

**PRESENT:** Cr M.L. Rush, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J.F. Eades, Cr M.I. Green, Cr J.L. Ledlin, Cr R.W. Scholes, Cr S.J. Ward and Cr B.N. Woodruff.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms F. Plesman (General Manager), Mr D. Finnigan (Director - Community Infrastructure), Ms C. O'Brien (Acting Director – Planning & Community Services), Ms G. Bobsien (Executive Manager – Economic Development & Innovation), Ms N. Cowley (Executive Manager – Officer of the Chief Financial Officer), Ms S. Pope (Assistant Director – Planning & Community Services), Mr G. Abeywardena (Assistant Director – Community Infrastructure & Chief Engineer), Mr M. Lysaught (Manager – Works, Property & Building Services) and Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (PA to General Manager).

## **1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

The Acknowledgement of Country was read by the General Manager.

## **2 CIVIC PRAYER**

The Civic Prayer was read by the Mayor.

## **3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

206 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Eades and Woodruff that:

The apologies for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr. J. Foy, Cr. S Reynolds, Cr. G. McNeill and Cr. S. Bailey be ACCEPTED and the necessary Leave of Absence be GRANTED.

## **4 DISCLOSURE OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**Cr M. Bowditch** – declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in Item 6.1. Cr Bowditch advised Council that the applicant is a relative.

## **5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nil

## **6 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

### **6.1 DA 62/2018 TWO LOT SUBDIVISION**

#### **Disclosure of Interest**

Cr M. Bowditch declared a significant non-pecuniary interest in this item. Cr Bowditch advised council that the applicant is a relative. 06:01 pm Cr Mark Bowditch left the Council Chambers and therefore took no part in discussion or voting on this item.

207 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Green that:

Council approve DA 62/2018 for the two (2) Lot subdivision of Lot 2 DP 1234634, Honey Lane Sandy Hollow, subject to the recommended conditions of consent contained in Attachment B.

At 06:01 pm Cr Bowditch returned to Council Chambers.

## **7 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

### **7.1 RATIONALISATION OF WATER & WASTEWATER BUDGETS**

208 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Woodruff that:

Council approves the changes to the Water Capital budgets as detailed in the report.

### **7.2 CONSOLIDATED CIVIC CAR PARKING**

209 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Green that:

Council approves the carrying out of a preliminary consolidated car parking study and design for the Muswellbrook town centre, funded from the relevant car parking operational budget.

### **7.3 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

210 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Bowditch and Scholes that:

Council adopts the revised Strategic Asset Management Plan.

## **8 CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **8.1 FINDINGS OF THE SPECIAL VARIATION COMMUNITY SURVEY**

211 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Scholes that:

1. Council notes the findings of the 2018 Muswellbrook Shire Community Survey, measuring community awareness of, and support for Council's 2019 application to IPART for the continuation of the 2018-2019 SRV.
2. Council resolves to make an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for the continuation of the Special Variation increase of 12.43% (plus the rate peg) in 2019/20 to remain permanently in the rate base.
3. The funds raised from this Special Variation are to be dedicated to the proposed Drainage, Parks and Roads Program; Olympic Park Master Plan projects; Entertainment and Conference Centre Project; Jobs Creation package; and to offset a shortfall in rating revenues arising from a change in NSW Government policy with respect to biodiversity offsets.

### **8.2 2017-2021 DELIVERY PROGRAM REVIEW**

212 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Green that:

The revised 2017 – 2021 Delivery Program be adopted.

**8.3 MUSWELLBROOK SHIRE JOB CREATION POLICY**

213 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Rush and Ledlin that:

Council exhibit the draft Muswellbrook Shire Job Creation Policy in Attachment A, in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**8.4 REVISED LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

214 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Scholes that:

Council adopts the revised 2019-20 to 2029-30 Long Term Financial Plan.

**8.5 2018-2019 OPERATIONAL PLAN AMENDMENT**

215 RESOLVED on the motion of Crs Green and Woodruff that:

The amended 2018-2019 Operational Plan be adopted.

**9 CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 6.05pm.

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Ms F. Plesman

**General Manager**

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Cr M. Rush

**Chairperson**