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MINUTES OF ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2025

MINUTES OF THE **Ordinary Council Meeting** OF TENTERFIELD SHIRE held in the "Koreelah Room", Council Administration Building, 247 Rouse Street, Tenterfield, NSW on Wednesday 30 April 2025 commencing at 9:30 AM

ATTENDANCE

Councillor Bronwyn Petrie (Mayor)
Councillor Greg Sauer (Deputy Mayor)
Councillor Owen Bancroft
Councillor Tim Bonner
Councillor Peter Murphy
Councillor Tom Peters
Councillor Peter Petty
Councillor Greg Purcell
Councillor Kim Rhodes
Councillor Roger Turner

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

General Manager (Hein Basson)
Director Corporate Services (Liz Alley)
Acting Director Infrastructure Services (Gillian Marchant)
Executive Assistant & Media (Allison Graham)

Clause 254(b) of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 requires that the names of the mover and seconder of the motion or amendment are recorded and shown in the Minutes of the meeting.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (PUBLIC ACCESS)

Mr Patrick Pickett, President of School of Arts Tenterfield Incorporated, addressed Council on Item Com7/25 – School of Arts Tenterfield Incorporated: Funding, Licence and Transfer of Management Agreement, him being in favour of the officer's recommendation.

WEBCASTING OF MEETING

The Mayor read the following:

I advise all present that this meeting is being recorded for placement on Council's website for the purposes of broadening knowledge and participation in Council issues, and demonstrating Council's commitment to openness and accountability.

All speakers must ensure their comments are relevant to the issue at hand and to refrain from making personal comments or criticisms or mentioning any private information.

No other persons are permitted to record the meeting, unless specifically authorised by Council to do so.

OPENING AND WELCOME

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the April Council Meeting.

CIVIC PRAYER

The Mayor read the following:

We give thanks for the contribution by our pioneers, early settlers and those who fought in the various wars for the fabric of the Tenterfield Community we have today.

May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Mayor read the following:

"We acknowledge the Ngarabal, Jukembal, Bundjalung, Kamilaroi, Githabul and Wahlubul people as the traditional custodians of various parts of the Tenterfield Shire."

APOLOGIES

No apologies were received from any Councillors.

DISCLOSURE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

That councillors now disclose any interests and reasons for declaring such interest in the matters under consideration by Council at this meeting.

Name	Type	Item
Nil.		

(ITEM MIN3/25) CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

33/25

Resolved

That the Minutes of the following Meeting of Tenterfield Shire Council:

- **Ordinary Council Meeting – 26 March 2025**

As typed and circulated, be confirmed and signed as a true record of the proceedings of these meetings.

(Peter Petty/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

TABLING OF DOCUMENTS

Nil.

URGENT, LATE & SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Nil.

MAYOR MINUTE

Nil.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONFIDENTIAL SECTION

That:-

- a) the meeting be closed to the public and members of the press because of the need for confidentiality, privilege or security, as specified below and provided for under Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1993*; and
- b) the Agenda and associated correspondence, unless specified are not to be released to the Public as the matter involves commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

OPEN COUNCIL REPORTS

OUR COMMUNITY

(ITEM COM7/25) SCHOOL OF ARTS TENTERFIELD INCORPORATED: FUNDING, LICENCE AND TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider a Funding, Licence and Transfer of Management Agreement for the School of Arts Tenterfield Incorporated (SOATI) to take over the day-to-day management of the School of Arts.

The item was moved by Councillor Petty and seconded by Councillor Peters for discussion.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Adopts the Funding, Licence and Transfer of Management Agreement between the School of Arts Tenterfield Incorporated (SOATI) and the Tenterfield Shire Council, attached as Annexure to the report, noting that this Agreement is for a period starting on the commencement date and ending on the date which is the earlier of 30 June 2026, or the date on which it is replaced by a sublease and further funding agreement, or it is terminated pursuant to the conditions of Clause 21 of the Agreement on the provision of three (3) calendar months' written notice by either party to the other, or if it is terminated on written notice to the other party when breached, or false and misleading information had been provided, or in the instance of insolvency.**
- 2. Determines the Commence Date to be as early as is practically possible after the April Ordinary Council Meeting, but no later than Monday, 12 May 2025.**
- 3. Requests the Director Corporate Services to, as a matter of urgency, pursue negotiations with SOATI regarding the implementation of Clause 12.6 as soon as is possible.**

After discussion, the following amendment was moved by Councillor Bonner and seconded by Councillor Bancroft:

That consideration of the item be deferred to the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 May 2025, after being workshopped by Council with representatives of the School of Arts Tenterfield Incorporated, Tenterfield Chamber of Tourism, Industry and Business.

