

Business Paper

LATE REPORTS ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GUNDAGAI

6:00PM, TUESDAY 28th July, 2020

Administration Centres: 1300 459 689

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8.1 BUSINESS

8.1.9 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 - LATE REPORT

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RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	<p>4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team</p> <p>4.3 Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council is a premier local government Council</p>
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	The cost of registration and accommodation per attendee
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Invitation for Phillip McMurray to Attend the NSW Annual Local Government Conference 22-24 November 2020 ↓ 2. Draft Programme for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020 ↓

RECOMMENDATION

1. Council nominate attendees for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, 2020.
2. Council's voting delegates for the Local Government NSW Annual Conference, 2020 be nominated.

Introduction

This Conference is the annual policy making event for NSW general purpose councils and its associate members. It is the pre-eminent event of the local government year where local councillors come together to share ideas and debate issues that shape the way the state is governed at a local level.

Discussion

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference will be co-hosted by the Liverpool City Council and will be held Sunday 22nd to Tuesday 24th November, 2020. Conference registration opened Monday, 15th July, 2019.

This year's registration fees are listed in a table on the following page. As Council will be registered the within the Early Bird registration period the registration fee will be \$840.00 per delegate. Accommodation of three (3) rooms has already been booked at a cost of \$259 per room per day.

Registration Fees (inclusive of GST)

DELEGATES	FEEES
Member Early Bird Registration (paid by 25 September 2020)*	\$840
Member Standard Registration (paid by 11 November 2020)*	\$940
Conference Dinner Ticket (optional)	\$132
Non-member Early Bird Registration (paid by 25 September 2020)	\$1680
Non-member Standard Registration (paid by 11 November 2020)	\$1880
Non-member Conference Dinner Ticket	\$220
Sponsors Extra Staff Registration (paid by 11 November)	\$550
Bus transfer fee from other hotels to Crowne Plaza each day	\$11
PARTNERS AND EXTRA GUESTS	
President's Welcome Reception	\$88
Conference Dinner Ticket	\$132
Training Sessions	\$44
ALGWA Breakfast	\$55

The fees indicated above show that the cost in full for attendance with registration , conference dinner, one training session, ALGWA Breakfast and accommodation is \$1848 per person.

Two voting delegates must be registered for the voting on motions during the formal business sessions. The details of the voting delegates must be determined and submitted by no later than Midnight (AEST), Friday, 20th September, 2019. At previous annual conferences the voting delegates have been the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.



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15 July 2020

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Dear Mr McMurray

Local Government NSW Annual Conference: 22-24 November 2020

I am delighted to invite you to attend this year's Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference from **Sunday 22 to Tuesday 24 November at the Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, 430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale, NSW.**

This letter contains important information to help you participate fully in the Conference.

The Annual Conference is the main policy making event for the local government sector. It is your council's opportunity to submit motions for consideration and debate by delegates. Motions passed at Conference become Resolutions, which LGNSW takes forward on your behalf, as part of our sector's advocacy agenda.

Information on the Conference is attached, including submitting motions and voting entitlements, to help you plan ahead. We will send regular updates and reminders.

Key Dates:

17 July 2020	Event registration opens <i>(note: voting delegates must be registered to attend the Conference and be registered as a nominated voting delegate)</i>
17 July 2020	Conference motions open
28 September 2020 12 midnight (AEST)	Deadline for submitting motions <i>(note: the latest date motions can be accepted for inclusion in the Business Paper is 12 midnight (AEDT) on 25 October 2020)</i>
3 November 2020 12 noon (AEDT)	Deadline for nominating voting delegates
22-24 November 2020	LGNSW Annual Conference
23 November 2020	Conference Dinner

Covid-19 precautions: The Conference will be following the government guidelines on safe events and social distancing, noting that this can change in the future. We will be following hygiene practices by cleaning surfaces, arranging seating, overseeing food preparation and transport, as well as medical assistance as required.

I look forward to seeing you at Conference.

