

- Council requires the additional income of \$52,000 that would be generated by a special variation based on a permanent increase of 2% otherwise Council will incur sustained deficits in future years or be forced to cut services to the community; and
- The council has considered the impact on ratepayers and the community in 2022-23 and, in future years if the special variation is approved and considers that it is reasonable.

**62/22 RESOLVED** on the motion of Crs Rockliff and Walker that Council apply for a special variation in general income of 2% for the 2022/23 financial year on the following basis:

- The application is for a permanent special variation pursuant to section 508(2) of the Local Government Act; and
- The additional income that council will receive if the special variation of 2% is approved is estimated to be \$52,000; and
- The special variation is required because:
  - When exhibiting the Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan and Budget Council's forward budget estimates incorporated an increase in ordinary rate income of 2% in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.
  - The budget estimates as adopted by Council following public exhibition at the time forecast budget surpluses of \$9,186, \$10,263 and \$9,350 for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 respectively with a 2% increase in ordinary rate income.
  - Council requires the additional income of \$52,000 that would be generated by a special variation based on a permanent increase of 2% otherwise Council will incur sustained deficits in future years or be forced to cut services to the community; and
- The council has considered the impact on ratepayers and the community in 2022-23 and, in future years if the special variation is approved and considers that it is reasonable.

## 12. COUNCIL MEETING DATES

(GM: 22/3260)

### Executive Summary

The scheduled date for the April 2022 Council meeting falls on a public holiday necessitating Council to fix an alternative date for that meeting.

### Report

Council meetings are scheduled to be held on the third Monday of each month. The April 2022 Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, 18 April 2022 which is also the Easter Monday Public Holiday. Accordingly, it is necessary for Council to determine an alternative date for that meeting.

### Integrated Planning and Reporting Reference

E6: Meet all governance and regulatory requirements in the conduct of council's operations.

### Legislative Policy & Planning Implications

The Local Government Act provides that councils must meet at least 10 times per year each time in a different month.

Clause 3.1 (c) of the Lockhart Shire Council Code of Meeting Practice states that:

*"The scheduled date and time of an ordinary council meeting may be changed by a resolution of council. Notice will be given to the public of any change to the scheduled date of an ordinary council meeting."*

### Budget & Financial Aspects

Not applicable.

### Attachments

Nil.