



## **JERILDERIE SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

#### **DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM (2014-2018) AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (2014/2015)**

Council, at its monthly April meeting, adopted the draft Plans which also indicates proposals for the next ten years.

These documents have been placed on public exhibition for comment until Monday 16 June. All comments will be considered by Council at its June meeting, when the Plans will be adopted.

All documents are available on Council's website, with hard copies available for viewing in the Council offices and the Jerilderie Library.

Significant items in the Plans include:

- Essentially balanced budget of \$9.4m annually for ten years
- A proposal to seek a 10% rate rise (7.5% over the current rate cap predicted) in 2015/16 and 2016/17. This will be preceded by a community consultation process before the Minister will approve its application. This proposed increase aligns levels of rates with regional Councils, and is required to meet the levels of service currently provided.
- A proposal to relinquish trusteeship of The Willows and the Jerilderie Court House, owned by the State Government
- Withdrawal of lifeguards at the swimming pool, while maintaining current opening hours. Parents and other responsible adults will be required to provide supervision
- Reduction in maintenance allocations for unused community assets such as the RSL Hall
- Maintained opening hours of the Library with reduction in staff costs by having one librarian on at any time
- Continued commitment to joint maintenance of Lake Jerilderie with the Aquatic Club
- Manning of the Jerilderie waste depot offset by user charges (postponed from previous years)
- Abandoned membership of the Newell Highway Promotion and the Kidman Way Promotion
- A number of capital works included are dependent on external grant funds such as Police Stables Restoration and swimming pool refurbishment.
- The Water and Sewer Fund continue to be sustainable with significant reserves building up to replace assets in the future.
- An increase in 5% in water usage charges
- A 3% increase in other fees and charges

Council intends to present these Plans for discussion at a public meeting to be held in the Ian Gilbert Room on Wednesday evening, 21 May 2014, commencing at 7.00pm. Residents and ratepayers are encouraged to attend this meeting.

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