

9.3 2021/22 Operational Plan and 2017/22 Delivery Program

REPORT BY THE MANAGER FINANCE
TO 16 JUNE 2021 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager Finance on the 2021/22 Operational Plan and 2017/22 Delivery Program;
 2. adopt the Operational Plan for 2021/22 and Revised Delivery Program for 2017-2022, including the Fees & Charges Schedule;
 3. makes the following rates and charges for the 2021/22 financial year:
 - 3.1 A Residential Rural Rate of 0.621094 cents in the dollar on the land value as at 1 July 2021 of all land so categorised as Residential, with a minimum rate of \$708.78;
 - 3.2 A Residential Urban Rate of 0.621094 cents in the dollar on the land value as at 1 July 2021 of all land so categorised as Residential and further subcategorised as Residential Urban, with a minimum rate of \$708.78;
 - 3.3 A Farmland Rate of 0.442077 cents in the dollar on the land value as at 1 July 2021 of all land so categorised as Farmland, with a minimum rate of \$708.78;
 - 3.4 A Business Rate of 0.839604 cents in the dollar on the land value as at 1 July 2021 of all land so categorised as Business, with a minimum rate of 708.78;
 - 3.5 A Business Rylstone Aeropark Rate of 0.289731 cents in the dollar on the land value as at 1 July 2021 of all land so categorised as Business and further subcategorised as Business Rylstone Aeropark, with a minimum rate of \$232.67;
 - 3.6 A Mining Rate of 2.402869 cents in the dollar on the land value as at 1 July 2021 of all land so categorised as Mining, with a minimum rate of \$708.78;
 - 3.7 A Hunter Valley Catchment Contribution Rate of 0.00964 cents in the dollar on the land value as at 1 July 2021 of all land within the catchment contribution area that has a land value in excess of \$300 and is rateable for the time being under the Local Government Act 1993. Council contributes to the provision of watercourse management in the area controlled by Hunter Local Land Services. A Hunter Valley Catchment Special Rate, which is determined by the authority, is to be applied for the purposes of the Local Land Services Regulation 2014.
 - 3.8 The interest to be charged on overdue rates and charges shall be calculated at a rate of 6% per annum for the 2021-22 financial year, on a daily simple interest basis;
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- 3.9 A Domestic Waste Management Charge of \$304 for all rateable and non-rateable properties within the service areas. Where there is more than one service the annual charge will be multiplied by the number of services;**
- 3.10 A General Waste Disposal Charge of \$226 for all rateable and non-rateable properties with the exception of certain Farmland properties that can identify in the manner required by Council that they have a landholding comprised of multiple assessments with a lesser number of residences than assessments; they will be charged for the number of residences. Where there is more than one service the annual charge will be multiplied by the number of services;**
- 3.11 A Business Waste Management Charge of \$235 for all rateable and non-rateable Business category properties where a service is rendered. Where there is more than one service the annual charge will be multiplied by the number of services;**
- 3.12 Water charges for rateable and non-rateable properties within the water supply area of:**

Charge Type	Detail	Amount
Service Availability	20mm meter	\$168
	25mm meter	\$263
	32mm meter	\$430
	40mm meter	\$672
	50mm meter	\$1,050
	80mm meter	\$2,688
	100mm meter	\$4,200
	150mm meter	\$9,450
Usage - per kL	Residential	\$3.30
	Business	\$3.30
	Raw Water	\$1.35
	Standpipe	\$6.11

In relation to any multi-unit residential development, including any strata development, each unit will be levied a 20mm service availability charge. In relation to vacant land where a water meter is not connected, each property will be levied with a 20mm service availability charge.

- 3.13 Sewer charges for rateable and non-rateable properties within the sewer service area of:**

Charge Type	Detail	Amount
Service availability	Residential	\$912
	Non-Residential	\$509
Usage - Non Residential	Based on kLs of water that would reasonably	\$2.92

	be deemed to enter MWRC sewer schemes	
Liquid Trade Waste - Annual Charge	Category 1 Discharger	\$100
	Category 2 Discharger	\$200
	Large Discharger	\$665
	Industrial Discharger	\$201.5 - \$662
	Re-inspection Fee	\$98
Liquid Trade Waste - Category 1 without appropriate equipment	Per kilolitre	\$1.85
Liquid Trade Waste - Category 2 with appropriate equipment	Per kilolitre	\$1.85
Liquid Trade Waste - Category 2 without appropriate equipment	Per kilolitre	\$17

Executive summary

At the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 26 May 2021, Council considered all public and management submissions. Council resolved that the amended the 2021/22 Operational Plan and 2021/22 Delivery Program be brought back to Council at the June Ordinary Meeting for endorsement.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Council has been through an extensive planning process over the past few months to determine an appropriate annual plan, culminating in the Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan and 2021/22 Delivery Program.

