



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Held on

Wednesday, 26 June 2024
4pm

at

Armidale Council Chambers

PRESENT: Councillor Sam Coupland (Mayor), Councillor Todd Redwood (Deputy Mayor, via Teams), Councillor Paul Gaddes, Councillor Jon Galletly, Councillor Susan McMichael, Councillor Steven Mephram, Councillor Debra O'Brien, Councillor Margaret O'Connor, Councillor Paul Packham and Councillor Dorothy Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr James Roncon (General Manager), Ms Aimee Hutton (Acting Chief Officer Corporate and Community), Mr Daniel Boyce (Chief Officer Planning and Activation), Mr Darren Schaefer (Acting Chief Officer Assets and Services), Ms Ann Newsome (Chief Financial Officer), Mr Alex Manners (Project Director Kempsey Rd) and Ms Melissa Hault (Executive Officer).

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1. CIVIC AFFIRMATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Gaddes delivered the Civic Affirmation and Cr O'Brien delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

2. STATEMENT IN RELATION TO LIVE STREAMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

The General Manager delivered the statement.

3. APOLOGIES AND APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE BY COUNCILLORS

An apology has been received from Cr Widders and a leave of absence granted. Cr Redwood is joining the meeting remotely.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Name	Item	Nature of Interest	Reason/Intended Action
Clr McMichael	10.1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict	Reason: Works for two organisations who are being considered for community grants. Intended action: Leave Chamber
Clr Coupland	10.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Pecuniary <input type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Significant Conflict <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Pecuniary – Non Significant Conflict	Reason: One of his daughters is a member of a group that's a recipient of a grant. Intended action: Remain in the Chamber

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting held 22 May 2024 *Ref: AINT/2024/26764 (ARC16/0001-8)*

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RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 22 May 2024 be taken as read and accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Moved Cr McMichael

Seconded Cr Gaddes

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

6. MAYORAL MINUTE

Nil.

7. REPORTS - GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

7.1 Mayor and Councillors Remuneration 2024-25 *Ref: AINT/2024/21806 (ARC17/1711)*

108/24

RESOLVED

That Council:

a) Fix the following fees payable for the 2024-25 financial year:

Councillor Annual Fee	\$27,050
Mayor Additional Annual Fee	\$66,800

b) Note that the annual fee fixed and payable to the Mayor is in addition to the fee paid to the Mayor as a Councillor.

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

7.2 Council Actions Report January 2022 - June 2024 *Ref: AINT/2024/26771 (ARC16/0001-8)*

109/24

RESOLVED

That Council notes the report summarising the actions taken on the resolutions of Council.

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr McMichael

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

7.3 New England Weeds Authority

Ref: AINT/2024/26989 (ARC16/0463-2)

110/24

RESOLVED

That Council notes the report of 7 June 2024 from the New England Weeds Authority (NEWA) Interim Administrator Mr John Rayner.

Moved Cr O'Connor

Seconded Cr McMichael

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

8. REPORTS - FINANCE

8.1 Cash and Investment Report 31 May 2024

Ref: AINT/2024/26971 (ARC17/1711)

111/24

RESOLVED

That Council note the Cash and Investment Report for May 2024.

Moved Cr Gaddes

Seconded Cr Mepham

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

8.2 Adoption of the final Integrated Planning and Reporting documents and Making of the Rates for 2024-2025

Ref: AINT/2024/27302 (ARC24/7081)

MOTION

That Council:

- a. Endorse the following documents pursuant to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*:
 - i. Operational Plan and Budget 2024-2025
 - ii. Revenue Policy 2024-2025
 - iii. Fees and Charges 2024-2025
- b. Note that community submissions received during the public exhibition period (Wednesday, 15 May to Wednesday, 12 June 2024) are included as attachment 4 in this report;
- c. Endorse the responses to the community submissions received during the public exhibition period and are included as attachment 5 in this report;
- d. Note that any statutory fees and charges that have not yet been announced for 2024-2025 will updated and implemented once notification is received.
- e. Formally make rates and charges for the 2024-2025 financial year (1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 inclusive) as follows:
 - i. Note that in accordance with Section 127(2) and 129 of the *Local Government Amendment Bill 2021*, ordinary rates are being harmonised in accordance with the following resolution:
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Residential	Armidale
Residential	Guyra
Residential	Non-Urban
Business	Armidale
Business	Guyra
Business	Non-Urban
Farmland	
Farmland	Intensive
Mining	

- The indicative average percentage change, including the rate peg for each rating category and sub-category that will occur in each rating year over the harmonisation period is estimated to be:

Former Guyra Shire Council categories/sub-categories:

