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Muswellbrook Shire Council
**EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL
MEETING**

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EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING, 23 JULY 2018

MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

P.O Box 122
MUSWELLBROOK
20 July, 2018

Councillors,

You are hereby requested to attend the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting to be held in the CHAMBERS, Administration Centre, Muswellbrook on **23 July, 2018** commencing at 5.00pm.

Fiona Plesman
GENERAL MANAGER

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MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE COUNCIL

AGENDA

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 CIVIC PRAYER

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4 DISCLOSURE OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Section 451 of the Local Government Act requires that if a councillor or member of a council or committee has a pecuniary interest in any matter before the council or committee, he/she must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable and must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting, when the matter is being discussed, considered or voted on.

A pecuniary interest is an interest that a person has in a matter because of a reasonable likelihood or expectation of financial gain or loss (see sections 442 and 443 of the Local Government Act).

A non-pecuniary interest can arise as a result of a private or personal interest which does not involve a financial gain or loss to the councillor or staff member (eg friendship, membership of an association, or involvement or interest in an activity). A councillor must disclose the nature of the interest to the meeting as soon as practicable.

Council's Model Code of Conduct now recognises two forms of non-pecuniary conflict of interests:

- Significant
- Less than significant

A Councillor must make an assessment of the circumstances and determine if the conflict is significant.

If a Councillor determines that a non-pecuniary conflict of interests is less than significant and does not require further action, they must provide an explanation of why it is considered that the conflict does not require further action in the circumstances.

If the Councillor has disclosed the existence of a significant non-pecuniary conflict of interests at a meeting they must not be present at, or in sight of, the meeting, when the matter is being discussed, considered or voted on.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

6 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

6.1 MAKING OF THE RATES AND ANNUAL CHARGES FOR 2018-19

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Natalia Cowley - Manager, Corporate Services
Community Plan Issue:	<i>Progressive leadership</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>That Muswellbrook Shire is well led and managed</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>A financially sustainable council</i>

PURPOSE

To make the rates and charges for the 2018/19 financial year in order to raise Council's revenue requirements as contained in the 2018/19 Budget and Revenue Policy.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

GENERAL FUND

RECOMMENDED that Council resolves as follows:

Council NOW MAKES the following ordinary rates for the 2018/19 Financial Year.

Rate Type	Category	Sub-Category	Ad Valorem Cents in \$	Base/ Min \$	Base as % of Total Rate Levied
Ordinary	Residential	Residential – General	0.4467857	\$240	22.77%
Ordinary	Residential	Residential – Muswellbrook & Denman	0.5933775	\$290	38.66%
Ordinary	Farmland	Farmland – General	0.3496211	\$400	14.57%
Ordinary	Farmland	Farmland – Affected by Mining	1.0223658	\$15,000	0%
Ordinary	Farmland	Farmland – Irrigable	0.3788571	\$440	11.38%
Ordinary	Farmland	Farmland – Offset	1.0223658	\$15,000	0%
Ordinary	Mining	Mining – General	1.0223658	\$15,000	3.68%

Ordinary	Mining	Mining – Underground Coal Mining	26.9161393	\$15,000	3.37%
Ordinary	Business	Business – General	1.1686422	\$250	10.06%
Ordinary	Business	Business – Power Generation	7.8095063	\$25,000	19.93%
Ordinary	Business	Business – Thomas Mitchell Drive Industrial Centre	1.1765032	\$275	12.83%
Ordinary	Business	Business – Showground Release Area	0.2182791	\$250	2.36%

WATER CHARGES

RECOMMENDED that the Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 552 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following water charges be NOW MADE for the 2018/19 Financial Year:-

1. A Water Service Availability Charge is charged for each service to the property in respect of land that is supplied with water from a water pipe of the Council and land that is situated within 225 metres of a water pipe of the Council (whether or not actually supplied with water from any water pipe of the Council). The Water Service Availability Charge is based on the service size of the connection to the water supply line. The Water Service Availability Charges for the 2018/19 Financial Year are:

Water Service Charge

Availability Charge (Not Connected)	\$ 186
Availability Charge (Connected)	
- 20mm service	\$ 186
- 25mm service	\$ 291
- 32mm service	\$ 476
- 40mm service	\$ 744
- 50mm service	\$1,163
- 65mm service	\$1,965
- 80mm service	\$2,976
- 100mm service	\$4,650
- 150mm service	\$10,463