The Amendment became the Motion

34/25

Resolved

That consideration of the item be deferred to the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 May 2025, after being workshopped by Council with representatives of the School of Arts Tenterfield Incorporated and the Tenterfield Chamber of Tourism, Industry and Business.

Motion Carried

(ITEM COM8/25) COUNCILLOR WORKS/SERVICE REQUESTS - APRIL 2025

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a standing monthly report to the Ordinary Meeting of Council that reports on the progress with Councillor Work/Service Requests, and as an opportunity to develop an understanding of other factors and considerations impacting the execution or progress of these requests.

After some discussion took place, Councillor Petty raised a **Point of Order**, as the ensuing discussion on the state of the road in front of the local Police Station was not in the list of works/service requests presented to Council.

35/25

Resolved

That Council:

Notes the status of the Councillor Works/Service Requests for the month of April 2025.

(Kim Rhodes/Owen Bancroft)

Motion Carried

OUR ECONOMY

OUR ENVIRONMENT

(ITEM ENV4/25) CONCEALED WATER LEAK: ASSESSMENT NUMBER 70743

SUMMARY

Council has received a request to waive excessive consumption due to concealed leaks at assessment 70743. The concealed leak have been investigated and the leaser has written to Council to request waiving and adjustments to their water bills as they are in financial distress.

36/25

Resolved

That Council:

- 1. Waives the current excess water bills for the period to December 2024.**
- 2. Re-adjust the water bills as:
Assessment Number 70743, with an original water bill of \$33,942 less the \$25 minimum consumption fee, noting that no**

consumption average can be established as the residents use a rainwater tank.

(Kim Rhodes/Tim Bonner)

Motion Carried

OUR GOVERNANCE

(ITEM GOV21/25) LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ADVOCACY UPDATE FOR MARCH 2025

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present an update from the President of Local Government NSW on progress towards this peak organisation's advocacy priorities for 2024-2025.

37/25

Resolved

That Council:

- (1) Notes the Advocacy Update for March 2025 from the Local Government NSW's President, Councillor Phyllis Miller OAM.**

(Kim Rhodes/Owen Bancroft)

Motion Carried

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

38/25

Resolved

That the meeting be suspended for purposes of a morning tea break at 11.05am.

(Peter Petty/Tim Bonner)

Motion Carried

Recording of the session was paused at 11.05am.

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

39/25

Resolved

That the meeting be resumed at 11.36am.

(Peter Petty/Owen Bancroft)

Motion Carried

Recording of the session recommenced at 11.35am.

(ITEM GOV22/25) 2025/26-OPERATIONAL PLAN AND BUDGET - INCLUDING REVENUE POLICY, FEES AND CHARGES, LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND 2025-2029 DELIVERY PROGRAM

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is for Council to adopt the 2025/26-Operational Plan and Budget, including the Statement of Revenue Policy, List of Fees and Charges, Long-Term Financial Plan and 2025-2029 Delivery Program for a 28-day public exhibition period.

40/25

Resolved

That Council:

- (1)** Adopts the **2025/26-Operational Plan and Budget**, attached as an Annexure to the report, for a 28-day public exhibition period.
- (2)** Adopts the following documents as an integral part of the above-mentioned 2-25/26-Operational Plan and Budget:
 - (a) Tenterfield Shire Council Operational Plan (Annual Budget) for 2025/2026/ Delivery Program for 2025-2029;**
 - (b) Tenterfield Shire Council Statement of Revenue Policy for 2025/2026;**
 - (c) Tenterfield Shire Council Fees and Charges for 2025/2026;**
 - (d) Tenterfield Shire Council Long-Term Financial Plan for 2025-2035.**
- (3) Rates** - In accordance with the provisions of Sections 494 & 535 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, makes, fixes and levies the rates for the year ending 30 June 2026 for the following rating categories:

Farmland:

