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COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP)

RADIO

Radio Advertising with 2NM.

Upper Hunter Shire Council has adopted major new plan, outlining council's priorities over the next 10 years. The Com...
By Newsreader

2NM, Muswellbrook, 12:00 Local News at 12:05 5 Jul 2017 12:05 PM

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Market: NSW
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ITEM HISTORY

Upper Hunter Shire Council has adopted major new plan, outlining council's priorities over the next 10 years. The Com...
By Stephen Genatiempo

2NM, Muswellbrook, 06:35 Local News at 06:34 5 Jul 2017 6:34 AM

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RADIO

Radio Advertising with ABC

Program Preview: - Interview with one of the popular didgeridoo players in the region. - Murrurundi activities. - Intervie...
By Mike Pritchard


ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, Breakfast at 06:35 6 Jul 2017 6:25 AM

Program Preview:
- Interview with one of the popular didgeridoo players in the region.
- Murrurundi activities.
- Interview with Upper Hunter Shire mayor Wayne Bedggood.
- Details on Muswellbrook's plans on National Tree Day.
- Details on a new way to get the message out in rugby league.
- Regular Segment: The Agenda

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Item ID: X00070976928
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ASR: 170 AUD
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Market: NSW
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Type: AM Radio

SOCIAL MEDIA

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Upper Hunter Shire Council added an event.
12 December 2016 · 🌐

Councillors and staff will be asking people to share their views on what should be achieved in the Shire over the next ten years as part of our Community Strategic Plan 2027 consultations.



DEC 16 Community consultation pop up
Fri 17:00 · Merriwa Royal Hotel · Merriwa, NSW
You like Upper Hunter Shire Council

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Hunter Shire shared a post to the group: Aberdeen Community Notice Board.
2 May 2017 · 🌐

You are invited to a public meeting on plans for the future - Monday 8 May 2017, 6.00pm, Community Hall, Aberdeen

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Published by Hunter Shire (7) · 2 May 2017 · 🌐

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Upper Hunter Shire Council shared a link
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 4 July 2017 ·



New plans and prices in place - Upper Hunter Shire Council
The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027 provides a road map of what is important to the Upper Hunter Shire community and where it wants to be in ten...

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Upper Hunter Shire Council
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 18 November 2016 ·

Council will be popping up at community events over the next six months, asking residents about their vision for the Shire's future. The first 'pop up' consultation will be at Touch Football in Murrurundi from next Thursday, followed by Scone Touch Football the next week.



Pop up consultations for ten year plan - have your say - Upper Hunter Shire Council
Upper Hunter Shire Council is a local government authority and provides an extensive array of...

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28 February 2017 ·

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Write a comment...

Upper Hunter Shire Council
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 28 February 2017 ·

There are still many opportunities to have your say in person or online.



Have your say on 10 year plan - Upper Hunter Shire Council
Over 750 people have already shared their views on the future of the Upper Hunter Shire, to help in creating the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027.

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1,714 people reached

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1 Comment, 2 Shares

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Upper Hunter Shire Council
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 8 May 2017 ·

ABERDEEN, have your say on Council plans at a community meeting tonight, Monday 8 May 2017, 6.00pm, Community Hall, Aberdeen

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Have your say on Council plans - Upper Hunter Shire Council

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Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 18 May 2017 ·

Cr Ron Campbell talks about the recent Score Cup, Council's Community Strategic Plan and Budget, Murrurundi flying-foxes, and the Merriwa Festival of the Fleeces in the Shire Notes this week.



Another great weekend of entertainment

ANOTHER great weekend of racing and entertainment with large crowds at this premier event.


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Upper Hunter Shire Council
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 5 May 2017 ·

Cr Lorna Driscoll praises upgrade of Merriwa to Willow Tree Road, talks about Council's plans for the future and ANZAC Day in Aberdeen in the Shire Notes this week.



Funding a major project for the region

THIS week work started on the much-needed upgrade of the Merriwa to Willow Tree Road (MR 358).

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Pop up at the Cassilis Community Christmas Party where Councillors and Council staff will be asking your vision for the next 10 years, to create the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027.



DEC 3 Cassilis: Have your say on the shire's f...
Sat 17:00 · Cassilis, NSW
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Upper Hunter Shire Council shared their event. Published by Hunter Shire [X] · 2 December 2016 · 🌐

Look for Council staff at the Cassilis Community Christmas Party tomorrow, Saturday 3 December from 5.00pm.



DEC 3 Cassilis: Have your say on the shire's f...
Sat 17:00 · Cassilis, NSW
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110 people reached

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Upper Hunter Shire Council added an event. 28 November 2016 · 🌐

Pop up at Scone Touch-football where Councillors and Council staff will be asking your vision for the next 10 years, to create the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027.



DEC 1 Have your say on the Shire's future.
Thurs 16:30 · Billrose Complex · Scone, NSW
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Upper Hunter Shire Council
Published by Hunter Shire [1] · 2 December 2016 ·

Mayor Wayne Bedggood enthuses about pop ups to hear people's views on the Shire's future and repairs on Allan Bridge.



