

**Shire of Moora  
Special Council Meeting  
30 July 2014**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Dear Elected Member

A Special Council Meeting of the Shire of Moora  
will be held on **Wednesday 30 July 2014**  
in the Council Chambers, 34 Padbury Street, Moora  
commencing at **4.00pm**

**The purpose of the meeting is to consider the draft budget for the  
Shire of Moora for the year ended 30 June 2015.**

AJ Leeson  
Chief Executive Officer



25<sup>th</sup> July 2014

## **The Shire of Moora Vision and Mission Statement**

### **Vision**

Our vision is that:

***The Moora region will be a place of brilliant opportunity over the next twenty years. Sustainable growth will result in a vibrant, healthy, wealthy and diverse community.***

### **Mission**

Our mission is:

***To identify and stimulate growth through creative leadership and a willingness to get things done.***

**SHIRE OF MOORA****WRITTEN DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL**

Chief Executive Officer  
 Shire of Moora  
 PO Box 211  
 MOORA WA 6510

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Written Declaration of Interest in Matter Before Council**

I, <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ wish to  
 declare an interest in the following item to be considered by Council at its meeting to be held on  
<sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

Agenda Item <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

The type of interest I wish to declare is: <sup>(4)</sup>

- Financial pursuant to Section 5.60A of the Local Government Act 1995
- Proximity pursuant to Section 5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995
- Indirect Financial pursuant to Section 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995
- Impartiality pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007.

The nature of my interest is <sup>(5)</sup>

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The extent of my interest is <sup>(6)</sup>

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I understand that the above information will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting and recorded by the Chief Executive Officer in an appropriate Register.

Yours faithfully,

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

1. Insert your name.
2. Insert the date of the Council Meeting at which the item is to be considered.
3. Insert the Agenda Item Number and Title.
4. Tick box to indicate type of interest.
5. Describe the nature of your interest.
6. Describe the extent of your interest (if seeking to participate in the matter under S. 5.68 of the Act).

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**SHIRE OF MOORA**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
**30 JULY 2014**  
COMMENCING AT 4.00PM

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Item 4.1.1 2014/15 Draft Budget

**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS****1.1 DECLARATION OF OPENING****1.2 DISCLAIMER READING**

*No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Moora for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting.*

*It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council's decision, which will be provided within fourteen (14) days of this meeting.*

**2. ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE****3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME****4. REPORTS OF OFFICERS****4.1 GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES****4.1.1 ADOPTION OF THE 2014/2015 BUDGET**

**REPORT DATE:** 24 July 2014

**OFFICER DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:** Nil

**PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCES:** Nil

**AUTHOR:** David Trevaskis, Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**ATTACHMENTS:** 2014/2015 Draft Budget (circulated under separate cover)

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

For Council to consider adoption of the 2014/2015 Budget.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 2014/2015 draft Budget is circulated as an attachment to this report. As per the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Australian Accounting Standards (AAS) and Australian International Reporting Financial Standards (AIFRS) the document has been prepared in its statutory format.

**COMMENT:**

The draft Budget for the 2014/2015 financial year includes the following information:

- Rates Setting Statement
- Operating Schedules
- Statement of Capital Works
- Adopted Schedule of Fees & Charges

Over the past few months Councillors have had the opportunity to raise queries and have input into the draft Budget at a number of General Purpose Committee Meetings and Councillor Information sessions.

The draft Budget is based on an overall rate increase of only 4% instead of the CPI plus 2% which was used in the Shire of Moora Corporate Business Plan (5.1%). At General Purpose Committee Meetings and Councillors Information sessions, Councillors have made it clear they would prefer a minimal rate rise this financial year.

GRV and UV rates in the dollar have been adjusted accordingly to achieve a 27.5% and 72.5% split between GRV and UV rates revenue for 2014/15 as per the Councils target.

Within the draft Budget are a number of projects that are reliant on applications for grant funding being successful. If the full amount of funding budgeted for is not received, a report will be put to Council to amend the budget accordingly.

#### **POLICY REQUIREMENTS:**

The draft Budget is consistent with adopted Council policies and the Shire of Moora Rating Strategy. This strategy is available on the Shire's webpage ([www.moorawa.gov.au](http://www.moorawa.gov.au)).

