4:35pm.*

*The Chair welcomed the Councillors back to resume the meeting.*

Department: Finance  
Submitted by: Chief Financial Officer  
Reference/Subject: Report 2 – Annual Financial Statements 2017/2018

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

**That Council;**

**Approves the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the following Statements as required under section 413 (2) (c):**

1. General Purpose Financial Statements; and
2. Special Purpose Financial Statements.

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs N Ledger / T Toomey)**

**To move to Committee of the Whole**

**X6.10/18 CARRIED**

*Councillors held a detailed discussion in committee regarding the 2017/2018 Financial Statements.*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION (Crs R Bell / I Strutt)**

**To resume Standing Orders**

**X7.10/18 CARRIED**

*The Chair outlined details of the proposed motion determined during discussion in committee.*

**MOTION (Crs R Crouch / T Toomey)**

That Council;

Approves the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018. That the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and the General Manager and the Responsible Accounting Officer sign the following Statements as required under section 413 (2) (c):

1. General Purpose Financial Statements; and
2. Special Purpose Financial Statements.

**X8.10/18 CARRIED**

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*Cr M Dusting was absent at the time of voting.*

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

*The meeting was closed at: 4:42pm*

<b>COUNCIL MINUTES CONFIRMED BY:</b>	
<b>RESOLUTION NUMBER:</b>	
<b>DATE:</b>	
<b>MAYOR:</b>	