Yours sincerely

Linda Scott

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President

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Local Government NSW Annual Conference: 22-24 November 2020

REGISTRATION

All Conference attendees are required to register online to attend the Conference. Registration to attend the Conference opens **17 July 2020** via the LGNSW website: lgnsw.org.au

Members will be able to take advantage of special 'early bird' rates.

Note: *Voting delegates must be registered to attend the Conference and be registered as a nominated voting delegate.*

VOTING DELEGATES – MOTIONS

To vote on motions at the Conference, delegates must be an elected member of a council, county council, the Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC), a Related Local Government Body (RLGB) or an Administrator appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Ordinary members and Associate members need to advise LGNSW of the name(s) of their nominated voting delegate(s) for voting on motions.

An **online form** for advising LGNSW of the names of members nominated voting delegates is available on the LGNSW website: lgnsw.org.au.

Members are required to advise LGNSW of the names of their nominated voting delegates by **12 noon (AEDT) on Tuesday 3 November 2020**. Nominations received after this time/date cannot be accepted, however, a member may, subject to the LGNSW rules, notify LGNSW of a change to the name of an already nominated voting delegate (a substitute delegate) after this time/date (visit LGNSW website for information on substituting voting delegates).

VOTING ENTITLEMENTS

The formula for calculating members' voting entitlements is prescribed at rule 23 of the LGNSW rules. LGNSW (Federal) rules: fwc.gov.au/registered-organisations/find-registered-organisations/local-government-nsw-lgnsw

The **number of voting delegates** that each member is entitled to send to the Conference for voting on motions is set out in the attached table at **Annexure A**.

In accordance with the LGNSW rules, only members that were financial on 1 March 2020 (the 'calculation date') have been allocated voting entitlements. To exercise voting rights, members also need to be financial on 12 midnight (AEST) on Sunday 27 September 2020 (the date on which the roll of voters closes).

MOTIONS

All members can put forward motions to be considered at the Conference. Members are invited to submit motions from **17 July 2020** via an online portal: <https://lgnsw-grants.fluidreview.com/>

Proposed motions should be strategic, affect members state-wide and introduce new or emerging policy issues and actions. When submitting motions, members are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the existing principles and positions of LGNSW on issues of importance to the sector, as members will be asked to identify if their motion is seeking a change to LGNSW's existing Policy Position.

For further information on submitting motions, download the *LGNSW 2020 Conference Motions Submission Guide* from the LGNSW website: lgnsw.org.au.



DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING MOTIONS

Members are asked to submit motions online by **12 midnight (AEST) on Monday 28 September 2020** to allow assessment of the motions and distribution of the Business Paper before the Conference. However, in line with the LGNSW rules, the latest date motions will be accepted for inclusion in the Conference Business Paper is 12 midnight (AEDT) on Sunday 25 October 2020.

BUSINESS PAPERS

The full Conference Business Paper will be available on the LGNSW website two weeks prior to the Conference as a digital document which you may download to your device or print a hard copy at your discretion.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRAVEL

The Hunter Valley is perfectly positioned two-and-a-half-hours drive from Sydney, and 50 minutes from Newcastle Airport along the M1 Pacific Motorway. The venue is also accessible via public transport. The most convenient train stations are at Maitland, Newcastle or Morisset and connecting buses are available from each station.

We encourage attendees to book accommodation as early as possible. A shuttle service to the Conference venue will be available to delegates booked at hotels listed on our website.

If you are attending the ALGA 2020 Special Recovery Conference in Wagga Wagga (16-18 November), you may wish to travel directly to the Hunter Valley to enjoy the regions many cultural and historical attractions before our Welcome Reception on Sunday 22 November.

Visit the LGNSW website for Conference travel and accommodation options: lgnsw.org.au.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

When you register for the conference, LGNSW collects your personal information from you to process your registration.

If you do not provide or we cannot otherwise collect all the information we request or need, we may not be able to register you for the conference.