Shire notes: major repairs in store for bridge
How incredibly quick time has gone by.
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550 people reached **Boost Post**

2 1 Comment

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Upper Hunter Shire Council
Published by Hunter Shire [1] · 9 May 2017 ·

MERRIWA, have your say on Council plans at a community meeting tonight, Tuesday 9 May 2017, 6.00pm, School of Arts, Merriwa. Read the documents online (click below), in Council offices, or attend a public meeting.

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Published by Hunter Shire [1] · 16 May 2017 ·

MURRURUNDI, have your say on Council plans at a community meeting tonight, Tuesday 16 May 2017, 6.00pm, CWA Rooms, Murrurundi. Read the documents online (click below), in Council offices, or attend a public meeting.

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Upper Hunter Shire Council
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 15 May 2017 ·

SCONE, have your say on Council plans at a community meeting tonight, Monday 15 May 2017, 6.00pm, Council Chamber, Scone

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Upper Hunter Shire Council shared their album: Visions for 2027 popping up
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 28 November 2016 ·

Come along to the next pop up 4.30pm, Thursday 1 December 2016 at Bill Rose Sports Complex and have your say.



Upper Hunter Shire Council added 9 new photos from November 2016 to the album Visions for 2027 popping up — in Murrumbidgee.
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · November 2016 ·

Thanks to Murrumbidgee Touch Football for letting Council pop up for the first Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027 consultation. Councilors and Council staff will...
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Upper Hunter Shire Council shared their album: Pop up at Scone Footy
Published by Hunter Shire (1) · 2 December 2016 ·

Thanks to everyone who took some time to fill in our CSP survey at Scone Touch-football



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Published by Hunter Shire (1) · December 2016 ·

Over 230 people shared their vision for the future of the Upper Hunter Shire at a pop up community consultation at Scone Touch Football last night (1 December 2...
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PUBLIC MEETING DATES ARE LISTED BELOW.

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MAY MEETING SCHEDULE

Delivery Program and Operation Plan Meeting – Aberdeen, Monday 8 May 2017, 6.00pm – Aberdeen Community Hall

Development & Environmental Services Committee, Tuesday 9 May 2017, 10.00am

Infrastructure Services Committee, Tuesday 9 May 2017, 1.00pm

Community Services Committee, Tuesday 9 May 2017, 4.00pm

Delivery Program and Operation Plan Meeting – Merriwa, Tuesday 9 May 2017, 6.00pm – Merriwa School of Arts

Delivery Program and Operation Plan Meeting – Scone, Monday 15 May 2017, 6.00pm, Scone Council Chambers

Delivery Program and Operation Plan Meeting – Murrurundi, Tuesday 16 May 2017, 6.00pm – Murrurundi CWA Rooms

Finance Committee, Wednesday 24 May 2017, 8.30am

Ordinary Council Meeting, Monday 29 May 2017, 5.00pm

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Have Your Say Upper Hunter Shire!

What are the Community priorities for the next 10 years?

What do you like about the Upper Hunter Shire?

What are the improvements you would like to see across the Upper Hunter Shire?

Look for us at the Scone Touch Football at Bill Rose Sports Complex from 4.30pm to 7.30pm on Thursday 1 December 2016.
We will also be at Cassilis Community Christmas Party from 5.00pm on Saturday 3 December 2016.
Please lookout for more Pop-up engagements coming soon in 2016 and 2017.

Tell us what you want for the Upper Hunter Shire and what you think the priorities should be.
You can register now on Council's website upperhunter.nsw.gov.au to participate in upcoming activities and to have your say online. Alternatively contact Council on 6540 1100 or email mcurtis@upperhunter.nsw.au.

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Merriwa

**LOOK FOR COUNCIL STAFF
AT THE ROYAL HOTEL, MERRIWA ON
FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER FROM 5.00PM**

**Tell us what you want for the
Upper Hunter Shire and what you think the
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Merriwa