Category	Sub Category	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Residential	Guyra	2.53%	17.20%	18.54%	16.76%
Residential	Village	0.73%	8.21%	13.20%	10.27%
Residential	Non-Urban	5.58%	18.59%	7.14%	15.16%
Business	Guyra	2.15%	15.65%	16.56%	16.60%
Business	Village	10.65%	19.04%	-23.10%	10.61%
Farmland	Guyra	6.45%	25.46%	27.18%	17.83%
Farmland	Guyra Intensive	8.18%	16.79%	17.63%	16.95%

Former Armidale Dumaresq Council categories/sub-categories:

Category	Sub Category	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Residential	Armidale	2.02%	17.37%	17.46%	16.99%
Residential	Armidale (Non-Urban)	2.07%	18.10%	20.90%	16.55%
Residential	Wollomombi	-4.52%	19.87%	-34.25%	7.88%
Residential	Ebor	1.47%	19.58%	-6.47%	10.21%
Residential	Hillgrove	1.73%	-3.71%	-14.21%	10.10%
Business	Armidale	1.56%	18.34%	17.38%	16.90%
Business	Non-Urban	-9.19%	14.58%	21.67%	17.81%
Mining	Armidale	4.92%	18.32%	18.11%	16.95%
Farmland-	Armidale	-0.70%	12.58%	5.02%	16.47%

- ii. Pursuant to Section 494 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following Ordinary Rates:

Rate Category	Base Rate \$	Base Rate %	Ad Valorem
			Rate in \$
Residential			
Residential - Armidale	\$470	29.52%	0.005760
Residential - Guyra	\$240	31.86%	0.005995
Residential - Non-Urban	\$230	16.63%	0.003629
Farmland			
Farmland	\$1,000	21.64%	0.001422
Farmland - Intensive	\$1,150	12.29%	0.005569
Mining			
Mining	\$1,000	13.99%	0.069487
Business			
Business - Armidale	\$880	13.33%	0.014080
Business - Guyra	\$410	33.00%	0.010622

Business - Non-Urban	\$190	18.60%	0.002213
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- iii. Pursuant to Section 501 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following annual charge for Water Supply Services:

Charge Description	Charge
Water Access Charge	\$341

The Water Access Charge will be applied as follows:

- Single Occupancy – a fixed service access charge will be applied per assessment.
- Multiple Occupancy (Strata) – a fixed service access charge will be applied per flat/unit.
- Multiple Occupancy (Community Title) – a fixed service access charge will be applied per flat/unit.
- Multiple Occupancy (Non-Strata) – a fixed service access charge will be applied per assessment.

- iv. That pursuant to Section 502 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following water usage charges for Water Supply Services:

Water Consumption Tariff	Stepped Consumption Tariff per Quarter	\$ per Kilotre
Residential, Commercial and Untreated Water Consumption Stepped Tariff	0 to 100 kilolitres	4.20
	101 to 250 kilolitres	4.30
	above 250 kilolitres	4.60
Non-Rateable – Flat Rate	N/A	4.6
Intensive Horticulture – Treated Bulk Water Flat Rate	N/A	3.1

- v. That pursuant to Sections 501, 502, 551 and 552 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following rates and annual charges for Sewerage Supply Services:

Charge Description	Charge
Residential - Sewerage Access Charge	\$579.00
Vacant Residential - Sewerage Access Charge	\$579.00
Residential - Multiple Occupancy (each additional Occupancy)	\$579.00
Non-Residential - Sewerage Access Charge	
- Minimum Rate	\$579.00
- *Ad Valorem Rate upon connection	\$0.00318
Vacant Non-Residential - Sewerage Access Charge	\$579.00
Each Additional Urinal	\$106.00
Each Additional Water Closet	\$204.00

* The Non-Residential Ad Valorem Sewerage Access Charge will be the greater of the amount of the sewerage rate generated on the land using the ad valorem calculation or the Minimum Rate.

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- Non-Residential properties will be charged the minimum amount while unconnected, upon connection properties will be charged the minimum amount or the ad valorem amount (whichever is greater), with additional charges for multiple water closets and urinals.
- Vacant properties within Council's sewerage service area will be charged a single vacant sewerage access charge.