LGNSW may disclose your personal information to third party conference organisers and third party service providers, who may be located overseas and may store your information overseas.

We may with your consent where required, use your contact details to send you (by telephone, post, email or SMS) marketing communications about our programs, products, services, promotions and events. You can opt out of marketing communications at any time, by particular means or at all, by following the unsubscribe function in the message we send, or by emailing or calling us.

Our privacy policy, which is available at lgnsw.org.au/privacy or by emailing or calling us on the details below, explains more about the types of personal information we usually collect and how we handle your personal information, as well as how you can request access to and correction of personal information we hold about you, how you can complain about our handling of your personal information and how we deal with complaints.

For privacy related enquiries please contact us on 02 9242 4000, at lgnsw@lgnsw.org.au or at GPO Box 7003, Sydney NSW 2001.



Annexure A

Members' voting entitlement at the 2020 Local Government NSW Annual Conference

Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Albury City Council (R/R)	4
Armidale Regional Council (R/R)	3
Ballina Shire Council (R/R)	3
Balranald Shire Council (R/R)	1
Bathurst Regional Council (R/R)	3
Bayside Council (M/U)	9
Bega Valley Shire Council (R/R)	3
Bellingen Shire Council (R/R)	2
Berrigan Shire Council (R/R)	1
Blacktown City Council (M/U)	11
Bland Shire Council (R/R)	1
Blayney Shire Council (R/R)	1
Blue Mountains City Council (R/R)	4
Bogan Shire Council (R/R)	1
Bourke Shire Council (R/R)	1
Brewarrina Shire Council (R/R)	1
Broken Hill City Council (R/R)	2
Burwood Council (M/U)	3
Byron Shire Council (R/R)	3
Cabonne Council (R/R)	2
Camden Council (M/U)	5
Campbelltown City Council (M/U)	9
Canada Bay, City of (M/U)	5
Canterbury-Bankstown Council (M/U)	11
Carrathool Shire Council (R/R)	1
Castlereagh-Macquarie County Council (R/R)	1
Central Coast Council (R/R)	7
Central Darling Shire Council (R/R)	1
Central Tablelands County Council (R/R)	1
Cessnock City Council (R/R)	4
Clarence Valley Council (R/R)	4
Cobar Shire Council (R/R)	1
Coffs Harbour City Council (R/R)	4
Coolamon Shire Council (R/R)	1
Coonamble Shire Council (R/R)	1
Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (R/R)	2
Cowra Council (R/R)	2
Cumberland City Council (M/U)	10
Dubbo Regional Council (R/R)	4
Dungog Shire Council (R/R)	1

Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Edward River Council (R/R)	1
Fairfield City Council (M/U)	9
Federation Council (R/R)	2
Forbes Shire Council (R/R)	1
Georges River Council (M/U)	9
Gilgandra Shire Council (R/R)	1
Glen Innes Severn Council (R/R)	1
Goldenfields Water County Council (R/R)	1
Greater Hume Shire Council (R/R)	2
Griffith City Council (R/R)	3
Gunnedah Shire Council (R/R)	2
Gwydir Shire Council (R/R)	1
Hawkesbury City Council (M/U)	5
Hawkesbury River County Council (M/U)	2
Hay Shire Council (R/R)	1
Hilltops Council (R/R)	2
Hornsby Shire Council (M/U)	9
Hunters Hill Council (M/U)	2
Inner West Council (M/U)	9
Inverell Shire Council (R/R)	2
Junee Shire Council (R/R)	1
Kempsey Shire Council (R/R)	3
Kiama Municipal Council (R/R)	3
Kimbriki Environmental Enterprises Pty Ltd (M/U)	1
Ku-ring-gai Council (M/U)	6
Kyogle Council (R/R)	1
Lachlan Shire Council (R/R)	1
Lake Macquarie City Council (R/R)	7
Lane Cove Council (M/U)	3
Leeton Shire Council (R/R)	2
Lismore City Council (R/R)	3
Lithgow City Council (R/R)	3
Liverpool City Council (M/U)	10
Liverpool Plains Shire Council (R/R)	1
Lockhart Shire Council (R/R)	1
Maitland City Council (R/R)	4
Mid-Coast Council (R/R)	4
Mid-Western Regional Council (R/R)	3
Moree Plains Shire Council (R/R)	2
Mosman Municipal Council (M/U)	3
Murray River Council (R/R)	2
Murrumbidgee Council (R/R)	1
Muswellbrook Shire Council (R/R)	2
Nambucca Shire Council (R/R)	2

Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Narrabri Shire Council (R/R)	2
Narrandera Shire Council (R/R)	1
Narromine Shire Council (R/R)	1
Newcastle City Council (R/R)	7
New England Tablelands County Council (R/R)	1
Norfolk Island Regional Council (R/R)	1
North Sydney Council (M/U)	5
Northern Beaches Council (M/U)	10
Oberon Council (R/R)	1
Orange City Council (R/R)	3
Parkes Shire Council (R/R)	2
Parramatta, City of (M/U)	10
Penrith City Council (M/U)	9
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council (R/R)	4
Port Stephens Council (R/R)	4
Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (R/R)	4
Randwick City Council (M/U)	9
Richmond Valley Council (R/R)	3
Riverina Water County Council (R/R)	1
Rous County Council (R/R)	1
Ryde Council, City of (M/U)	7
Shellharbour City Council (R/R)	4
Shoalhaven City Council (R/R)	5
Singleton Council (R/R)	3
Snowy Monaro Regional Council (R/R)	3
Snowy Valleys Council (R/R)	2
Strathfield Council (M/U)	4
Sutherland Shire Council (M/U)	10
Sydney, City of (M/U)	10
Tamworth Regional Council (R/R)	4
Temora Shire Council (R/R)	1
Tenterfield Shire Council (R/R)	1
The Hills Shire Council (M/U)	9
Tweed Shire Council (R/R)	4
Upper Hunter Shire Council (R/R)	2
Upper Lachlan Shire Council (R/R)	1
Upper Macquarie County Council (R/R)	1
Uralla Shire Council (R/R)	1
Wagga Wagga City Council (R/R)	4
Walcha Council (R/R)	1
Walgett Shire Council (R/R)	1
Warren Shire Council (R/R)	1
Warrumbungle Shire Council (R/R)	1
Waverley Council (M/U)	5

Member	Number of voters for voting on motions
Weddin Shire Council (R/R)	1
Wentworth Shire Council (R/R)	1
Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (M/U)	1
Willoughby City Council (M/U)	5
Wingecarribee Shire Council (R/R)	4
Wollondilly Shire Council (R/R)	4
Wollongong City Council (R/R)	7
Woollahra Municipal Council (M/U)	5
Yass Valley Council (R/R)	2
LGNSW Board (M/U)	10
LGNSW Board (R/R)	8
TOTAL:	480



Local Government NSW Annual Conference 2020

Sunday 22 November – Tuesday 24 November 2020

Main conference venue: Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley, 430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale NSW 2325

Theme: Growing Community Resilience

DRAFT PROGRAM (as of 22 July 2020)