#### **LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS:**

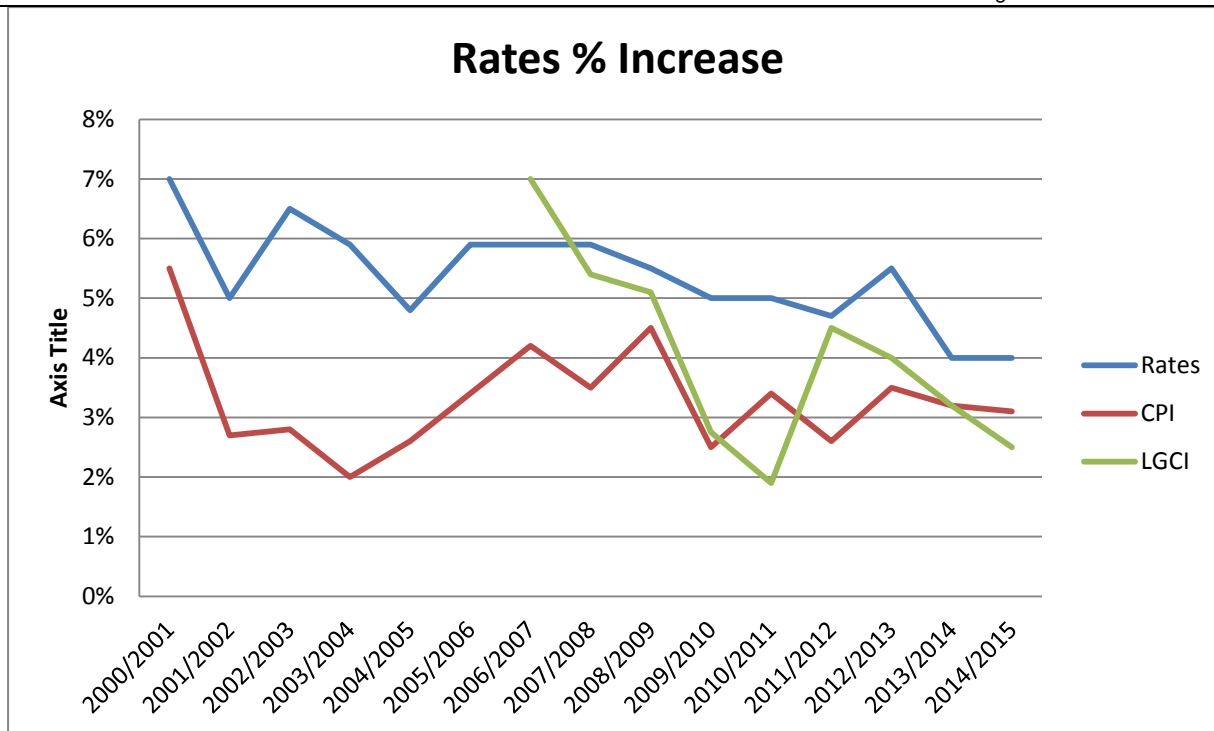
Section 6.2 of the Local Government Act 1995 requires Council to adopt its Annual Budget in the form and manner prescribed no later than 31 August in any financial year, subject to any extension past this date with Ministerial approval. The draft Budget, as presented to Council, is prepared in the statutory format required.

Within thirty (30) days of the adoption of the Budget, a copy must be forwarded to the Director General, Department of Local Government and Regional Development as provided by Regulation 33 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

The draft Budget includes a number of operating and capital projects which will help Council deliver the priorities it has identified in its Community Strategic Plan and Corporate Business Plan, i.e. regional cooperation, planning for growth and existing asset renewal including the sewerage scheme.

The budget is based on an overall rate increase of 4%. While this increase exceeds the estimated CPI for 2014/15 of 3.1% and Local Government Cost Index of 2.5%, if Council wants to achieve the desired priorities in its Strategic Plan, a minimum increase of 4% is necessary. Rate rises in previous years have been:



#### SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

- **Environment**  
The proposed budget contains a number of initiatives that will enhance and support the environment within the Shire.
- **Economic**  
The proposed budget contains a number of initiatives that will enhance and support economic development within the Shire.
- **Social**  
The proposed budget contains a number of initiatives that will enhance and support social development within the Shire.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The result of the following resolutions will be the adoption of the 2014/2015 Budget.

#### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required

#### RECOMMENDATION

*That Council adopts the 2014/2015 Budget including the following matters:*

- (1) ***Imposing General Rate for Gross Rental Value (GRV) properties – the general rate be set at 8.5680 cents in the dollar on Gross Rental Values for all rateable land within the district;***
- (2) ***Imposing General Rate for Unimproved Value (UV) properties – the general rate be set at 1.1240 cents in the dollar on Unimproved Values for all rateable land within the district;***



- (3) **Imposing Minimum Payment (Rates) for Gross Rental Value (GRV) properties – the Minimum Payment (Rates) be set at \$595 per assessment for GRV properties;**
- (4) **Imposing Minimum Payment (Rates) for Unimproved Value (UV) properties – the Minimum Payment (Rates) be set at \$595 per assessment for all UV properties in the Shire of Moora;**
- (5) **Imposing Sewerage Rate – the sewerage rate in the dollar be set at 7.0390 cents in the dollar, and that the following apply:**
- a. **That the minimum annual sewerage rates be as follows;**
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|--|----------|
| Residential properties                     | \$338.00 |
| Commercial properties                      | \$338.00 |
| Vacant Land properties                     | \$338.00 |
| Ex-Gratia Commercial/Industrial properties | \$338.00 |
- b. **That the maximum annual sewerage rate be as follows;**
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|------------------------|------------|
| Residential properties | \$884.00   |
| Vacant Land properties | \$884.00   |
| Commercial properties  | \$4,160.00 |
- c. **Non Rateable Properties connected to sewer**
- Class 1 Institutional/Public & Charitable Purposes for each property:**
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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| First major fixture           | \$218.00 per annum |
| Each additional major fixture | \$92.00 per annum  |
- Class 2 State and Local Government properties of a commercial nature:**
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|--|---------------------------|
|  | \$1,212.00 per Connection |
|--|---------------------------|
- (6) **Imposing Service Charge – Gardiner Street power – The non-residential and residential properties that benefited directly from the upgrade to the power supply in Gardiner Street in 2006/2007 pay the following annual charge:**
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|-----------------|----------|
| Non-Residential | \$339.32 |
| Residential     | \$169.66 |
- (7) **Rubbish Removal Charges (per annum) – be set at;**
- (i) **Residential – Non-pensioner \$345 per 240-litre bin (weekly) & recycling bin (fortnightly)**
- (ii) **Residential– Pensioner \$258 per 240-litre bin (weekly) & recycling bin (fortnightly)**
- (iii) **Non-Residential \$345 per 240-litre bin (weekly)**
- (8) **Incentive for Early Payment of Rates – Council is offering a \$500 cash prize to ratepayers who pay their 2014/15 rates, rubbish charges and arrears in full within 21 days from the issue date of the rate notice;**

- (9) Instalment Plan – The following options be made available to ratepayers:-**
- a. To pay in full within 35 days of service of the rates notice.**
  - b. To pay by 2 equal instalments as under.**
    - (i) 50% of the rates within 35 days**
    - (ii) 50% of the rates within 2 months of (i)**
  - c. To pay by 4 equal instalments as under.**
    - (i) 25% of the rates within 35 days**
    - (ii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (i)**
    - (iii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (ii)**
    - (iii) 25% of the rates within 2 months of (iii) being 6 months from the expiration of the initial 35 day period and 6 months and 35 days from the date of service of the notice.**
- (10) Instalment Plan Interest Rate – a charge be set at 5.5% per annum calculated by simple interest method and applied to Rates and Rubbish Removal Charge;**
- (11) Instalment Plan Administration Charge – a charge of \$6.50 per instalment excluding the first instalment and applied to Rates and Rubbish Removal Charge;**
- (12) Late Payment Interest Rate – (Rates and Rubbish Removal Charge) - a charge be set at 11% per annum, calculated by simple interest method, be applied for instalments past the due date, or where the instalment option is not in place, 35 days after the date of issue of the rate notice;**
- (13) Late Payment Interest Rate – (Sundry Debtors Charges) - a charge be set at 11% per annum, calculated by simple interest method, be applied for outstanding sundry debtors past the due date, 30 days after the date of issue of the invoice;**
- (14) Reserve Accounts – Council confirms the names and purposes of its Reserve Accounts as listed within the 2014/2015 draft Budget:**
- (15) Materiality Threshold – that the materiality threshold for monthly financial reporting (Statement of Financial Activity – Program) be set at plus or minus 10% and greater than \$5,000 at Program and Category levels.**

## **5. CLOSURE OF MEETING**