A Farmland rate of 0.236224 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.236224% on rates notice) on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area being Farmland, with a base rate of \$581.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 23.85% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Residential – Tenterfield:

A Residential – Tenterfield rate of 0.500398 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.500398% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$450.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 45.76% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Residential – Tenterfield (Urban):

A Residential – Tenterfield rate of 0.458939 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.458939% on rates notice) of the current land values of all

rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$445.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 20.34% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Residential – Urbenville:

A Residential – Urbenville rate of 0.672723 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.672723% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$395.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 43.96% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Residential – Jennings:

A Residential – Jennings rate of 0.871543 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.871543% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$395.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 44.39% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Residential – Drake:

A Residential – Drake rate of 1.029134 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 1.029134% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$395.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 44.71% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Residential – Other:

A Residential – Other rate of 0.376928 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.376928% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$250.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 48.90% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Residential – Rural:

A Residential – Rural rate of 0.376928 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.376928% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$299.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 26.27% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Business – Tenterfield:

A Business – Tenterfield rate of 1.658352 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 1.658352% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$790.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 33.53% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Business – Urbenville:

A Business – Urbenville rate of 0.641413 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.641413% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$363.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 41.17% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Business – Jennings:

A Business – Jennings rate of 0.690286 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.690286% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$363.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 49.71% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Business – Drake:

A Business – Drake rate of 0.963964 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.963964% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$363.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 40.11% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Business – Other:

A Business – Other rate of 0.689396 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 0.689396% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$389.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 49.96% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Business – Industrial:

A Business – Industrial rate of 1.658352 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 1.658352% on rates notice) of the current land values of all rateable land within this category, with a base rate of \$790.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 25.80% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

Mining:

A Mining rate of 2.247212 of a cent in the dollar (shown as 2.247212% on rates notice) on the current land values of all rateable land in the Local Government Area where the dominant use is for a coal mine or metalliferous mine, with a base rate of \$642.00 per annum (the total revenue collected from this base amount represents 41.04% of the total revenue collected from this category of land).

(4) Water - In accordance with the provisions of Section 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes, fixes and levies a Water Supply Availability Charge on all land rateable to the Water Supply Charge and other water charges for the year ending June 2026, as follows:

- (a) Residential - \$653.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (b) Residential Strata - \$491.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (c) Mt Lindesay Private Line – \$814.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (d) Rural Other - \$653.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (e) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 20mm - \$653.00 per property and/or connection per annum;

- (f) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 25mm - \$653.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (g) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 32mm - \$653.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (h) Non Residential - Meter connection: 40mm - \$985.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (i) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 50mm - \$1,532.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (j) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 80mm - \$3,929.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (k) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 100mm - \$6,139.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (l) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 150mm - \$13,804.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (m) Voluntary and Charitable Organisations - \$126.00 per property and/or connection per annum;
- (n) Services installed solely for the purpose of firefighting – No Charge.

In accordance with Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, makes, fixes and levies a stepped tariff for the charge for water consumed by Residential customers (to be by measure of metered water consumption) at the rate of \$5.50 per kilolitre for water consumption between nil (0) and 450 kilolitres per annum, and \$8.40 per kilolitre for water consumed over 450 kilolitres per annum.

In accordance with Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, that Council makes, fixes and levies a stepped tariff for the charge for water consumed by Rural/Mt Lindesay customers (to be by measure of metered water consumption) at the rate of \$5.50 per kilolitre for water consumption between nil (0) and 450 kilolitres per annum, and \$8.40 per kilolitre for water consumed over 450 kilolitres per annum.

In accordance with Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, makes, fixes and levies a stepped tariff for the charge for water consumed by Non-Residential customers (to be by measure of metered water consumption) at the rate of \$5.50 per kilolitre for water consumption between nil (0) and 1,000 kilolitres per annum, and \$8.40 per kilolitre for water consumed over 1,000 kilolitres per annum.

In accordance with Section 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, makes, fixes and levies a minimum water consumption account charge of \$25.00 for each of the six (6) monthly billing periods. Further, that if at the time of reading a water meter it is found to be damaged or has stopped, an account will be issued based on the previous two corresponding water bills.