PRE – OPENING OF CONFERENCE, OPTIONAL WORKSHOPS AND SPECIAL EVENTS	
SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020, CROWNE PLAZA HUNTER VALLEY	
1.00pm – 7.00pm	Registration opens at the Galleria, Conference and Events Centre
1.30pm – 3.00pm	<p>1. Presentation Panel: Semillon 1 (180 pax)</p> <p>Cooling Our Cities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Sebastian Pfautsch, Senior Research Fellow – Western Sydney University, Climate and environmental changes • Ms Stephanie Barker, Executive Director City Strategy, Greater Sydney Commission • Dr Rebecca Huntley, Principal Consultant, Vox Populi Research
1.30pm – 3.00pm	<p>2. Workshop: Semillon 2 (180 pax)</p> <p>Leading a Safe Organisation: The roles and responsibilities of councils to lead in child protection & domestic violence prevention presented by the Office of the Children's Guardian and Domestic Violence (DVNSW)</p> <p>and</p> <p>Collaborating for Informed Decision Making presented by Maire Sheehan, Facilitator, Educator and former mayor and councillor</p>
1.30pm – 3.00pm	<p>3. Workshop: Semillon 3 (180 pax)</p> <p>Population migration panel session facilitated by Cr Dai Le, LGNSW Board Member. A facilitated panel session on population shifts, migration and successful refugee resettlement. Panel presentations will be followed by a 30 minute question and answer session.</p> <p>Panel members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multicultural NSW (MNSW) • Settlement Services International (SSI)
1.30pm – 2.30pm	<p>4. Presentation: The Verdelho Room (80pax)</p> <p>"It's a jungle out there. Biosecurity can bite. Are you ready for it?"</p> <p>Nicola Dixon, State Priority Weeds Coordinator, and Ian Turnbull, Invasive Species Officer, Department of Primary Industries.</p>

2.00pm – 3.00pm	Bus transfers begin departing from select hotels going to Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley for the Ministers sessions and the welcome reception
3.00pm – 5.00pm	<p>The Galleria, Conference and Events Centre, Cabernet Merlot Room</p> <p>Meet the Politicians Forum with Masters of Ceremony: Cr Linda Scott, President and Scott Phillips, CE, LGNSW</p> <p>Addresses from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, Minister for Local Government • Ms Jodi McKay, Leader of the Opposition <p>Followed by the Politicians' panel: What is the best way for State Government to partner with councils to assist in a locally led recovery?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP, Minister for Local Government • The Hon. Melinda Pavey MP, Minister for Water, Property and Housing • Mr David Shoebridge, MLC • Mr Greg Warren MP, Shadow Minister for Local Government • The Hon. John Barilaro MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW Trade and Industry (invited) • The Hon. Adam Marshall MP, Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW <p>Presentation of the AR Bluett Awards by the Trustees</p> <p>This session is optional. Attendance is free to members registered to attend the conference. RSVPs are required as part of the conference registration.</p>

CONFERENCE OPENS – WELCOME RECEPTION

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020, POOLSIDE AT CROWNE PLAZA HUNTER VALLEY

5.00pm – 8.00pm	<p>President's Welcome Reception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Master of Ceremonies Cr Bob Pynsent, Mayor, Cessnock City Council • Address by Cr Linda Scott, President, LGNSW • Sponsor address by Chair, Statewide Mutual <p>Registration will be available at this event.</p>
From 7.30pm	Bus transfers back to conference hotels to commence

MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020 – Business Session Day 1, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley

7.30am – 5.00pm	Registration opens at the Galleria, Conference and Events Centre
8.00am – 4.00pm	<p>Trade exhibition opens at the Exhibition Centre and Sauvignon Room</p> <p>Delegate Lounge opens for networking</p>
8.45am	<p>Doors open for official conference proceedings</p> <p>Distribution of voting materials and electronic handsets</p>
9.05am – 9.10am	Conference introduction by Scott Phillips , Chief Executive, LGNSW