2. A Consumption Tariff is to be charged per kilolitre for all water supplied. The water consumption tariffs for the 2018/19 Financial Year are:

<u>Consumption Tariff</u>	<u>(\$/Kl)</u>
Residential	Tier 1 (1-350Kl per annum) \$1.87/kl Tier 2 (>350Kl per annum) \$2.70/kl
Non-Residential	\$2.35 per Kl

SEWERAGE CHARGES

RECOMMENDED that the Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, the following sewer charges be **NOW MADE** for the 2018/19 Financial Year:-

An annual charge for sewer is applicable to each rateable assessment except:

- a) land which is more than 75 metres from a sewer of the Council and is not connected to the sewer; and
- b) land from which sewage could not be discharged into any sewer of the Council.

1) Residential Sewer Charges

A Sewer Service Availability Charge is charged in respect of each Residential assessment for which the service is provided or is proposed to be provided. The Sewer Service Availability Charges for the 2018/19 Financial year are:-

Sewer Service Charge

Residential Sewer Availability Charge (Vacant)	\$270.00
Residential Sewer Charge (Occupied)	\$675.00

2) Non-Residential Sewerage Charges

Non-Residential Sewer Charges will be based on the following formula:

$$SC = SDF \times (AC + (C \times UC))$$

SC = Sewerage Charge

SDF = Sewerage Discharge Factor

AC = Availability Charge

C = Total water consumption for meter

UC = Sewer Usage Charge

The Sewer Service Availability Charges for the year commencing 1 July 2018 are:-

Sewer Service Availability Charge

Availability Charge (Not Connected)	\$270.00
Availability Charge (Connected)	
- 20mm service	\$270.00
- 25mm service	\$421.89
- 32mm service	\$691.20
- 40mm service	\$1,080.00
- 50mm service	\$1,687.50
- 65mm service	\$2,851.89
- 80mm service	\$4,320.00
- 100mm service	\$6,750.00
- 150mm service	\$15,187.50

The Sewer Usage Charge for the 2018/19 Financial Year is:-

<u>Sewer Usage Charge</u>	<u>(\$/KI)</u>
Non-Residential Sewer Usage Charge	\$2.35

Discharge Factors required for non-residential properties will be determined on an individual property basis.

WASTE CHARGES

RECOMMENDED that the Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for rateable land categorised for rating purposes as Residential and situated within the urban area in which a Domestic Waste Management Service is able to be provided, that the following waste charges be NOW MADE for the 2018/19 Financial Year:-

Domestic Waste Management Service Charge

Urban Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge ^(a)	\$96.00
Urban Domestic Waste Management Service Charge ^(b)	\$390.00
Additional Urban Domestic Waste Management Service Charge	\$100.00
Additional Urban Domestic Waste Management Recycling Service Charge	\$70.00
Additional Urban Domestic Waste Management Green Waste Service Charge	\$30.00

- a) Charge applies to vacant rateable land categorised for rating purposes as Residential and situated within the urban area in which a Domestic Waste Management Service is able to be provided.
- b) Each premises is entitled to one approved mobile waste bin service per week and one fortnightly collection of recyclable material and one fortnightly collection of green waste for each Urban Domestic Waste Management Service Charge.

RECOMMENDED that the Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993, for rateable land categorised for rating purposes as Residential or Farmland and situated within the rural area in which a Domestic Waste Management Service is able to be provided, that the following waste charges be NOW MADE for the 2018/19 Financial Year:-

Rural Domestic Waste Management Service Charge

Rural Domestic Waste Management Availability Charge ^(a)	\$96.00
Rural Domestic Waste Management Service Charge ^(b)	\$360.00
Additional Rural Domestic Waste Management Service Charge	\$100.00
Additional Rural Domestic Waste Management Recycling Service Charge	\$70.00
Rural Domestic Waste Management Green Waste Service Charge	\$30.00

- a) Charge applies to vacant rateable land categorised for rating purposes as Residential or Farmland and situated within the rural area in which a Rural Domestic Waste Management Service is able to be provided.
- b) Each premises is entitled to one approved mobile waste bin service per week and one

fortnightly collection of recyclable material for each Rural Domestic Waste Management Service Charge.