In April 2021, Council placed its' Draft Operational Plan 2021/22 and Revised Delivery Program 2021-2022 on exhibition. In this time, Council received a number of submissions that were considered on 26 May 2021.

RATES MODEL

The Rates Model proposed as part of the Draft 2021/22 Operational Plan and 2021/22 Delivery Program includes an increase to all rating categories of the IPART capped rate of 2.0%, distributed evenly. Land rating categories are:

- Farmland;
- Residential;
- Business; and
- Mining

It should be noted that changes to land valuations and categorisation of properties will impact the net increase of a rating category, which may result in an adjusted movement of more or less than the 2.0% capped rate.

Council notes that Notional General Income calculations including compliance with the rate pegging provisions of the Local Government Act are subject to audit by the NSW Auditor General, whose findings are referred to the Office of Local Government to ensure compliance.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Good Governance
Goal	Strong civic leadership
Strategy	Provide clear strategic direction through the Community Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plans

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Relevant Integrated Planning and Reporting Strategies are taken into account during the process of developing the revised Delivery Program and draft Operational Plan, including the Community Strategic Plan, and Resourcing Strategies.

Council Policies

Relevant Integrated Planning and Reporting Policies may influence the way the Delivery program and Operational Plan are developed, for example the Asset Management Policy.

Legislation

The below sections of the Local Government Act 1993 have been referenced in this report, and/or have been taken into consideration for the recommendation set out in this report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 405

405 Operational plan

(1) A council must have a plan (its "operational plan") that is adopted before the beginning of each year and details the activities to be engaged in by the council during the year as part of the delivery program covering that year.

(2) An operational plan must include a statement of the council's revenue policy for the year covered by the operational plan. The statement of revenue policy must include the statements and particulars required by the regulations.

(3) A council must prepare a draft operational plan and give public notice of the draft indicating that submissions may be made to the council at any time during the period (not less than 28 days) that the draft is to be on public exhibition. The council must publicly exhibit the draft operational plan in accordance with the notice.

(4) During the period of public exhibition, the council must have for inspection at its office (and at such other places as it may determine) a map that shows those parts of its area to which each category and sub-category of the ordinary rate and each special rate included in the draft operational plan applies.

(5) In deciding on the final operational plan to be adopted, a council must consider any submissions that have been made concerning the draft plan.

(6) The council must post a copy of its operational plan on the council's website within 28 days after the plan is adopted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 494

494 Ordinary rates must be made and levied annually

- (1) A council must make and levy an ordinary rate for each year on all rateable land in its area.
- (2) Each category or subcategory of ordinary rate is to apply only to land of the same category or subcategory.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 509

509 Maximum general income for a year

(1) A council must not make rates and charges for a year so as to produce general income of an amount that exceeds the notional general income of the council for the previous year as varied by the percentage (if any) applicable to the council under section 506, 508 (2) or 508A for the year for which the rates and charges are made, except as provided by section 511 or 511A.

(2) The "notional general income of a council for the previous year" is the amount that would have been derived if the same rates and charges as were made to produce the general income for that previous year had been so made but, in the case of rates, had been made in respect of:

(a) the valuations of rateable land in the council's valuation record applicable as at 1 July in that previous year and required under this Act to be used in that previous year for the making and levying of rates (not including valuations of those parcels of rateable land for which supplementary valuations referred to in paragraph (b) have been furnished), and

(b) supplementary valuations of rateable land having the same base date as those valuations and furnished to the council under the Valuation of Land Act 1916 during that previous year, and

(c) any estimates of increase in value of rateable land that are provided to the council under section 513 in respect of that previous year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 532

532 Publication of draft operational plan

A council must not make a rate or charge until it has given public notice (in accordance with section 405) 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 that section).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1993 - SECT 533

533 Date by which a rate or charge must be made

A rate or charge must be made before 1 August in the year for which the rate or charge is made or before such later date in that year as the Minister may, if the Minister is of the opinion that there are special circumstances, allow.

Financial implications

All financial information is shown in the attached Draft Operational Plan 2021/22 and Revised Delivery Program 2017-2022.

Associated Risks

Not applicable.

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1 June 2021

Attachments: 1. MWRC Operational Plan 21-22. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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