



Minutes from Extraordinary Meeting of Council

**Held
Tuesday 12 May 2009
6.00pm
Council Chambers, Civic Centre
184 - 194 Bourke Street, Goulburn**

VISION

A sustainable vibrant community protecting, enhancing and enjoying Goulburn Mulwaree's rich social, environmental and economic heritage.

Mission

To serve the Community

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Present

Cr James, Cr Kirk, Cr Dillon, Cr Penning, Cr Banfield & Cr Sturgiss.

Also Present

Acting General Manager (Mr C Berry), Director Corporate Services (Mr B Hollands), Acting Director Planning & Community Services (Mr C Stewart), Acting Director Engineering (Mr T Cooper), Acting Director Water Services (Mr G Finlayson) and Executive Assistant to Corporate Services (Ms A Croke).

Opening Prayer

The pray was read by Cr Dillon.

Apologies

That an apology from Cr O'Neill be received and leave of absence granted.

Resolved 09/236

Cr Sturgiss/Cr Dillon

That an apology from Cr O'Neill be received and leave of absence granted.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Executive Services Reports

Item 1 2009/10 Management Plan (Attachment)

Reporting Officers

Director of Corporate Services – Brendan Hollands

Purpose of Report

To present the Draft 2009/2010 Management Plan for consideration.

Recommendation

That:

- A. The amendments to the original draft Management Plan listed in the attached table be approved for inclusion.
- B. The Draft 2009/10 Management Plan be adopted for public exhibition, including the following key decisions:
- Capital Works focus on asset renewal rather than new asset creation (excepting DCP Works)
 - Agreement to the Capital Works program and the rationale for the prioritisation underpinning it
 - Nil proposed borrowings
 - The following changes to the existing rating structure and methodology:
 - Rating yields to be levied upon Goulburn, Marulan and the Rural areas be determined by the analysis of past expenditure in those areas
 - Business Rates to be set at 1.25 times that of the Goulburn – Residential Rate
 - Business - Town Centre Rates to be set at 1.80 times that of the Business Rate
 - Farmland Rate to be set at 0.85 times that of the Residential – General Rate
 - Application of the maximum amount of the general rate increase allowed under rate capping (3.5%)
 - No change to Water availability and Sewerage availability charges
 - An increase of 3.0 % to the Goulburn Tariff 1 Water user charge with no change to the Tariff 2 charge.
 - Marulan Residential and Business Water user charges to be aligned with the Goulburn charge.
 - An increase of 2% to the Goulburn Sewer user charge
 - Marulan Sewer user charge to be aligned with the Goulburn Charge
 - Marulan Business Sewer Charge to be adjusted so that meter sizes are charged at the same differential to the Marulan Vacant Residential Charges as the Goulburn Businesses are charged to the Goulburn Vacant Residential Charge
 - An increase of 3.5% in Domestic Waste charges
 - Continued provision for the Highland Source water supply works and associated levy
 - Agreement to the proposed Fees and Charges
 - Provision for a general annual wages/salaries increase of 3.5% (estimated award increase)
 - The ongoing review of the need to replace staff vacancies as they arise

Resolved 09/237

Cr Penning/Cr Banfield

That:

- A. *The amendments to the original draft Management Plan listed in the attached table be approved for inclusion.*
- B. *The Draft 2009/10 Management Plan be adopted for public exhibition, including the following key decisions:*
- *Capital Works focus on asset renewal rather than new asset creation (excepting DCP Works)*
 - *Agreement to the Capital Works program and the rationale for the prioritisation underpinning it*
 - *Nil proposed borrowings*
 - *The following changes to the existing rating structure and methodology:*
 - *Rating yields to be levied upon Goulburn, Marulan and the Rural areas be determined by the analysis of past expenditure in those areas*
 - *Business Rates to be set at 1.15 times that of the Goulburn – Residential Rate*
 - *Business - Town Centre Rates to be set at 1.80 times that of the Business Rate*
 - *Farmland Rate to be set at 0.85 times that of the Residential – General Rate*
 - *Application of the maximum amount of the general rate increase allowed under rate capping (3.5%)*
 - *No change to Water availability and Sewerage availability charges*
 - *An increase of 3.0 % to the Goulburn Tariff 1 Water user charge with no change to the Tariff 2 charge.*
 - *Marulan Residential and Business Water user charges to be aligned with the Goulburn charge.*
 - *An increase of 2% to the Goulburn Sewer user charge*
 - *Marulan Sewer user charge to be aligned with the Goulburn Charge*
 - *Marulan Business Sewer Charge to be adjusted so that meter sizes are charged at the same differential to the Marulan Vacant Residential Charges as the Goulburn Businesses are charged to the Goulburn Vacant Residential Charge*
 - *An increase of 3.5% in Domestic Waste charges*
 - *Continued provision for the Highland Source water supply works and associated levy*
 - *Agreement to the proposed Fees and Charges*
 - *Provision for a general annual wages/salaries increase of 3.5% (estimated award increase)*
 - *The ongoing review of the need to replace staff vacancies as they arise*
- C. *That the Draft 2009/10 Management Plan be placed on public exhibition and submissions be called for.*

**Item 2 Rating Policy and Rate Hardship Policy
(Attachment)**

Reporting Officers

Director of Corporate Services – Brendan Hollands

Purpose of Report

To present the Rating Policy and Rate Hardship Policy for consideration.

Recommendation

That the Draft Rating Policy and Draft Rate Hardship Policy be placed on public exhibition with the 2009/10 Management Plan and submissions be invited.

Resolved 09/238

Cr Sturgiss/Cr Penning

That:

1. *The words “most fairly amongst all rate payers” be added after “rating yield will be determined...” in the Policy Objective in the Rating Policy.*
2. *Add a section headed Rating Methods with the following statement:*
 - *Council will apply a rates structure in each category of either ad valorem subject to a minimum rate or a base amount plus ad valorem.*
3. *The Draft Rating Policy and Draft Rate Hardship Policy be placed on public exhibition with the 2009/10 Management Plan and submissions be invited.*

The meeting closed at 6.37pm

The minutes were confirmed at the Council Meeting on 19 May 2009 at which this signature was endorsed.

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Cr Carol James
Mayor

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Mr Chris Berry
Acting General Manager