RECOMMENDED that the Council do hereby prescribe and order under Section 501 of the Local Government Act 1993, for land not categorised for rating purposes as residential and situated within the urban area in which a Waste Management Service is able to be provided, that the following waste charges be NOW MADE for the 2018/19 Financial Year:-

Waste Management Service Charge

Urban Waste Management Availability Charge – Non-Domestic ^(a)	\$96.00
Waste Management Service Charge ^(b)	\$360.00
Additional Waste Management Service Charge	\$100.00
Additional Waste Management Recycling Service Charge	\$70.00
Waste Management Green Waste Service Charge	\$30.00

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- b) Each premises is entitled to one approved mobile waste bin service per week and one fortnightly collection of recyclable material for each Rural Waste Management Service Charge.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT CHARGE

RECOMMENDED that the Council do hereby determine and order, in accordance with Section 496A of the Local Government Act 1993 to levy a Stormwater Management Charge for land within the Muswellbrook and Denman urban areas and included in the Town Planning Zones of R1 General Residential, B2 Local Centre, SP2 Infrastructure, IN2 Light Industrial, IN1 General Industrial and RU5 Village, except where exemption or variation to the charge is provided in accordance with the document “Stormwater Management Service Charge Guidelines” issued by the Division of Local Government in July 2006, be NOW MADE for the 2018/19 Financial Year at a rate of \$25.00 per

assessment and \$12.50 per residential strata unit.

Where a non-residential assessment exists with an impervious land area falling within the ranges outlined below the charge will be levied in accordance with table established below:-

Area of Impervious Land	Charge
0- 1,199 sqm	\$ 25.00
1,200- 4,999 sqm	\$100.00
5,000- 9,999 sqm	\$375.00
Greater than 10,000 sqm	\$725.00

INTEREST ON OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

RECOMMENDED that Council resolves as follows:

Council does hereby determine and order, in accordance with Section 566 of the Local Government Act 1993, that if rates and charges are unpaid at the due date, the outstanding amount shall be increased by a sum calculated at seven point five per cent (7.5%) per annum simple interest, calculated daily for the Financial Year.

HUNTER CATCHMENT CONTRIBUTION

RECOMMENDED that the Council do hereby determine and order, in accordance with Clauses 36 and 40, Part 4 of the Local Land Services Regulation 2014 as advised by Hunter Local Land Services in 2018/19, a rate of 0.0111 (zero point zero one one one) cents in the dollar on the current Land Value of the land within the Council area. By virtue of the provisions of the above regulation, the Council is authorised, empowered and required to levy the said Catchment contribution rate in respect of the lands.

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

BACKGROUND

At the Council meeting on 12 June 2018, Council adopted the 2018/19 Operational and Capital budget and Revenue Policy on 16 July 2018. Council has agreed on the rates and charges to be levied for 2018/19. It is noted that the resolution endorsed at the 16 July 2018 Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Council is nullified by virtue of an administrative error occasioning from the order in which the item appeared in the agenda of that meeting.

CONSULTATION

The draft Revenue Policy was placed on public exhibition as part of the draft 2018/19 Operational Plan. Five submissions were received on the initial Revenue Policy and following a Shire-wide land re-valuation by the Valuer General in June 2018, with a base date of 1 July 2017, the Revenue Policy was re-exhibited and a further six submissions were received on the re-exhibited Revenue Policy. In adopting the Revenue Policy, Council made some amendments to the draft document.

CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILLOR SPOKESPERSON

This report deals with the mechanics of implementing the rates and charges as adopted so no consultation was required.

REPORT

This report has been written to enable Council to raise the revenues as outlined in the adopted Operational Plan, Budget and Revenue Policy.

The recommendations follow the statutory requirements as set out in the Local Government Act 1993.

OPTIONS

The only viable option is for Council to pass the recommended resolutions and this is the mechanics of implementing the Revenue Policy, as adopted by Council.

If Council wishes to vary any of the resolutions, other than to rectify any error within them, the resulting revenue impact will need to be modelled and the Revenue Policy would need to be amended and re-exhibited.