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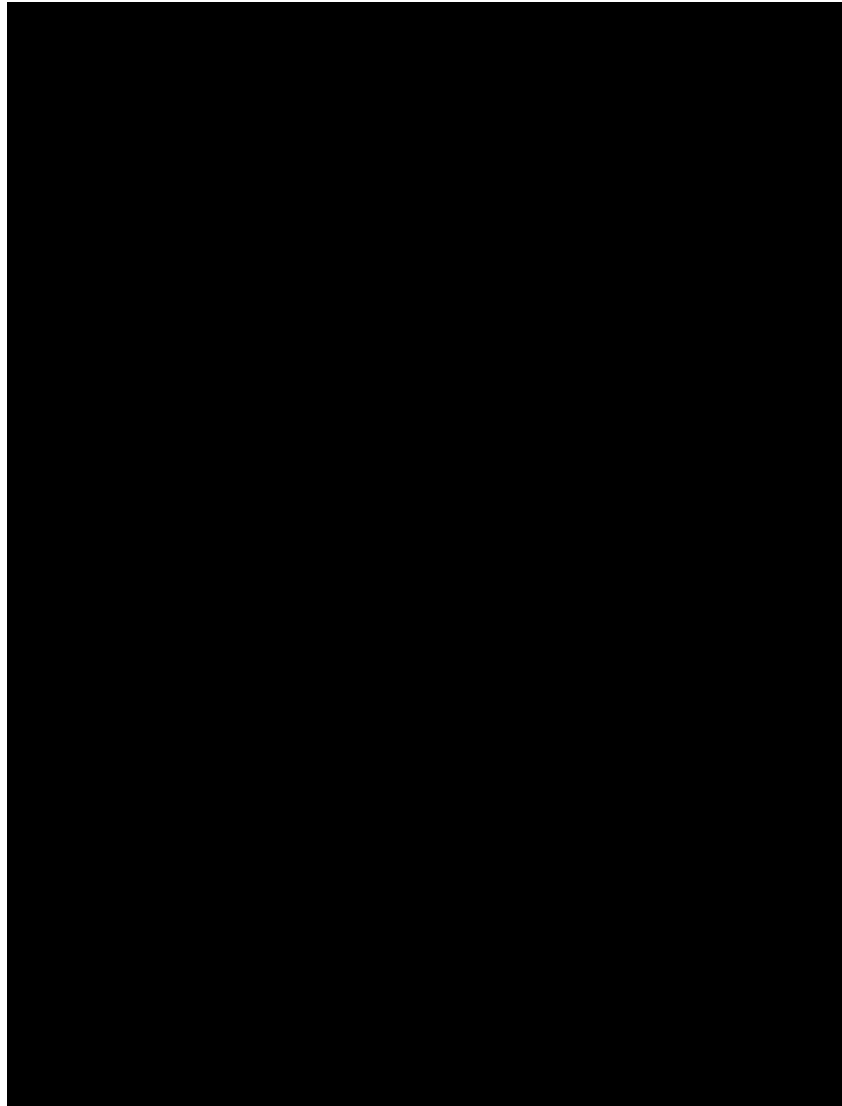
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TENDER 09/2017
DETAIL DESIGN AND RECONSTRUCTION - SCONE GOLF COURSE

Tenders are invited from appropriate & qualified contractors for the detail design and reconstruction of the Scone Golf Course.
 Tender documents are available through Tenderlink www2.tenderlink.com/tenders/council/new/southwest/. Tenders close at 11:00am on Friday 2 June 2017.
 Wlad Crockett, GENERAL MANAGER

TENDER NO. 10/2017
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - SUPPLY OF SERVICES

Expressions of interest (EOI) are invited from contractors for inclusion in a preferred supplier list to be developed by Upper Hunter Shire Council. The term of the Tender is 2 years commencing 1/07/2017.

Services include, but not limited to:
 Electrical works, plumbing works including licensed plumbing, irrigation, pipe laying, pipe jetting, concreting works, concrete cutting and screening, sunny and shade, environmental assessment, project management, green waste shredding, fire trimming, building, pair 'sing, site fabrication and setting, service locations and road price pricing.
 EOI should be in accordance with the specification available from Council's website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
 All enquiries relating to the Tender should be directed to Belinda Oltmann on 02 6540 1104 or via email belinda@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
 Expressions of interest close at 2:00pm on Thursday 1 June 2017. Lowest or any EOI not necessarily accepted.
 Wlad Crockett, GENERAL MANAGER

TENDER 11/2017
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - HIRE OF PLANT

Tenders are invited from appropriately qualified contractors for the supply of Hirec Plant, Trucks and Small Plant and Equipment in accordance with the specification contained within Upper Hunter Shire Council's tender documents. The term of the Tender is 2 years commencing 1 July 2017.

Tender documents are available from Council's website on www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or email council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au
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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 - NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received the following development applications which may be inspected during office hours until 4:30pm Thursday 18 May 2017.

DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
20/2017	Casson Planning & Development Services	Lot 8 DP 823658, Kars Store @ Boat, Scone	Modification to staging of subdivision
05/2017	Hunter Belie Cheddar	Lot 1 DP 792686, 44 Courmayeur Street, Scone	Storage shed
06/2017	M P Leven	Lot 50 DP 260048, 117 Clemons Street, Scone (near)	Carport
07/2017	Casson Planning & Development Services	Lot 1 DP 100056 & Lot 1 DP 1027497, 77 Main Street, Scone	Demolition of existing buildings and construction of storage shed

Comments or objections are invited from any affected person in regard to the proposals. All submissions must be submitted to the General Manager in writing within the inspection period above. Reasons for objection must be specified.

Note: Certain complying developments & those complying with Council's Development Control Plan for Public Notification & Advertising are not advertised nor are adjoining/affected landowners notified.

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LOOK FOR COUNCIL STAFF AT CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK, SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER FROM 4.00PM AT ELIZABETH PARK, SCONE

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DRAFT COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP) 2027
DRAFT DELIVERY PROGRAM 2017/2018 - 2020/2021 AND OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017/2018

The CSP 2027 is Council's overarching Strategy document and provides a road map of what is important to the Community and where it wants to be in 10 years. The Delivery Program is where the directions and strategies in the CSP 2027 are translated into actions to be undertaken during the 4 years. The Operational Plan allocates responsibility and provides a detailed budget for the financial year.

