

**MEETING OF THE EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
180 CRESSY STREET, DENILIQUN,  
MAY 17, 2017 AT 9.00AM.**

**PRESENT**

Administrator Mr Ashley Hall

**COUNCIL STAFF PRESENT:**

Mr Adam McSwain, General Manager, Mr Barry Barlow, Deputy General Manager, Mr John Harvie, Director Economic and Business Development, Mrs Belinda Perrett, Executive Assistant.

**GALLERY MEMBERS:**

Nil

**GUESTS:**

Nil

**Chairmanship of meeting:**

The Administrator, Mr Ashley Hall, chaired the meeting.

**Interpretation:**

In these Minutes "the Council" means the Edward River Council

**Declaration of meeting open and welcome to guest and visitors:**

The Administrator, Mr Ashley Hall, formally declared the meeting open at 9.03am

**74/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
APRIL 20, 2017**

Resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the draft minutes of the Edward River Council meeting held on April 20, 2017 be accepted.

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**75/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD MAY 10, 2017**

Resolved on the motion of the Administrator that the draft minutes of the Floodplain Risk Management Committee of Council meeting held on May 10, 2017 be accepted.

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**76/17 SUBJECT: RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY, INVESTMENT POLICY  
PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE POLICY**

**FROM: ADAM MCSWAIN  
General Manager**

**RESOLUTION**

That Council endorse the Risk Management Policy, Investment Policy and Public Interest Disclosure Policy as presented

On the motion of the Administrator

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**77/17 SUBJECT: INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 30 April 2017**

**FROM: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT  
Kris Kershaw**

**RESOLUTION:**

That Council:

Note and receive the Report on Investments totaling \$39,507,885 inclusive of cash at bank for day-to-day operations; note that actual interest received for the month of April 2017 was \$20,594; note that accrued interest earned to 30 April 2017 but not yet received was \$552,286.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**78/17 SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF THE DRAFT 2017/2018  
OPERATIONAL PLAN, REVENUE POLICY AND FEES  
AND CHARGES FOR PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

**FROM: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT  
Kris Kershaw**

### **RESOLUTION**

That Council endorses the draft 2017/2018 Operational Plan which contains: -

- a) the 2017/2018 Proposed Operational Plan which incorporates the four year budget – Section 1
- b) the 2017/2018 Annual Statement of Revenue - Section 2
- c) the 2017/2018 Proposed Fees & Charges – Section 3

and place these documents on public exhibition for a period of 28 days from Friday 19 May 2017 to Friday 16 June 2017 as required under Sections 405 and 406 of the Local Government Act, 1993.

All submissions received by the close of business 5.00pm on 16 June 2017 will be considered by the Council prior to adoption of the 2017/2018 Operation Plan, Annual Statement of Revenue and Proposed Fees and Charges at the Council meeting on 29 June 2017.

On the motion of the Administrator

**79/17 SUBJECT: DRAFT ANNUAL STATEMENT OF REVENUE  
2017-2018**

**FROM: FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT  
Kris Kershaw**

### **RESOLUTION**

That Council give notice of its intention to:

- a. Make and levy an ordinary rate for the categories of rates as follows:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Base Amount \$</b>	<b>Ad Valorem cents in the \$</b>	<b>Minimum Rate \$</b>
<b>Former Deniliquin Council Area</b>			
Residential	413.00	0.9811	
Residential Rural	413.00	0.7980	
Residential Mixed Development	338.00	1.4083	
Business		2.6458	
Business Minimum Rate			512.00
Business Mixed Development		2.6758	
Business Promotions Levy			201.00
Farmland Dry		0.9699	

Farmland Irrigable		1.2675	
<b>Former Conargo Shire Council Area</b>			
Residential		0.3925	446.00
Business		0.3925	446.00
Conargo Farmland Dryland		0.4598	446.00
Conargo Farmland Low MIL Irrigation		0.6158	446.00
Conargo Farmland High MIL Irrigation		0.6943	446.00
Conargo Farmland Low Murray/Murrumbidgee		0.5339	446.00
Conargo Farmland High Murray/Murrumbidgee		0.7462	446.00
Conargo Farmland Murrumbidgee Groundwater		0.5262	446.00
Conargo Farmland Murray Groundwater		0.8863	446.00
Conargo Farmland Private Scheme Irrigation		0.8332	446.00
Conargo Farmland Low Coleambally Irrigation		0.4785	446.00
Conargo Farmland High Coleambally Irrigation		0.6967	446.00

