



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
15 MAY 2020**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
SOUTHERN DOWNS REGIONAL COUNCIL HELD ON 15 MAY 2020
IN THE WARWICK TOWN HALL, PALMERIN STREET, WARWICK AT 2:00PM**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

1. ATTENDANCE

Present: Crs Pennisi (Chair), Bartley, Gale, Gliori, Gow, McDonald, McNally, Tancred and Windle

Officers: Jane Stroud (Acting Chief Executive Officer), Seren McKenzie (Director Infrastructure Services), Joanne Morris (Director Corporate and Community Services), Craig Magnussen (Acting Director Sustainable Development) and Marion Seymour (Minute Secretary)

2. APOLOGIES

Nil

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

4. EXECUTIVE SERVICES REPORTS

4.1 COVID-19 Economic Recovery

Resolution

Moved Cr S Windle

Seconded Cr M Giori

THAT Council release Stage 1 of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Package incorporating the following:

- Extend the payment period for water and sewerage levies issued in April 2020 up until the end of June 2020;
- Waive interest on overdue rates and charges calculated at 30 June 2020;
- Suspension of debt recovery activities for all outstanding rates and charges;
- Refund of fees and charges for forward bookings for community events which were cancelled as a result of COVID-19;
- Waiving of fees for temporary event permits up until 31 December 2020;
- Suspension of charging of interest on outstanding rates and charges;
- Extension of the period of time that can be entered into for existing payment arrangements;
- Accelerate the processing of payment of all invoices, wherever possible meeting a fourteen day timeframe;
- Waiving of food license fees for 2020/2021;
- 50% reduction in all development assessment fees for any new applications, extensions to existing applications and operational works applications fees for 2020/2021;
- Moratorium on the application of the Invasive Pest Control levy for 2020/21;
- Refocus the community grants program on COVID-19 recovery actions arising from the recovery plan for 2020/21;
- Waive the rental accommodation license fees and caravan park permit fees for 2020/2021.

Carried

MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2:20pm