9.10am – 9.15am	Welcome to Country
9.15am – 11.00am	<p>Address by Cr Linda Scott, President, LGNSW</p> <p>Opening of the Federal Conference including demonstration of voting units, adoption of standing orders, presentation of the auditor's report, general financial report and operating report to members, business session and consideration of motions.</p> <p>Opening of the State Conference including adoption of standing orders, presentation of the auditor's report, general financial report and operating report to members, business sessions, and consideration of motions.</p> <p>Chaired by Cr Linda Scott</p>
11.00am – 11.30am	Morning tea in trade exhibition, sponsored by Local Government Super
11.30am – 1.00pm	Consideration of conference business continued, chaired by LGNSW President
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Lunch in trade exhibition, sponsored by Local Government Super
1.00pm – 2.00pm	StateCover General Manager's Lunch - Semillon 1 and 2, Level 2 (exclusive to GMs)
2.00pm – 2.05pm	Distinguished sponsor topic by Local Government Super
2.00pm – 3.30pm	Consideration of conference business continued, chaired by LGNSW President
3.30pm – 4.00pm	Afternoon tea in trade exhibition
4.00pm – 5.00pm	<p>Consideration of conference business continued, chaired by LGNSW President</p> <p>Collection of all electronic handsets and motions voting cards</p>
5.00pm	Conference business session closes
5.30pm – 6.00pm	Transfer buses begin departing for the conference hotels
7.00 pm – 7.30pm	Transfer buses to pick up from designated hotels, going to Hope Estate
Conference Dinner at Hope Estate, 2213 Broke Road, Pokolbin NSW 2320	
7.30pm	StateCover sponsor address
8.00pm	LGNSW President and Elite Sponsor present Outstanding Service Awards to elected members
8.30pm	Dinner and entertainment begins
10.00pm	Transfer buses to begin departing back to conference hotels
11.00pm	Dinner ends
TUESDAY 24 November 2020 – Business Session Day 2, Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley	

7.30am – 5.00pm	Registration opens at the Galleria, Conference and Events Centre
7.30am – 8.45am	<p>Semillon 1 and 2</p> <p>Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA NSW) Breakfast</p> <p>"Big Expectations: how to make a difference and why community is important"</p> <p>Panel guest speakers: The Shahrouk Sisters, facilitated by Ellen Fanning</p>
8.00am – 4.00pm	Trade exhibition opens, The Exhibition Centre and Sauvignon Room Delegate Lounge opens for networking
8.45am	Doors open for conference official proceedings Distribution of voting materials and electronic handsets if required
9.00am	Introduction by Ellen Fanning , Master of Ceremonies
9.05am – 9.30am	Keynote address: Building resilience through partnership. Presented by Commissioner of Resilience NSW, Shane Fitzsimmons
9.30am – 9.35am	Planning sponsor address by Resilience NSW
9.35am – 10.30am	<p>Opening Keynote Panel: Recovery and Resilience: local strategies and actions to prepare for, recover from and build resilience to disasters and crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leanne Barnes OAM, GM, Bega Shire Council • Mick Willing, NSW Assistant Police Commissioner, Bushfire Recovery (invited) • Dr Adrian Zammit, CEO, Landcare NSW Inc, regarding strategies to manage bushfires moving forward • James McTavish, NSW Cross Border Commissioner, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
10.30am – 11.00am	Morning tea in trade exhibition, sponsored by Landcom
11.00am – 11.05am	Distinguished sponsor address by Landcom
11.05 – 11.20am	Address from Cr Linda Scott , President, LGNSW, on Association Initiatives
11.20am – 11.30am	Treasurer's report, Cr Jerome Laxale , Treasurer, LGNSW Locally Led campaign launch, Cr Linda Scott , President, LGNSW
11.30am – 12.30pm (one hour)	<p>Presentation: Panel Regional Services: 'Regional renaissance: how to help regional communities bounce back and thrive in a post pandemic world'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Hon. Mark Coulton MP, Minister Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government ▪ The Hon. Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government ▪ Brendan Nelson, CEO Regional Growth, Department of Regional NSW (invited)

12.30pm – 1.00pm (30 mins)	Presentation: Craig Foster , Former Socceroo, Broadcaster, Adjunct Professor of Sport & Social Responsibility and Humanist presents 'Tapping into the Here and Now: Social and Community Strength'
1.00pm – 1.05pm	Distinguished sponsor topic by OTHER
1.05pm – 2.00pm	Lunch in trade exhibition, sponsored by Landcom
2.05pm – 3.05pm	Closing Address: Dr Norman Swan , Medical & Health Broadcaster, Host, Health Report ABC RN, Commentator & Journalist ABC TV, cofounder Tonic Health Media, presents Control is the Source of Community Resilience. How can systems and organisations acknowledge and allow for individual and community control?
3.05pm – 3.15pm	Close of conference, Cr Linda Scott , LGNSW President
3.15pm – 3.45pm	Afternoon tea in trade exhibition

This program is correct at the time of publication; speakers and program details may have changed due to unforeseen circumstances.

