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## UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Oberon Council Extraordinary Meeting  
Thursday 26 June 2014

Commencing at 5.30pm  
At the Oberon Council Chambers

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## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor welcomed members and declared the meeting open at 5.34pm.

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## 2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Wiradjuri and Gundungurra People, and respects the history and culture of the elders both past and present.

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## 3. PRAYER

Nil

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## 4. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Members	Mayor John McMahon (in the Chair) Deputy Mayor Kerry Gibbons Clr Ian Doney Clr Jill Evans Clr Neil Francis Clr Sam Lord Clr Clive McCarthy Clr John Morgan Clr Kathy Sajowitz
Staff	Alan Cairney, General Manager Gary Wallace, Planning and Development Director Aruna Wickramasinghe, Works and Engineering Director Lynette Safranek, Finance and Community Services Director Sharon Swannell, Executive Coordinator Jane Nicholl, Administration Assistant
Apologies	Nil

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## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

File No: Governance/Councillors/Declarations of Interest

Pecuniary	-	Nil
Non-Pecuniary Significant	-	Nil
Non-Pecuniary Less than Significant	-	Nil

## 6. REPORTS FOR DECISION

### 06.01 OBERON COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN 2014

File No: Governance/Integrated Planning and Reporting/Community Strategic Plan  
Author: Alan Cairney, General Manager

#### Summary

The Draft Oberon Community Strategic Plan 2014 and associated documents was placed on formal Public Exhibition from Monday 26 May 2014 to Monday 23 June 2014 with nine (9) written submissions received, which includes one (1) received on 24 June.

The report item provides details of each submission and proposed changes to the Draft documents. During the Public Exhibition period community presentations were held at Black Springs, Burruga, Oberon and O'Connell, with Councillors and Management Staff also attending meetings with individuals and other groups.

The Oberon Community Strategic Plan 2014 includes the Programs and Projects to be provided from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, as shown in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

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Moved: Morgan  
Second: Evans

1. Council adopt the Oberon Community Strategic Plan 2014, Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2014/15, and the Resourcing Strategy which includes:
  - a. Long Term Financial Plan 2014/15 to 2023/24
  - b. Workforce Management Plan 2014
  - c. Road Asset Management Plan 2014
2. Council adopt the Revenue Policy for 2014/15 as outlined in the Operational Plan 2014/15, including the Schedule of Fees and Charges as amended including removal of venue hire fee for not for profit and/or self help community user groups using Council's facilities.
3. Council adopt the Rating Structure below as shown in the Operational Plan 2014/15:

#### RATING STRUCTURE

The following **GENERAL FUND ORDINARY RATES for 2014/15** be made:

**Farmland** – a base amount of **\$198.00**, producing 18% of the total amount payable for the category, and an ad valorem amount of **0.279298** cents in the dollar, on all rateable assessments categorised as farmland.

**Residential** – a base amount of **\$180.00**, producing 42% of the total amount payable for the category, and an ad valorem amount of **0.394855** cents in the dollar, on all rateable assessments categorised as residential.

**Business** – a base amount of **\$260.00**, producing 34% of the total amount payable for the category, and an ad valorem amount of **0.423035** cents in the dollar, on all rateable assessments categorised as business.

**Residential Rural** – a base amount of **\$185.00**, producing 27% of the total amount payable for the category, and an ad valorem amount of **0.237676** cents in the dollar on all rateable assessments categorised as residential rural.

**Non-Urban Centres of Population** – a base amount of **\$255.00**, producing 40% of the total amount payable for the category, and an ad valorem amount of **0.280648** cents in the dollar, on all rateable assessments categorised as non-urban centres of population.

The following **TOWN IMPROVEMENT FUND SPECIAL RATES for 2014/15** be made on all rateable properties within the zoned Oberon Town area:

**Residential** – an ad valorem amount of **0.369889** cents in the dollar on all rateable land in the town improvement area categorised as residential.

**Business** – an ad valorem amount of **0.739789** cents in the dollar on all rateable land within the town improvement area categorised as business.

**Farmland** – an ad valorem amount of **0.259498** cents in the dollar on all rateable land within the town improvement area categorised as farmland.

The following **WASTE WATER (SEWERAGE) SERVICE CHARGES for 2014/15** be made:

a) A charge of **\$513.00** for all residential properties accessible to the waste water system, consisting of an access charge of **\$141.50** and a usage charge of **\$371.50**.

b) An access charge for all non-residential properties accessible to the waste water system, levied in accordance with the size of the water meter for the respective property, as follows:

**Meter Size / Charge (\$)**

20 mm (¾") / <b>\$138.00</b>	25 mm (1") / <b>\$216.00</b>
30 mm (1¼") / <b>\$312.00</b>	38 mm (1½") / <b>\$500.00</b>
50 mm (2") / <b>\$867.00</b>	80 mm (3¼") / <b>\$2,222.00</b>
100 mm (4") / <b>\$3,471.00</b>	150 mm (6") / <b>\$7,803.00</b>

c) A usage charge of **\$1.95** per kilolitre for all non-residential properties accessible to the waste water system, based upon the estimated volume discharged into the waste water system utilising total water consumption figures, together with the SDF (Sewage Discharge Factor) determined for each property.

That the following **WATER SERVICE CHARGES for 2014/15** be made:

An access charge of **\$291.50** and a consumption charge of **\$2.13** per kilolitre.

The following **DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES for 2014/15** be made:

Vacant Land - **\$33.00 per annum**

A 240 litre bin weekly collection service - **\$195.00 per annum**

The following **NON-DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGES for 2014/15** be made:

A 240 litre bin weekly collection service - **\$195.00 per annum**

The **INTEREST RATE CHARGED ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES for 2014/15** be:

Set at the maximum recommended rate on overdue rates and charges at **8.5%**

*Advice has been received from the Division of Local Government that the maximum allowable charge to be made for overdue rates and charges under the Local Government Act for 2014/2015 is 8.5%. The Delivery Program and Operational Plan provide that “the interest rate is set by the Minister of Local Government and will be charged at the maximum recommended rates on overdue rates and charges“*

4. That a Councillor Workshop be held to review the Rating Structure for 2015/16, including the proposed Ordinary Rates increases for 2015/16 and 2016/17 and the proposal to include the Stratford Estate area for Town Improvement Special Rate and that further workshops be held on the financial sustainability and the road asset management plan.
5. That Council allocate \$5,000 for community projects in the Villages of Black Springs, Burruga, and O’Connell, subject to applications for funds being determined by Council.
6. That \$2,500 is allocated from the O’Connell Village Improvements from 2013/14 for improvements to the picnic area at Hassell Park, including seating.
7. That Council add \$500 for the Robey Centre request for funding under Section 356 Donations 2014/15.
8. That the General Manager make arrangements for Councillors and staff to attend meetings of each of the village groups and associations representatives for the villages in Black Springs, Burruga, O’Connell and to hold a public meeting in Oberon, on the basis of visiting each area at least once during 2014/2015.
9. That all persons and organisations that made submissions be advised of the decision to adopt the Oberon Community Strategic Plan 2014, Delivery Program and Operational Plan 2014/15 and the Resourcing Strategy.
10. That copies of the Oberon Community Strategic Plan 2014 be available to the village groups and associations listed above and also on Council’s website [www.oberon.nsw.gov.au](http://www.oberon.nsw.gov.au) and at the following locations:
  - Oberon Council Administration Centre
  - Oberon Library
  - Oberon Visitor Information Centre/Oberon Community Technology Centre
  - Oberon Community Centre

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## 7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 6.39pm.