- vi. That pursuant to Section 496 and 501 of the *NSW local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following annual charges for Waste Management Services:

Charge Description	Charge
Domestic Waste Management	
- Domestic Waste Service	\$487.00
- Additional 140lt Waste Service	\$184.00
- Additional 240lt Organics Service	\$184.00
- Vacant Domestic Waste Management Charge	\$172.00
- Domestic Waste Service - 240lt (Guyra Only)	\$642.00
Commercial Waste Management	
- Commercial Waste Service (1 x 240lt red lid bin) – Collected Weekly	\$487.00
- Additional Commercial Bin (@full cost of Waste Service)	\$487.00
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- Commercial Organics 240lt Service – Collected 2 x Weekly	\$275.00
- Commercial Recycling Service – Collected Weekly	\$190.00
Rural Waste Management	
- Rural Waste Management Charge - former Armidale Dumaresq Council LGA	\$155.00
- Rural Waste Management Charge - former Guyra Shire Council LGA	\$155.00
Regional Landfill	
- Regional Landfill Levy	\$55.00
- Regional Landfill Operation Charge	\$80.00

A Vacant Domestic Waste Management Charge is to be levied on all rateable parcels of land within the domestic waste collection boundary, which do not have a dwelling and are zoned for residential use in the Local Environment Plan.

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twelve (12) flats will have six (6) full services as a minimum.

A rural waste management charge will be levied on all rateable assessments which have a dwelling and do not receive a waste collection service.

The Regional Landfill levy and operation charge will be levied on all rateable and non-rateable assessments.

- vii. That pursuant to Section 501 of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following annual charge for drainage services:

Charge Description	Charge
Armidale Drainage Charge	\$50.00

This charge will be levied on all properties within the Armidale City drainage catchment area.

- viii. That pursuant to Section 496A of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council make and levy the following annual charge for stormwater management services:

Charge Description	Charge
Guyra Stormwater Charge	\$25.00

This charge will be levied on all properties in the township of Guyra.

That pursuant to Section 566(3) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council set the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges determined by the Office of Local Government at 10.5% per annum.

Moved Cr Galletly

Seconded Cr Gaddes

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AMENDMENT

Moved Cr Robinson

Seconded Cr O'Connor

That Council:

- a. Endorse the following documents pursuant to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*:
 - i. Operational Plan and Budget 2024-2025 with the addition that C1.1(g) in the LSPS is brought forward as a specific action in the Operational Plan for 2024-25.
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That pursuant to Section 566(3) of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993*, Council set the maximum rate of interest payable on overdue rates and charges determined by the Office of Local Government at 10.5% per annum.

DIVISION The result being:-

FOR: Crs S Coupland, P Gaddes, S McMichael, S Mepham, D O'Brien, M O'Connor, P Packham, T Redwood and D Robinson

AGAINST: Crs J Galletly

The Mayor declared the Amendment CARRIED.

The Amendment became the Substantive Motion and was CARRIED unanimously.

9. REPORTS - PLANNING AND ACTIVATION

9.1 Public Exhibition of Draft Local Housing Strategy (LHS)

Ref: AINT/2023/30886 (ARC22/5396)

RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Endorse the Draft Local Housing Strategy for public exhibition for a period of not less than 28 days.
- b. Forward the Draft Local Housing Strategy to relevant state agencies for their review and comment.
- c. Delegate authority to the General Manager to make any minor amendments to the Draft Local Housing Strategy prior to public exhibition.
- d. Receive a further report once the submission period closes to consider any submissions received.

Moved Cr Gaddes

Seconded Cr Galletly

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

**9.2 Closure of Road Reserve and sale to adjoining lot owner - 91 A Barney Street,
Armidale** *Ref: AINT/2024/24958 (ARC24/6657)*

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RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Authorise an Application for Road Closure pursuant to the provisions of Part 4, Division 3 of the *Roads Act 1993* ("Roads Act") for the Road Reserve.
- b. Give public notice of the proposed closure of the Road Reserve in accordance with Part 4, Division 3 of the Roads Act and
- c. Delegate authority to the General Manager to sign all documentation and to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Moved Cr Galletly

Seconded Cr Robinson

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

9.3 Plans of Management - Site Specific Plans *Ref: AINT/2024/27267 (ARC24/6707)*

115/24

RESOLVED

That Council;

- a) Receive a copy of the (9) draft site-specific Plans of Management ("draft Plans");
- b) Refer the draft Plans to the Minister administering the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* ("CLM Act") for endorsement;
- c) Confirm that Native Title advice pursuant to the *Native Title Act 1993* ("NT Act") has been obtained for the Land subject of the draft Plans;
- d) Delegate authority to the General Manager to attend to any required amendments of draft Plans and place it on public exhibition pursuant to Section 38 of the *Local Government Act 1993* ("LG Act") subsequent to feedback from the Minister administering the Crown Land Management Act 2016;
- e) Give public notice (public exhibition) of the draft Plans in accordance with Section 38 of the LG Act; and
- f) Receive a further Council Report at the conclusion of the public exhibition period and public notice period to consider any submissions received and if no submissions are received, endorse the adoption the final Plan of Management for the Land subject of the draft Plans.