8.2 FINANCE

8.2.5 2020/21 RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES - LATE REPORT

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REPORTING OFFICER	Phillip Chapman, Accounting Officer
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ATTACHMENTS	1. Correspondence - Minister for Local Government - Rates Harmonisation ↓

RECOMMENDATION

1. ORDINARY RATES

In accordance with the provisions of Section 535 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council hereby resolves to make the following rates for the 2020/21 rating year:

- a) Farmland Category Rate of 0.2102605 cents in the dollar, with a base amount of \$307.11 per assessment, for all rateable land within the Farmland Category in Council's area, as defined in Section 515 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1st July, 2019. The base amount for the Farmland Category is estimated to realise 10.59% of the total yield in this category.
- b) Residential Category Rate of 0.4881518 cents in the dollar, with a base amount of \$307.11 per assessment, for all rateable land within the Residential Category in Council's area, as defined in Section 516 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1st July, 2019. The base amount of \$307.11 for the Residential Category is estimated to realise 45.47% of the total yield of this category.
- c) Business Category Rate of 1.2009279 cents in the dollar, with a base amount of \$307.11 per assessment, for all rateable land within the Business Category in Council's area, as defined in Section 518 of the *Local Government Act, 1993*, based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1st July, 2019. The base amount of \$307.11 for the Business Category is estimated to realise 19.68% of the total yield of this category.
- d) Mining Rate of 0.210 cents in the dollar, with a base amount of \$307.11 per assessment, for all rateable land within the Mining Category in Council's area, as defined in Section 517 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* based upon the land value at a base valuation date of 1st July 2019.

Introduction

Section 535 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* requires that rates and charges must be made by resolution of Council.

Discussion

The provisions of Section 532 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* specify that a council must not make a rate or charge until it has given public notice (in accordance with Section 405(3)) of its Draft Operational Plan for the year for which the rate or charge is to be made and has considered any matters concerning the Draft Operational Plan (in accordance with Section 405(5)).

Council has fulfilled the public notice obligation and the rates and charges for 2020-21 must be adopted by Council.

In accordance with the Proclamation relating to the creation of Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council and the Local Government Amendment (Rates—Merged Council Areas) Bill 2017, a four-year rate path freeze applied to Council from 2016/17 (until the end of the 2019/20 rating year).

This period has now expired, and the former structures of the former councils' areas pertaining to rates and charges have been amalgamated and harmonised.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) has determined that Council's general income may be increased by 2.6% under Section 506 of the *Local Government Act, 1993* for the rating year commencing 1st July, 2021. This increase has been applied to the notional rate incomes of each of the former Councils.

The Special Rate Variation previously approved for the former Gundagai Shire Council will be retained in Council's general income base for 10 years from June, 2014, and from 1st July, 2024, Council's general income will be reduced to what it would have been without the special rate variation.

Correspondence received from the Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Shelley Hancock, MP details that the Government has no intention of introducing a staged approach to rates harmonisation. Further, deferral of the rates harmonisation would require a formal application to be sent to the Minister with no guarantee of a response which would keep Council within the legislated timeframe. As such, Council has little option but to adopt the recommended harmonisation.



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

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Dear Ms Cooke *Steph,*

Thank you for your correspondence of 8 July 2020 on behalf of Cllr Abb McAlister, Mayor, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council (CGRC), regarding Council's recent resolution on rates harmonisation.

I have noted your advice that CGRC is seeking my urgent consideration and approval of its recent proposal to defer rates harmonisation and to allow for implementation over a three-year period to create a smoother transition for ratepayers facing increased rates. Importantly, I have also considered Cllr McAlister's letter to you on behalf of CGRC and can advise that I have also received a similar letter directly in relation to this matter.