At the Monday 24 April 2017 Council Meeting, the Draft CSP 2027, Draft Delivery Program 2017/2018-2020/2021 and Operational Plan 2017/2018 were endorsed for Public Exhibition. **Public Exhibition Period: Thursday 27 April 2017 to Friday 26 May 2017**

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

- Monday 8 May 2017, 6:00pm, Community Hall, Aberdeen
- Tuesday 9 May 2017, 6:00pm, School of Arts, Merriwa
- Tuesday 15 May 2017, 6:00pm, Council Chamber, Scone
- Wednesday 16 May, 6:00pm, CWA Rooms, Murrumbidgee

Council will also provide additional opportunities for the Community to provide feedback through pop-up coffee breaks during exhibition and these will be advertised separately.

Submissions to the Plans can be provided at a public meeting, in person at Council offices, by phone on 6540 1100, online at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, by email council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, by post or fax by Friday 26 May 2017.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Council has received the following development applications which may be inspected during office hours until 4:30pm Thursday 11 May 2017. Comments or objections are invited from any affected person in regard to the proposals. All submissions must be submitted to the General Manager in writing within the inspection period above. Reasons for objection must be specified.

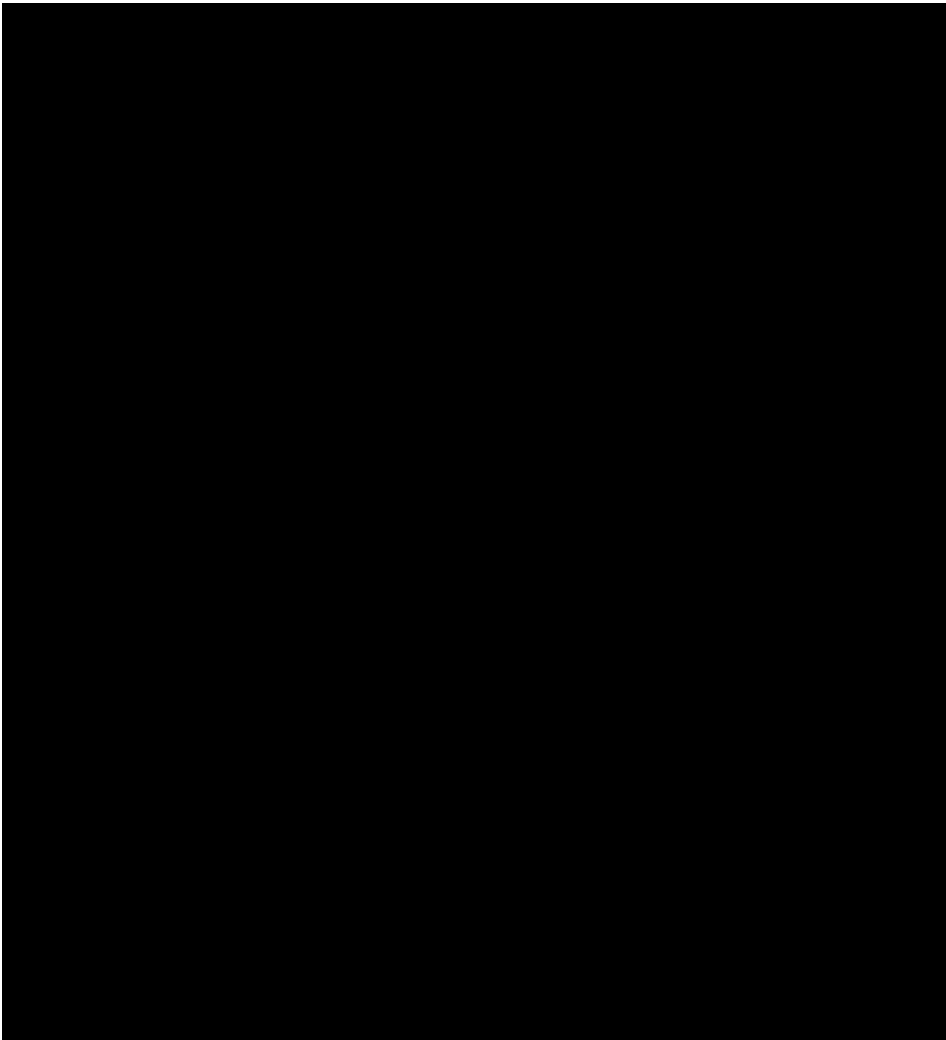
DA NO.	APPLICANT	LOCATION	PROPOSAL
53/2017	Mr GJ Pogson	Lot 1 DP 163150, 123 Susan Street Scone	Demolition of garage and construction of carport

Note: Certain complying developments & those complying with Council's Development Control Plan for Public Notification & Advertising are not advertised nor are adjoining/affected landowners notified.

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NEWSPAPER

Advertising via Scone Advocate



Upper Hunter Shire Council planning for 2027, the next four years and tomorrow

The Scone Advocate 5 Jul 2017 1:13 PM

UPPER Hunter Shire Council has adopted major new plans outlining council's priorities over the next 10 years.
The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027 provides a road map of what is important to the Upper Hunter Shire community and where it wants to be ...

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MEDIA RELEASE

MEDIA RELEASE - 31 January 2018



It's About Time: The Council's Environmental Efforts

Residents across the Upper Hunter Shire are seeing the results of Council's efforts in environmental sustainability and management with significant increases in satisfaction in the biennial Community Satisfaction Survey.