- (5) Sewerage** - In accordance with the provisions of Section 501(1) and 502 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, makes, fixes and levies a Sewerage Service Availability Charge of \$1,314.00 on all Residential land in the Tenterfield and Urbenville Town Areas and is:
- (a) connected to the Council's sewer main, or

- (b) not connected to the Council's sewer main but any part of the property is no more than 75 metres from the Council's sewer main; and
- (c) land from which sewerage can be discharged into the sewers of Council for the year ending June 2026.

Further, that in respect of Residential Flat Buildings a Sewerage Availability Charge will be made equal to the number of residential flats multiplied by the service charge for a single connection.

Annual Access Charge - In accordance with the provisions of Sections 501(1) and 552 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council makes, fixes and levies Annual Access Charges for Commercial and Non-Residential Sewerage for the year ending June 2026, as follows:

- a) A Sewerage Access Charge will be incurred proportional to the customer's water connection diameter plus a pay-for-use charge based on the water used, calculated in accordance with the following connection options and the formula following subparagraph "j" below:
 - (a) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 20mm - \$1,314.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (b) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 25mm - \$1,314.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (c) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 32mm - \$1,701.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (d) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 40mm - \$2,646.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (e) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 50mm - \$4,127.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (f) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 80mm - \$10,562.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (g) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 100mm - \$16,502.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (h) Non-Residential - Meter connection: 150mm - \$37,134.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (i) Voluntary and Charitable Organisations - \$253.00 per occupancy per property per annum;
 - (j) Services installed solely for the purpose of firefighting – No Charge.

The formula to calculate Non-Residential Sewerage Charges is:

$$AC + SDF \times (C + UC)$$

Where:

AC = Access Charge

SDF = Sewerage Discharge Factor (determined by type/use)

C = Customers Annual Water Consumption in kilolitres

UC = Sewerage Usage Charge

- Makes, fixes and levies a Sewerage Usage Charge of \$3.50 per kilolitre in 2025/2026.
- Makes, fixes and levies Trade Waste Annual Charges for the year ending June 2026, as follows:

- (a) Non-Residential Trade Waste Fee: Category 1 - \$184.00 per property per annum;
 - (b) Non-Residential Trade Waste Fee: Category 2 - \$184.00 per property per annum;
 - (c) Non-Residential Trade Waste Fee: Category 3 - \$877.00 per property per annum.
 - Makes, fixes and levies Trade Waste Usage Charges for the year ending June 2026, as follows:
 - (a) Non-Residential Trade Waste Usage Charge: Compliant - \$2.05 per kilolitre;
 - (b) Non-Residential Trade Waste Usage Charge: Non-Compliant - \$21.00 per kilolitre.
- (6) Waste Management Charges** - In accordance with section 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993* makes, fixes and levies the Waste Management Facility Charge of \$321.00 per property per annum for the year ending June 2026.
- Waste Collection Charges** - In accordance with sections 496 and 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993* makes, fixes and levies Waste Collection Charges for the year ending June 2026, as follows:
- (a) Residential Waste Collection: 120L Bin - \$517.00 per service per annum;
 - (b) Residential Waste Collection: 240L Bin - \$665.00 per service per annum;
 - (c) Non-Residential Waste Collection: 120L Bin - \$517.00 per service per annum;
 - (d) Non-Residential Waste Collection: 240L Bin - \$665.00 per service per annum.
- Recycling Collection Charges** - In accordance with sections 496 and 501 of the *Local Government Act 1993* makes, fixes and levies Recycling Collection Charges for the year ending June 2026, as follows.
- (a) Residential Recycling Collection - \$98.50 per service per annum;
 - (b) Non-Residential Recycling Collection - \$98.50 per service per annum.
- (7) Stormwater Management Charges** In accordance with section 496A of the *Local Government Act 1993* makes, fixes and levies Stormwater Management Charges for the year ending June 2026, for properties within the Tenterfield, Urbenville and Jennings town areas where there is a structure.
- (a) Residential – \$25.00 per annum;
 - (b) Residential Strata Title Per Unit - \$12.50 per annum;
 - (c) Non-Residential: <350m square - \$25.00 per annum;

- (d) Non-Residential: 350m square-1200m square - \$50.00 per annum;
- (e) Non-Residential: 1200m square-5000m square - \$221.00 per annum;
- (f) Non-Residential: >5000m square - \$357.00 per annum.