In 2019 the *Local Government Act 1993* (the Act) was amended to extend a transitional provision that required newly formed councils to maintain their pre-amalgamation rate paths. This allows me to permit councils to harmonise their rating structures after five years rather than four years – that is, from 1 July 2021 rather than 1 July 2020. Most new councils have chosen to harmonise their rates from 2021 and I have approved those arrangements as requested. On 27 August 2019, CGRC resolved to proceed with rates harmonisation in 2020 and was therefore removed from the rates path protection Determination on 21 October 2019.

I note that CGRC has now rescinded that resolution and, on 30 June 2020, resolved that representations be made to me to approve an Ordinary Rate increase 'glide path' over several years to alleviate the financial impacts of rates increases. After due consideration, I can advise there is no intention to introduce a staged approach to rates harmonisation.

The NSW Government understands the challenges that recent natural disasters, as well as the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, have had on local communities and businesses across the State. Given the financial difficulties of many ratepayers, I understand CGRC's concern to take those circumstances into account in determining its revenue policy for the coming year. I am advised that a draft Operational Plan for 2021-22 with a new, single rating structure had been placed on public exhibition and that a number of submissions have been made in response to it.

I have sought advice from the Office of Local Government (OLG) in relation to CGRC's proposal and am advised that the Act does not provide me with the power to approve an arrangement that would extend rates harmonisation past 1 July 2021. To obtain such a power would require an Act of Parliament and there is no intention to introduce a Bill for that purpose.

It is open to CGRC to formally seek my approval to defer its rates harmonisation process until 1 July 2021. In deciding whether to do so, however, it is important to note that CGRC would need to place an amended Operational Plan for 2021-22 on public exhibition for 28 days. While

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these Plans are not due until 31 July 2020, due to a one-month extension I approved during the COVID-19 crisis, CGRC would not be in a position to issue rates notices on time for the first quarter of 2020-21 and would therefore forego rates revenue for that quarter. These issues were discussed when I met with Cllr McAlister and with Council's General Manager, Mr Phillip McMurray, on 4 June 2020.

Given the timing of its recent decisions, CGRC must therefore either seek an extension of time to harmonise its rating structures in 2021-22 and forego rates revenue, or proceed to harmonise its rating structure in 2020-21. It is my hope that Council will examine the options available to it and determine a way forward that is appropriate and fair to the local community, taking into account its statutory obligation to make sound financial management decisions and consider community capacity to pay.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to the Government's attention.

Yours sincerely



The Hon. Shelley Hancock MP
Minister for Local Government

CC: Cllr Abb McAlister, Mayor, Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council

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8.2.6 2020/21 RATES AND AMENDED ANNUAL CHARGES - LATE REPORT

DOCUMENT NUMBER	331495
REPORTING OFFICER	Phillip Chapman, Accounting Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER	Phillip McMurray, General Manager
RELEVANCE TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN	4. Good governance: an actively engaged community and strong leadership team 4.2 Active participation and engagement in local decision-making
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	The annual rates and charges budget.
LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS	There are no Legislative implications associated with this report.
POLICY IMPLICATIONS	There are no Policy implications associated with this report.
ATTACHMENTS	Nil

RECOMMENDATION**WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES**

In accordance with the provisions of 535 and 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, Council hereby resolves to make the following waste management charge for the 2020/2021 rating year :

Commercial Waste Management Charge of \$456.00 per service for the removal of waste (one 240 litre general waste pickup per week and one 240 litre recyclable waste pickup per fortnight) from Non-Residential properties for which the service is requested and available. Multiple services will be charged for multiple bins and/or multiple collections per week.

Introduction

Reference is made to Council Resolution 169/2020 of 30 June 2020 making the 2020/2021 annual charges.

Discussion

The 2020/2021 Commercial Waste Management charge as detailed in Council's 2020/2021 Operational Plan was not included in the aforementioned resolution, and accordingly is now detailed above.