The results of the survey show that there has been significant increases in residents' level of satisfaction for services and facilities provided by Council. These include:

- Public Health and Compliance
- Managing residential development
- Stormwater drainage
- Weed control
- Consideration of environmental sustainability when planning for the future
- Protecting heritage values and buildings
- Water and sewerage systems
- Tip operations
- Recycling
- Town centre maintenance

Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Wayne Bedggood is pleased Council's environmental efforts are being recognised.

"Council has been working hard to improve our environmental responsibility and it is pleasing to see that the community are seeing the results of this. Council has recently completed a Manager of Sustainability and Environment so hopefully residents will continue to see improvements in this area," Cr Bedggood said.

Residents' level of satisfaction declined in four out of the 15 services and facilities provided by Council, which included event promotion and management, equine facilities, services and facilities for people with disabilities, and museum and historical services.

"Council developed a new Community Strategic Plan in 2017 which has key goals to improve the Community Life and Economy & Infrastructure of the Upper Hunter Shire. It is our hope that this decline will turn around in future surveys with some of the projects in this Plan," Cr Bedggood explained.

The Community Survey was undertaken in November 2017 by independent consultants, Meridian Research. Over 900 local residents were chosen at random to participate in the phone survey and the results were presented at this week's Council meeting. Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Wayne Bedggood said the results were welcomed by the Council and would guide future planning.


"It is important for the community to provide feedback on Council's performance and priorities to ensure continuous improvement," Cr Bedggood said.

For further comment: Mayor Wayne Bedggood P: 0419 226 551
For further information: Upper Hunter Shire Council P: 6540 1100

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MEDIA RELEASE

30 January 2017



CSP 2027 - Have your say

More opportunities to have a say on the future of the Upper Hunter Shire are popping up in coming weeks. Upper Hunter Shire Council staff and Councillors are seeking residents' views in order to create the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027.

Upcoming pop up consultations include:

- Merriwa Touch Football from 5.30pm, Wednesday 1 February 2017
- Aberdeen Football Club, Girls Tackle at McKinnon Field from 6pm, Friday 3 February 2017
- Belltrees Cricket Day, Saturday 18 February 2016
- Merriwa District Progress Association Meeting (open to the public) at Merriwa RSL from 6pm, Wednesday 22 February

Over 500 people have already given their views face-to-face as part of the CSP 2027. People can also fill in a survey at Council offices or give their views online at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/do-it-online/say-it/community-strategic-plan-2027-submissions

Mayor Wayne Bedggood said Council wanted to hear from as many people as possible of all ages, background and interests.

"Going out to where people are, rather than asking them to come to a meeting and presentation, is working well," he said.

"Hundreds of residents of all ages have already shared their views on the Shire – what they liked, didn't like, what changes they wanted and what they hoped for the future.

"The response from school children was exceptional and we heard their views on what they want in their area.

"From the feedback so far, improving sports facilities, roads and job opportunities for young people, are some of the popular themes emerging."

Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR

For further comment: Mayor Wayne Bedggood 0419 226 551

MEDIA RELEASE



MEDIA RELEASE
24 October 2016



Get involved in the ten year community plan

Upper Hunter Shire Council has commenced the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027, a review of its 10 year strategic plan. Council is launching a six month intensive community engagement to help initiate and progress the review of the CSP 2027.

Council is required to be working within the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IP&R) requirements, which places a greater emphasis on longer term planning and the preparation of a 10 year Community Strategic Plan every four years.

Mayor Wayne Bedggood said the Community Strategic Plan 2027 is the highest level plan that Council will prepare and encouraged the community to get involved.

"The purpose is to identify the community's main priorities," he said.

"It is a shared vision of what the Upper Hunter Shire community aspires to for the next 10 years.

"This opens the way for Council and the community to discuss funding priorities, service levels and local identity and to plan in partnership.

"Community engagement is critical to help frame the conversation, set direction and to identify what issues need to be explored."

In 2013 and 2015 Council conducted Community Research prepared by Micromex Research as part of the Community Engagement for the CSP 2027. Those results will be used as the basis of discussions with the community about the priorities for the Upper Hunter Shire.

"The results of Community Research to date is that Council needs an increased focus on engaging the hard-to-reach groups, including individuals aged 25 to 49 years and people living in villages and rural areas," Cr Bedggood said.

"Council is changing our engagement focus to encourage greater participation from these hard-to-reach groups.

"Council will be going out into the Community and using a variety of methods to start conversations about what the community wants for the Upper Hunter Shire.


"The community will be provided with many ways to get involved, including online and face-to-face options and we want to speak with as many people as possible of all ages, background and interests."

More details about Upper Hunter Shire CSP 2027 will be available soon. You can register now on Council's website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au to participate in upcoming activities and to have your say online or in person at one of our events.


Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR

For further comment: Mayor Wayne Bedggood 0419 226 551
Waid Crockett, Manager Upper Hunter Shire Council (02) 6540 1126

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MEDIA RELEASE - 8 November 2017



UPPER HUNTER RESIDENTS TO GET BACK TO WORK

Upper Hunter Shire residents will have the opportunity to have their say on Council's priorities and performance when survey consultants Micromex conduct phone surveys of local residents during November.