Moved Cr McMichael

Seconded Cr O'Brien

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

Cr Susan McMichael left the meeting, the time being 4:41 PM

10. REPORTS - CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY

10.1 Community Small Grants Allocation of funds 2023-2024

Ref: AINT/2024/26739 (ARC16/0443-7)

116/24

RESOLVED

That Council approve the distribution of \$20,000 budgeted under the 2023-2024 Community Small Grants Program for the following organisations:

Grant Recipient	Program Delivery	Grant \$ (max \$2000.00)
New England Conservatorium of Music	New England Sings! Choral Showcase	\$2000
Little Bear Child Care Cottage	Turfing the outdoor play environment	\$1000
Headspace Armidale	Health and Wellbeing Calendar	\$2000
Tamworth Family Support Services	Armidale Movie Day	\$2000
New England North West Health Ltd t/a HealthWISE New England North West	The Exchange - A meeting of minds. An exchange of ideas.	\$2000
New England Family Support Service Inc.	Community Garden Playground Equipment	\$1000
The Musicians of Armidale Inc	Black Gully Festival 2024	\$2000
Recycled Style	Recycled Style	\$600
Armidale Junior Rugby Union Club	Armidale Junior Rugby Union Club	\$1400
Mad Proppa Deadly	NAIDOC Music Camp	\$2000
Guyra MPS	Caring for the Residents at the Guyra MPS	\$2000
Challenge Community Services	Naidoc Week Children's Disco	\$2000
TOTAL		\$20,000

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr Mepham

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

Cr Susan McMichael returned to the meeting, the time being 4:43 PM

11. REPORTS - ASSETS AND SERVICES

Nil.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

13.1 Traffic Advisory Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 4 June 2024

Ref: AINT/2024/26190 (ARC16/0168-9)

117/24

RESOLVED

That in relation to the Traffic Advisory Committee Meeting held 4 June 2024, that Council:

- a) Note the Minutes of the Traffic Advisory Committee meeting held on 4 June 2024
- b) Endorse the temporary road closure for the 2024 National Police Memorial Wall to Wall Ride, Armidale, for Moore Street from Dangar Street to Faulkner Street from 6:00am to 8:30am to provide a safe location for a short gathering where participants will be provided with breakfast.
- c) Endorse the provision of No Stopping zones on Southwestern, Southeastern, and Northeastern corners at the intersection of Barney Street and Taylor Street Armidale with both signage & yellow line markings.
- d) Endorse the installation of a Repeater School Zone Sign on the western side of the crossing at Drummond Public School on Rusden Street, Armidale as per requested by TfNSW.

Moved Cr McMichael

Seconded Cr Mepham

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

13.2 Sports Council Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 9 April 2024

Ref: AINT/2024/26446 (ARC16/0330-2)

118/24

RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Note the Minutes of the Sports Council Committee meeting held on 9 April 2024.
- b. Note the committee's recommendation to increase the Sports Development Levy by CPI each year.
- c. Note the changes to the Sports Council Priority List.

Moved Cr Galletly

Seconded Cr Gaddes

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

13.3 Sports Council Committee - Minutes of the meeting held 4 June 2024

Ref: AINT/2024/26337 (ARC16/0330-2)

119/24

RESOLVED

That Council:

- a. Note the Minutes of the Sports Council Committee meeting held on 4 June 2024.
- b. Endorse the committee's decision to endorse South Armidale United Football Club's grant application.
- c. Note the changes to the Sports Council Priority List.

Moved Cr Galletly

Seconded Cr Gaddes

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

14. QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

120/24

RESOLVED

a) That Council move into closed Session to receive and consider the following items:

15.1 Debt Write-Off Request - Sundry Debtor. (AINT/2024/27093) - (***General Manager's Note:*** *The report considers hardship and is deemed confidential under Section 10A(2)(b) of the Local Government Act 1993, as it deals with the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer*).

b) That Council exclude the press and public from the proceedings of the Council in Confidential Session pursuant to Section 10A, subsections 2 & 3 and section 10B of the Local Government Act 1993, on the basis that the items to be considered are of a confidential nature.

c) That Council make the resolutions made in Confidential Session public as soon as practicable.

Moved Cr O'Brien

Seconded Cr O'Connor

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

Council entered Closed Session at 4:51pm.

Council returned to Open Session at 4:53pm.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

121/24 **RESOLVED**

That Council move back into open Session and that the resolutions of the closed Session be made public.

Moved Cr O'Brien Seconded Cr Robinson

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

15. CLOSED SESSION

15.1 Debt Write-Off Request - Sundry Debtor *Ref: AINT/2024/27093 (ARC17/1711)*

122/24 **RESOLVED**

That Council approve a write-off of \$32,377.78 (GST exclusive) for the debt as outlined in the report.

Moved Cr Robinson Seconded Cr McMichael

The Motion on being put to the vote was CARRIED unanimously.

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 4:54pm.