- b. Increase the rate income by the maximum 1.50% rate pegged amount determined by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal of NSW (IPART).
2. Increase the Sewer Access charges by 2.24% from \$804.00 to \$822.00 for the 2017-2018 financial year;
  3. Increase the Sewer Service Residential and Non-Residential Unconnected – LPS charges by 2.24%, from \$402.00 to \$411.00 for the 2017-2018 financial year;
  4. Increase the Raw and Filtered water access and Usage charges incorporating an overall increase of 2.25%. The proposed rating structure will include an Access Charge for Raw Water of \$171.00 per annum and an increase in the Filtered Water Access Charge for Residential from \$334.00 to \$341.50 per annum. Business Access Charges will increase from \$280.00 to \$286.50;
  5. Increase Water Usage charges by \$0.05 per kilolitre from \$0.90 to \$0.95 per kilolitre up to 800 kilolitres and by \$0.05 per kilolitre for usage above 800 kilolitres from \$1.30 to \$1.35 to meet best practice guidelines as set out by the NSW State Government. Raw water usage for Residential and Non-Residential will be increased from \$0.65 to \$0.70 cents per kilolitre;
  6. Raw Water usage for Community Land for Parks and Gardens to remain at \$0.05 per kilolitre with no Access Charge;
  7. Increase in Domestic Waste charges to \$343.50 per annum from \$336.00 per annum. Free tip usage for Deniliquin residential property owners or tenants will apply, and a charge of \$82.00 per annum per property for vacant land. Free access to the tip may require proof of property ownership or residential status. Tip fees will still apply to non-

residential and commercial businesses. Tip fees will also apply to all users that do not own or rent residential property in the Edward River Council boundary. Tip fees will continue to apply for specific items not included in general waste including, but not limited to, mattresses, batteries, tyres, furniture, and whitegoods;

8. Leave the Stormwater levy unchanged at \$25.00 per assessment;
9. Fix the fees and charges schedule for the 2017-2018 year as set out in the Draft Annual Statement of Revenue;
10. To charge the maximum interest on overdue rates and charges as determined by the Minister for Local Government – currently at 7.50% per annum;
11. To charge interest on overdue debtors at the maximum rate applying to overdue rates and charges (7.5%).
12. That pursuant to Sections 405 and 406 of the Local Government Act, 1993, the Draft Annual Statement of Revenue 2017-2018 incorporating Council's Revenue Policy and Schedule of Fees and Charges be endorsed by Council and placed on public exhibition for a period of 28 days.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**80/17 SUBJECT: FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS**

**FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
John Harvie**

#### **RESOLUTION**

That Council note the grant applications that have been submitted to the 2017/18 Floodplain Management Program.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**81/17 SUBJECT: DRAFT EDWARD RIVER AT DENILIQVIN FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY AND PLAN**

**FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT  
John Harvie**

#### **RESOLUTION**

That Council adopt the Edward River at Deniliquin Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan Final Report (WMAwater April 2017) and continue the operation of the Committee to oversee the Plan.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**82/17 SUBJECT DENILQUIN LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 2013  
(AMENDMENT NO 6)**

**FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
John Harvie**

**RESOLUTION**

That Council in accordance with section 59(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act make the proposed Denilquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (Amendment 6); and upon signing of the proposed Denilquin Local Environmental Plan 2013 (Amendment 6) by Council's delegate, that the Department of Planning and Environment be notified of Council's decision.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**83/17 SUBJECT: DRAFT DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN**

**FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT  
John Harvie**

**RESOLUTION**

That Council place the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan on exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days and receive a further report on the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan upon completion of the public exhibition.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**84/17 SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT  
(April 2017)**

**FROM: MANAGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS  
John Harvie**

**RESOLUTION**

That Council note the information in the Environmental Services report for April 2017.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**85/17 SUBJECT: NSW RFS MID MURRAY ZONE FIRE CONTROL  
CENTRE PROJECT – MAY 2017 STATUS REPORT**

**FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
Mark Dalzell**

**REPORT BY: PROJECT MANAGER  
Peter Adams**

**RESOLUTION**

That Council note the May 2017 status report for the NSW RFS Mid Murray Fire Control Centre Project and note the attached draft Minutes from the 26 April 2017 Advisory Group Meeting.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**86/17 SUBJECT: WORKS IN PROGRESS – MAY 2017**

**FROM: ACTING DIRECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
Mark Dalzell**

**RESOLUTION**

That the report on Works in Progress for May 2017 be received.

On the motion of the Administrator

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**Meeting closed 9.24am**