Micromex will be conducting anonymous surveys of local residents on behalf of Council commencing 13 November 2017 to find out what is important to the community and how well Council is performing across all services.

Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Wayne Bedggood explained how important it is for the community to provide feedback on Council's performance and priorities to ensure continuous improvement.

"Council has just completed the new Community Strategic Plan which will guide activities for the next four years, this survey will provide a benchmark for this plan and identify key areas for improvement." Cr Bedggood said.

"Council is always striving to improve the services and facilities we provide to residents. The community has already established where it would like us to focus our efforts over the next four years so it is important to get feedback from the community on where we are at now so we can ensure we are making improvements."

The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete and participants will be randomly selected from across the Shire. The survey will remain completely anonymous and Council will only receive a presentation on the results of the survey. Individual participants will not be identified.


If you have any questions regarding the survey please contact Council on 6540 1100.

Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR

For further comment: Mayor Wayne Bedggood P: 0419 226 551
For further information: Upper Hunter Shire Council P: 6540 1100

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MEDIA RELEASE

28 November 2016

Visions for 2027 popping up

The first of the pop up community consultations around Upper Hunter Shire Council's 10-year plan was held last week (24 November 2016) at Murrurundi Touch Football.

Councillors and Council staff will be popping up at many community events over the next six months, asking residents about their vision for the Shire's future to create the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027.

Mayor Wayne Bedggood said the first pop up was a success and he was looking forward to the next one at Scone Touch Football on Thursday (1 December 2016).

"Over 60 residents of all ages shared their views on the Shire – what they liked, what changes they wanted and what they hoped for the future," Cr Bedggood said.

"We engaged people we would not normally have the opportunity to meet and that would not normally not engage with us.

"The response from school children was exceptional and we heard their views on what they want in their area.


"Going out to where people are, rather than asking them to come see a meeting and presentation, is working well.

"The community will be provided with many ways to get involved, including online and face-to-face options and we want to speak with as many people as possible of all ages, background and interests," Cr Bedggood said.

Council will also be at the Cassilis Community Christmas Party from 5.00pm, Saturday 3 December 2016 and meeting with Upper Hunter Youth Council members at Merriwa Central School.

More pop up events will be announced soon.

You can express your views or register to hear about future events at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/do-it-online/say-it-community-strategic-plan-2027-submissions



Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR

Councillors James Burns, Joshua Brown and Kiwa Fisher were at Murrurundi Touch Football asking residents' views for the future of the Shire.

For further comment: Mayor Wayne Bedggood 0410 226 554

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MEDIA RELEASE - 4 July 2017

New plans and prices in place

Planning for 2027, the next four years and tomorrow

Upper Hunter Shire Council has adopted major new plans outlining Council's priorities over the next ten years. The Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027 provides a road map of what is important to the Upper Hunter Shire community and where it wants to be in ten years.

The Delivery Program 2017/2018-2020/2021 and Operational Plan 2017/2018 provides more details on what Council plans to do to achieve the CSP 2027 and how to fund it. These documents are Council's working guides and help ensure Council's decisions and activities are transparent to the community.

Mayor Wayne Bedggood said the new plans would be useful not only to Council but to anyone interested in their community.

"The development of the CSP 2027, Delivery Program and Operational Plan have been guided by Council, with community input. They belong to all of us and we each share the responsibility of making our community a better place for now and future generations," Cr Bedggood said.

Community research conducted in 2013 and 2015 was the starting point for the CSP 2027 discussions. Council committed to a new Community Engagement approach and spoke with almost 1000 people while out and about "popping up" all over the Shire for six months from late 2016. In addition to written submissions, this process identified Community Priorities and Community Strategies.

The Community Priorities are focused on enhancing and improving the environment, community infrastructure, open spaces, roads and bridges and the economy. There is also a focus on protecting the rural lifestyle and country feel of the Upper Hunter Shire, ensuring it remains quiet, safe and welcoming.

The plans are available at Council offices and online at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

The Delivery Program and Operational Plan also contains the updated fees and charges for 2017-2018. This covers fees for Council services such as waste collection and facilities such as room hire. It is available as a separate document on Council website.


Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR



GO THE MAVERICKS: Mayor Wayne Bedggood and Martin Wilson at Murrurundi Touch Football the first of dozens of 'pop up' community consultations to create the Upper Hunter Shire Council's Community Strategic Plan 2027.

For further comment: Mayor Wayne Bedggood 0410 226 554

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17 November 2016

Pop up consultations for ten year plan – have your say

Upper Hunter Shire Council will be popping up at community events over the next six months, asking residents about their vision for the Shire's future.

Every four years Council is required to review Upper Hunter Shire's 10-year plan and work has already started on the *Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027*

Mayor Wayne Bedgood said Councillors and staff had been busy planning the six month intensive consultation strategy around the CSP 2027.

"Councillors and Council staff are going out into the community, asking questions like, "What do you want for the Shire" and "What do you think the priorities should be?," Cr Bedgood said.

"Everyone is welcome to come along and have their say."

The first 'pop up' consultation will be at Touch Football in Murrurundi from 5.00pm to 8.00pm, Thursday 24 November 2016.