CONCLUSION

This report contains the mechanical resolutions required by statute to enable Council to make and levy the rates and charges.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Following the Shire-wide land revaluation by the Valuer General in June 2018, the notional general income has decreased by \$30k from the one based on the 2016 Valuer General's land values. Also, the additional pensioner rebates provided by Council amount to a further \$32k reduction of the rates revenue. These changes will be effected in the September 2018 budget review.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report implements existing policy decisions.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The statutory requirements relating to the making and levying of rates are included in sections 493 to 607 of the Local Government Act 1993. In addition the Office of Local Government published a guidance document titled "Council Rating and Revenue Raising Manual" and this document is available to be viewed on the OLG website.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Council must pass a resolution to make the rates before it can levy rates and charges on properties each year. The resolutions must be passed before 1 August each year.

OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

The report raises the revenues as budgeted for in the Operational Plan and Budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The form of the resolutions has been structured to ensure compliance with Council's legal requirements.

6.2 AMENDMENTS TO THE 2018-2019 FEES AND CHARGES

Attachments:	A. Amended Fees & Charges
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Natalia Cowley - Manager, Corporate Services
Community Plan Issue:	<i>Progressive leadership</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Our residents trust their council, feel well informed, heard, valued and involved in the future of Muswellbrook Shire</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Involve the community in decision making</i>

PURPOSE

This report seeks the adoption by Council of amendments to the 2018/19 Fees and Charges.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council adopts the updated Fees and Charges for the 2018/2019 Financial Year.

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

BACKGROUND

Council adopted the 2018/2019 Fees and Charges at the Ordinary Meeting on 12 June 2018. Amendments are required as a result of a software malfunction.

CONSULTATION

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REPORT

Proposed amendments to the 2018/2019 Fees and Charges document are attached.

Subsequent to this approval, it was discovered that there had been a software malfunction that had caused a reinstatement of all discontinued fees. The software malfunction occurred during an automatic process that bundles all individual fees and charges into one document.

Council has highlighted this to the software provider and they have acknowledged the software malfunction and have initiated a fix to prevent this from happening again.

Council needs to adopt the amended fees and charges for the 2018/19 Financial Year. Legal advice confirms there is no requirement to publicly exhibit the amendments, as section 405 of the Local Government Act 1993 was satisfied through the exhibition of the Fees and Charges document in May and June.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that the amendments be adopted.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The 2018/2019 Budget is based on these updated fees and charges.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Council is required under Section 405 of the Local Government Act, 1993 to prepare a plan (its Operational Plan, including a statement of Council's Revenue Policy) and details the activities to be engaged in by the Council during the year as part of the delivery program.

Council is required under Section 201 of the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 to include a statement of the fees and charges within Council's Revenue Policy, which forms part of the Operational Plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

Changes made to the previously adopted Schedule of Fees & Charges 2018-19

Fee Name		2018/2019 Fee	Status
		(incl. GST)	
Muswellbrook Shire Council Administration Enquiry Fee			
	Supply information - includes locating property etc to Owner or adjoining owner	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Administration Enquiry Fee Supply of Maps from GIS			
	A4	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	A3	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Administration Enquiry Fee Supply of Maps from GIS Commercial Enquiry			
	A4	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	A3	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Indoor Sports Centre Complex - Denman			
	Bond (refunded after inspection)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Indoor Sports Centre - Muswellbrook			
	Bond (refunded after inspection)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre Private Functions			
	Free to Not for profit and charity groups	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre Outside Art Centre Hours			
	Free to not for profit and charity groups	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Muswellbrook Regional Art Centre Key Deposit			
	Supply of key to regular users of Council Facilities (Refundable)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Replacement Keys	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Senior Citizens Centre			
	Bond	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Cleaning charge if not left clean (minimum)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Cleaning charge per hour thereafter	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Stan Thiesse Centre			
	Cleaning charge if not left clean (minimum)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Cleaning charge per hour thereafter	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Deposit for Keys (Refundable)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Bond (Refundable after inspection)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Upper Hunter Regional Library Service Seminar Room			
	Replacement keys	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Hall Hire Upper Hunter Regional Library Service Cleaning Fee			
	Cleaning fee applied to rooms left in an untidy manner	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Sporting Fees Casual Hirer			
	Deposit	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Cleaning fee if not left clean	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Sporting Fees Regular Users - per registered player - per season			
	Cleaning fee if not left clean	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Aquatic Centres Muswellbrook and Denman Year Pass			
	Family - payable by monthly instalments	\$53.00	Previously adopted \$65.00
Muswellbrook Shire Council Aquatic Centres Muswellbrook and Denman Learn to Swim			
	Booked per term payable in advance - non refundable	\$15.50	Previously adopted \$14.50
	Booked per term payable in advance - non refundable - Member discount 15%	\$13.00	Previously adopted \$12.00
Muswellbrook Shire Council Aquatic Centres Muswellbrook and Denman Learn to Swim Non Member			
	Non Member - 8 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Non Member - 9 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Non Member - 10 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Non Member - 11 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Non Member - 12 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Aquatic Centres Muswellbrook and Denman Private Lessons Private Lessons - 1 person per class			
	Private Lessons - 1 person per class - 8 week term	\$46.00	Previously adopted \$368.00 for 8 week term (now priced per class)
	Private Lessons - 1 person per class - 9 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Private Lessons - 1 person per class - 10 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Private Lessons - 1 person per class - 11 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Private Lessons - 1 person per class - 12 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
Muswellbrook Shire Council Aquatic Centres Muswellbrook and Denman Private Lessons Private Lessons - 2 persons per class			
	Private Lessons - 2 person per class - 8 week term	\$60.00	Previously adopted \$482.00 for 8 week term (now priced per class)
	Private Lessons - 2 person per class - 9 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Private Lessons - 2 person per class - 10 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Private Lessons - 2 person per class - 11 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
	Private Lessons - 2 person per class - 12 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee

		Fee Name	2018/2019 Fee	Status
			(incl. GST)	
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Aquatic Centres Muswellbrook and Denman Private Lessons Private Lessons - 3 persons per class		
		Private Lessons - 3 person per class - 8 week term	\$83.00	Previously adopted \$666.50 for 8 week term (now priced per class)
		Private Lessons - 3 person per class - 9 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Private Lessons - 3 person per class - 10 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Private Lessons - 3 person per class - 11 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Private Lessons - 3 person per class - 12 week term	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Aquatic Centres Muswellbrook and Denman 10 Visit Pass		
		Aqua Aerobics/Zumba - Member	\$85.00	Previously adopted \$90.00
		Active Over 50s	\$60.00	Not previously included in schedule of Adopted Fees & Charges
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Upper Hunter Regional Library Service Fax Machine		
		Sending - Local Rate	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Sending - STD Rate	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Receiving - Local and STD Rate	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Upper Hunter Regional Library Service Lost and Damaged Material		
		Digital Readers - Bond	\$0.00	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Upper Hunter Regional Library Service Overdues		
		2nd Notice	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		3rd Notice	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Upper Hunter Regional Library Service Photocopying		
		B/W - A4	\$0.20	Previously adopted \$0.21
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Waste Management Facilities Products & Services Pasteurised Garden Mulch		
		Bulk loading - available by prior arrangement	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Environmental Services Fees and Charges - Fees associated with development Building Certificates		
		Building Certificate	\$250.00	Name of fee changed from Planning Certificate
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Environmental Services Fees and Charges - Fees associated with development Swimming Pool Certificates		
		Urgency Fee	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Environmental Services Fees and Charges - Fees associated with development 		
		Section 68 of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT On-site Sewage Management Approval to Operate		
		Additional System	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Regulatory Services Companion Animals Animal Adoption Dogs		
		Puppies <12 months	\$350.00	Previously adopted \$355.00
		Male - Pensioner (aged pension, war widows or disability cards only)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Regulatory Services Companion Animals Animal Adoption Cats		
		Male - Pensioner (aged pension, war widows or disability cards only)	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Regulatory Services Companion Animals Rescue Agencies		
		Vaccinations and Microchipping	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Muswellbrook Shire Council Regulatory Services Companion Animals Surrender Fee - Euthanasia		
		Impounding Fee	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Maintenance and care per day until euthanased	n/a	Discontinued Fee
		Euthanasing at request of owner	n/a	Discontinued Fee

7 ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED COUNCIL

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, in the opinion of the General manager, the following business is of a kind as referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act, and should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

RECOMMENDATION

Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

8.1 PUMPED HYDRO ENERGY GENERATION PROJECT

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Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

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9 RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL

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