Waste Vouchers - Provides three (3) waste vouchers that will be issued with the annual rate notices. Under amendments to NSW Treasury laws and regulations, Council is extending the expiry date for vouchers. Vouchers for 2024/2025 will be current for three (3) financial years, up to and including 2026/2027 financial year. Previously issued vouchers for 2023/2024 will remain valid for two (2) financial years, up to and including 2025/2026.

Borrowings:

Nil Borrowings – subject to service level reductions and further amendments proposed in the amended Operational Plan for 2025/2026.

Interest rates on overdue rates and charges - In accordance with the provisions of Section 566(3) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, determines that the extra interest charges on overdue rates and charges will be levied at the maximum rate allowable and as advised by the Office of Local Government on a daily simple interest basis for the financial year ending 30 June 2026.

Operational Plan on website - In accordance with the provisions of Section 405(6) of the *Local Government Act 1993*, places a copy of its adopted Operational Plan 2025/2026 on its website within 28 days.

- (8) Includes an amount of \$20,000 in its final 2025/26-Budget and Operational Plan (as a Capital Budget item) for the children's playgrounds at Legume and Urbenville to be fenced.**
- (9) Requests the Director Infrastructure Services to investigate the possibility and cost of Council providing a once-a-year Large Waste Pick-up within those areas where a garbage removal service is being provided, not including any white goods and tyres.**
- (10) Requests the Director Corporate Services to investigate the possibility of Council implementing a Business Rating regime for all AirBnB properties in the local government area in those instances where owners are not using their properties for full-time residential purposes and properties are being made available for short-term rental within the marketplace, driving real estate prices up and contributing to an acute shortage in long-term rental accommodation in Tenterfield.**
- (11) During the 2025/26-Financial Year, continues to evaluate its financial position, capital spending of prior Special Rate Variation determinations and spending against budgetary allocations, Asset Management Plan updates, staffing resources**

(including human capital within the organisation), and social capital within the community – for a Special Rate Variation to be pursued in the 2026/27- Financial Year for implementation on 1 July 2027.

(Peter Petty/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

(ITEM GOV23/25) FINANCE & ACCOUNTS - PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is for the Responsible Accounting Officer to provide, in accordance with Clause 212 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021* a written report setting out details of all money that the Council has invested under Section 625 of the *Local Government Act 1993*. The Report must be made up to the last day of the month immediately preceding the meeting.

Addition financial information on Water Leakage, 603 Certificates, and financial business units is presented for Councillor and community information.

41/25

Resolved

That Council notes the Finance and Accounts Report for the period ended 31 March 2025.

(Owen Bancroft/Kim Rhodes)

Motion Carried

(ITEM GOV24/25) PROPOSED REFINANCING OF TWO HIGH INTEREST BEARING LOANS

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is to seek approval from Council to refinance two (2) loans that currently are at a high interest rate.

42/25

Resolved

That Council agrees to refinance two (2) of its existing high interest loans being:

- 1. Loan LD900 Tenterfield Wastewater Treatment Plant at a new interest rate of 5.100% for a period of eight (8) years, down from an interest rate of 7.182% (or lowest interest rate on the day), resulting in a saving of \$794,908.32 over this eight (8) year term, and**
- 2. Loan LD923 Urbenville Water Supply at a new interest rate of 4.58% for a period of three (3) years, down from an interest rate**

of 6.473% (or lowest interest rate on the day), resulting in a saving of \$128,300.52 over this three (3) year term.

(Peter Petty/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

(ITEM GOV25/25) AUDIT, RISK & IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - 11 DECEMBER 2024

SUMMARY

Council's Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) had their Ordinary Meeting on Wednesday, 11 December 2024.

The adopted and signed minutes of this meeting are attached to the report for the information of Council.

43/25

Resolved

That Council:

Notes the adopted and signed minutes from the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting of 11 December 2024.

(Owen Bancroft/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

(ITEM GOV26/25) TRANSFER OF LAND IN PAYMENT OF RATES POLICY - UPDATE

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to review and update the Transfer of Land in Payment of Rates Policy.

44/25

Resolved

That Council:

Adopts the reviewed and updated Transfer of Land in Payment of Rates Policy.

(Peter Petty/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

(ITEM GOV27/25) RATES HARDSHIP POLICY AND PROCEDURE - UPDATE

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to review and update the Rates Hardship Policy.

45/25

Resolved

That Council:

Adopts the revised and updated Rates Hardship Policy.