Council representatives will also be at Scone Touch Football at Bill Rose Sports Complex from 4.30pm to 7.30pm on Thursday 1 December 2016.

Cassilis Community Christmas Party from 5.00pm-10.00pm on Saturday 3 December will be another opportunity and Council will be popping in for the first half.

Consultation will be held with Upper Hunter Youth Council members at Merriwa Central School in November.


"The community will be provided with many ways to get involved, including online and to-face options and we want to speak with as many people as possible of all ages, background and interests," Cr Bedgood said.

More details about Upper Hunter Shire CSP 2027 will be available soon. You can register now on Council's website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au to participate in upcoming activities and to have your say online or in person at one of our events.

If you are holding a community event that might be an opportunity to consult about the CSP 2027, contact Council on 6540 1100 or email mcurtis@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Wayne Bedgood
MAYOR

For further comment:Mayor Wayne Bedgood 0410 226 554

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MEDIA RELEASE

2 December 2016

Have your say Upper Hunter Shire

Over 230 people shared their vision for the future of the Upper Hunter Shire at a pop up community consultation at Scone Touch Football last night (1 December 2016).

Upper Hunter Shire Council staff and Councillors will be popping up at more community events over coming months, to create the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027.


Upcoming pop up consultations include:

- Cassilis Community Christmas Party from 5pm, Saturday 3 December 2016
- Christmas in the Park at Elizabeth Park from 4pm, Saturday 10 December 2016
- The Royal Hotel, Merriwa from 5pm, Friday 17 December 2016

Pop ups in 2017 already planned include:

- Merriwa Touch Football from 5.30pm, Wednesday 1 February 2017
- Belltrees Cricket Day, Saturday 18 February 2016.

As well as giving their views at face-to face pop ups, people can fill in a survey at Council offices or give their views online at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/do-it-online/say-it/community-strategic-plan-2027-submissions



Mayor Wayne Bedgood said Council wanted to hear from as many people as possible of all ages, background and interests.

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"The response from school children was exceptional and we heard their views on what they want in their area.

"From the feedback so far, improving sports facilities, roads and job opportunities for young people, were some of the popular themes emerging."


Wayne Bedgood
MAYOR

For further comment:Mayor Wayne Bedgood 0410 226 554

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1 May 2017

Have your say on Council plans

Upper Hunter Shire Council has released major draft planning documents for community feedback: the draft Community Strategic Plan (CSP) 2027 and Draft Delivery Program 2017/2018 - 2020/2021 and Operational Plan 2017/2018.

The CSP 2027 is Council's overarching strategy document and provides a road map of what is important to the community and where it wants to be in ten years. The Delivery Program is where the directions and strategies in the CSP 2027 are translated into actions to be undertaken during the next four years. The Operational Plan allocates responsibility and provides a detailed budget for the upcoming financial year.

The documents can be downloaded from Council's website www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au or viewed at Council offices in Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone. There will also be presentations on the Plans which residents are invited to attend.

Public meetings:


- Monday 8 May 2017, 6.00pm, Community Hall, Aberdeen
- Tuesday 9 May 2017, 6.00pm, School of Arts, Merriwa
- Monday 15 May 2017, 6.00pm, Council Chamber, Scone
- Tuesday 16 May 2017, 6.00pm, CWA Rooms, Murrurundi

Submissions to the Plans can be provided at a public meeting, in person at Council offices, by phone on 6540 1100, online at www.upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, by email council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au, by post or fax by Friday 26 May 2017.

Council will also provide additional opportunities for the community to provide feedback through pop-up coffee breaks during exhibition and these will be advertised separately.

In creating the CSP 2027, Council has heard the feedback of around 1000 people in writing and in person at 'pop up' events, sharing their views on their priorities and aspirations for the future of the Shire.

Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR



Caption: Upper Hunter Shire Mayor Wayne Bedggood and Council's General Manager Waid Crockett met with Scone Ladies Probus to seek their views on the future of the Shire over the next decade.

For further comments: Mayor Wayne Bedggood 0440 326 554

MEDIA COVERAGE

1	Date	UHSC Media Release Title	Coverage from Media Release	Title of Article with hyperlink (if available)	Media Outlet	Date Published	Page Number	Section	Type of Coverage	Tone of Coverage
321	10-05-17	A ten year plan for investment in culture	Yes	Public feedback required	Scone Advocate	18-05-17		Local News	Editorial + Picture	Positive
322	10-05-17	A ten year plan for investment in culture	Yes	Investing in culture	Up Country Entertainer	18-05-17	5	Food & Wine	Editorial	Positive
323	10-05-17	A ten year plan for investment in culture	Yes	Investment in culture	Quirindi Advocate	24-05-17	4	News	Editorial	Positive
324	10-05-17	A ten year plan for investment in culture	Yes	Culture plan released for public views	Scone Advocate	08-06-17	7	News	Editorial	Positive

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77	30-01-17	CSP 2017 - Have your say	Yes	CSP 2017 - Have your say	Merriwa District Diary	03-02-17	12		Editorial	Positive

