

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 29 JULY 2024 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, SCONE COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

PRESENT:

Cr Maurice Collison (Mayor), Cr James Burns (Deputy Mayor), Cr Ron Campbell, Cr Tayah Clout, Cr Allison McPhee, Cr Lee Watts and Cr Adam Williamson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr Greg McDonald (General Manager), Mr Mathew Pringle (Director Environmental & Community Services), Mr Rag Upadhyaya (Director Infrastructure Services), Mr Wayne Phelps (Manager Finance) and Mrs Robyn Cox (Executive Assistant).

PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR ATTENDING MEETING VIA VIDEO LINK:

Nil

APOLOGIES / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS:

RESOLVED that the apology received from Cr Belinda McKenzie be accepted.

Moved: Cr R Campbell Seconded: Cr J Burns CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

F.07.1 Progression of a Special Rate Variation Application for 2025/2026 Year and Adoption of Long Term Financial Plan 2024/2025 – 2023/2024

Tim Jopson - for the recommendation

Jane Hegarty - Cassilis District Development Group - against the recommendation

Annie Kraefft - Springfield Merriwa Pastoral Corporation - against the recommendation

Robin Wills - against the recommendation

Patrick Carrigan - against the recommendation



FINANCE REPORTS

F.07.1

***PROGRESSION OF A SPECIAL RATE VARIATION APPLICATION
FOR 2025/2026 YEAR AND ADOPTION OF LONG TERM
FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/2025 - 2033/2034***

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Greg McDonald - General Manager

REPORT PREPARED BY: Wayne Phelps - Manager Finance

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RESOLVED

That Council:

- 1. receive and note the “Community Engagement Outcomes Report” which provides details of the outcomes of the public consultation conducted between 3 June 2024 and 15 July 2024.**

Moved: Cr J Burns

Seconded: Cr A McPhee

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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RESOLVED

That Council:

- 2. make application to Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) under section 508A of the Local Government Act 1993 for a permanent Special Rate Variation (SRV) from the 2025/2026 financial year of 10% for three (3) years which represents a permanent cumulative increase of 33.10%.**

Moved: Cr J Burns

Seconded: Cr A McPhee

CARRIED

FOR

Councillor Burns
Councillor Campbell
Councillor Collison
Councillor McPhee
Councillor Williamson

Total (5)

AGAINST

Councillor Clout
Councillor Watts

Total (2)

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PRAYER

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

STATEMENT OF ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS

APPLICATIONS FOR ATTENDING MEETING VIA VIDEO LINK:

Nil

APOLOGIES / APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS:

Application for leave of absence received from Cr James Burns.

FINANCE REPORTS

F.01.1

PROPOSED SPECIAL RATE VARIATION

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Greg McDonald - General Manager

AUTHOR: Wayne Phelps - Manager Finance

24/003

RESOLVED

That Council notify IPART of Council's intention to apply for a Special Rate Variation in 2025/2026.

Moved: Cr A McPhee Seconded: Cr A Williamson CARRIED

FOR	AGAINST
Councillor Campbell	Councillor Flaherty
Councillor Clout	
Councillor Collison	
Councillor McKenzie	
Councillor McPhee	
Councillor Watts	
Councillor Williamson	
Total (7)	Total (1)