(Peter Petty/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

(ITEM GOV28/25) GRANTING OF PENSIONER CONCESSION POLICY - REPEAL

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to repeal the Granting of Pensioner Concession Policy. The existing Policy is not in line with legislation or application of pensioner concessions.

46/25

Resolved

That Council:

Repeals the Granting of Pensioner Rate Concession and continue to provide pensioner concession in accordance with legislation.

(Peter Petty/Greg Sauer)

Motion Carried

(ITEM GOV29/25) MONTHLY OPERATIONAL REPORT FOR MARCH 2025

SUMMARY

The purpose of this Report is to provide a report to the Ordinary Meeting of Council that demonstrates staff accountabilities and actions taken against Council's 2024/25 Operational Plan.

After some discussion took place, Councillor Petty raised a **Point of Order**, as the ensuing discussion on the access road to the Undercliffe Falls was not included with the Monthly Operational Report.

47/25

Resolved

That Council:

Notes the status of the Monthly Operational Report for March 2025.

(Peter Petty/Tom Peters)

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF DELEGATES & COMMITTEES

Nil.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

RESOLUTION REGISTER

(ITEM RES3/25) COUNCIL RESOLUTION REGISTER - MARCH 2025

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide a standing monthly report to the Ordinary Meeting of Council that outlines all Resolutions of Council previously adopted and yet to be finalised. The updating of this report has been progressed with many actions that have now been finalised within the software system and no longer showing up in this report. However, there are further actions in this report that still need to be attended to, and it should be regarded as work-in-progress that will continue for still some time because Council resolutions have not been consistently actioned in the past.

48/25

Resolved

That Council notes the status of the Council Resolution Register to March 2025.

(Kim Rhodes/Peter Murphy)

Motion Carried

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

49/25

Resolved

That standing orders be suspended to move into the Closed Session part of the meeting, the time being 1.16pm.

(Peter Petty/Owen Bancroft)

Motion Carried

The recording of the session was paused at 1.16pm.

CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

(ITEM ENV5/25) REPLACEMENT ROLL-OVER WASTE SIDE LOADING TRUCK

That the above item be considered in Closed Session to the exclusion of the press and public in accordance with Section 10A(2) (d(i)) of the Local Government Act, 1993, as the matter involves commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it.

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to Council and gain approval for tender RFT 10 - 24/25 to replace the damaged side loading waste collection vehicle.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

- 1. Awards the tender to Bucher Municipal PTY LTD to provide a new side loader Volvo garbage truck for the all-inclusive amount of \$615,068.19.**
- 2. Approves for the payment of this asset acquisition to be funded from the Waste Reserve Fund.**

The following amendment was moved by Councillor Murphy and seconded by Councillor Petty:

That Council:

- 1. Awards the tender to Bucher Municipal PTY LTD to provide a new SL 24FOGO side loader Volvo garbage truck for the all-inclusive amount of \$616,050.49.**
- 2. Approves for the payment of this asset acquisition to be funded from the Waste Reserve Fund.**

The Amendment became the Motion

50/25 **Resolved**

That Council:

- 1. Awards the tender to Bucher Municipal PTY LTD to provide a new Volvo SL 24FOGO side loader garbage truck for the all-inclusive amount of \$616,050.49.**
- 2. Approves for the payment of this asset acquisition to be funded from the Waste Reserve Fund.**

(Peter Murphy/Peter Petty)

Motion Carried

RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

51/25

Resolved

That Council moves into Open Session again, the time being 1.35pm.

(Peter Murphy/Owen Bancroft)

Motion Carried

The meeting moved out of Closed Session and the recording device was turned on, the time being 1.35 pm.

In accordance with Section 253 of Local Government Regulations (General) 2005, the Mayor read the resolutions as resolved whilst in Closed Council, as follows:

(ITEM ENV5/25) REPLACEMENT ROLL-OVER WASTE SIDE LOADING TRUCK

That Council:

- 1. Awards the tender to Bucher Municipal PTY LTD to provide a new Volvo SL24 FOGO side loader garbage truck for the all-inclusive amount of \$616,050.49**
- 2. Approves for the payment of this asset acquisition to be funded from the Waste Reserve Fund.**

MEETING CLOSED

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 1.37 pm.

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Councillor Bronwyn Petrie
Mayor/Chairperson