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292	01-05-17	Have your say on Council plans	Yes	Have your say on council plans	Scone Advocate	03-05-17		Local News	Editorial + Picture	Positive
293	01-05-17	Have your say on Council plans	Yes	Have your say on Council plans	Quirindi Advocate	10-05-17	11	News	Editorial	Positive
294	01-05-17	Have your say on Council plans	Yes	Have your say on council plans	Merriwa District Diary	12-05-17	6		Editorial + Picture	Positive

Date	UHSC Media Release Title	from Media Release	Title of Article with hyperlink (if available)	Media Outlet	Date Published	Page Number	Section	Type of Coverage	Tone of Coverage
2-12-2016	Have your say Upper Hunter Shire	Yes	Have your say Upper Hunter Shire	Up Country Entertainer	8-12-2016	1 & 2	What's On	Editorial + Picture	Positive
2-12-2016	Have your say Upper Hunter Shire	Yes	More pop ups on way	Scone Advocate	15-12-2016	6	News	Editorial	Positive

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499	20-11-17	Let's talk about rates, roads and revitalisation	Yes	Let's talk about rates, roads and revitalisation	Up Country Entertainer	23-11-17	4	Out & About	Editorial	Positive
	20-11-17	Let's talk about rates, roads and revitalisation	Yes	Let's talk about rates, roads and revitalisation	Merriwa District Diary	24-11-17	18		Editorial + Picture	Positive
500	20-11-17	Let's talk about rates, roads and revitalisation	Yes	Meet and greet on rates	Aberdeen Whisper	01-12-17	11		Editorial	Positive

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Date	UHSC Media Release Title	Coverage from Media Release	Title of Article with hyperlink (if available)	Media Outlet	Date Published	Page Number	Section	Type of Coverage	Tone of Coverage
17-11-2016	Pop up consultations for ten year plan - have your say	Yes	Visions for future	Scone Advocate	17-11-2016	2	News	Editorial	Positive
17-11-2016	Pop up consultations for ten year plan - have your say	Yes	Pop-up consultations	Up Country Entertainer	24-11-2016	4	Out & About	Editorial	Positive

1	Date	UHSC Media Release Title	Coverage from Media Release	Title of Article with hyperlink (if available)	Media Outlet	Date Published	Page Number	Section	Type of Coverage	Tone of Coverage
18	16-01-17	Revitalising our town centres	Yes	Have your say on town centre projects	Hunter Valley News	18-01-17	2	News	Editorial	Positive
19	16-01-17	Revitalising our town centres	Yes	Making plans a reality	Scone Advocate	19-01-17	4	News	Editorial + Picture	Positive
20	16-01-17	Revitalising our town centres	Yes	Revitalising our town centres - making plans a reality	Merriwa District Diary	20-01-17	12		Editorial + Picture	Positive
21	16-01-17	Revitalising our town centres	Yes	Making plans a reality	Up Country Entertainer	26-01-17	6	Leisure & Lifestyle	Editorial + Picture	Positive

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484	01-11-17	Rates, roads and revitalisation	Yes	Upper Hunter rates variation	Aberdeen Whisper	01-11-17	10		Editorial	Positive
485	01-11-17	Rates, roads and revitalisation	Yes	Rates, roads and revitalisation	Up Country Entertainer	09-11-17	6	Leisure & Lifestyle	Editorial + Picture	Positive
	01-11-17	Rates, roads and revitalisation	Yes	Rates, roads and revitalisation	Merriwa District Diary	10-11-17	19		Editorial	Positive

Date	UHSC Media Release Title	Coverage from Media Release	Title of Article with hyperlink (if available)	Media Outlet	Date Published	Page Number	Section	Type of Coverage	Tone of Coverage
28-11-2016	Visions for 2027 popping up	Yes	Visions for 2027 popping up	Up Country Entertainer	1-12-2016	7	Leisure & Lifestyle	Editorial + Picture	Positive
28-11-2016	Visions for 2027 popping up	Yes	Sharing vision on future	Scone Advocate	8-12-2016	10	Community News	Editorial + Picture	Positive

SPECIAL RATE VARIATION (SRV)


RADIO

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Upper Hunter Shire Council is asking residents for views on whether council should apply for a special rate variation fo...
By Newsreader

2NM, Muswellbrook, 12:00 Local News at 12:03 2 Nov 2017 12:03 PM

Upper Hunter Shire Council is asking residents for views on whether council should apply for a special rate variation for a three-year period in order to fund specific projects.



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ITEM HISTORY

The Upper Hunter Shire Council voted to apply for a special rate variation for a three-year period starting from 2018 to ...
By Newsreader

2NM, Muswellbrook, 12:00 Local News at 12:06 31 Jan 2018 12:06 PM

The Upper Hunter Shire Council voted to apply for a special rate variation for a three-year period starting from 2018 to 2019. The application will propose a permanent increase to general rate income and an SRV rate 6.3%. The Council will apply for a \$15m loan facility which will be repaid over 15 years if the application succeeds.



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ITEM HISTORY

The Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking public opinion on whether it should apply for a special rate variation within t...
By Newsreader

2NM, Muswellbrook, 08:35 Local News at 08:35 2 Nov 2017 8:35 AM

The Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking public opinion on whether it should apply for a special rate variation within three years for it to be able to fund projects on roads, community facilities and town improvements.



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By Newsreader

 2NM, Muswellbrook, 07:35 Local News at 07:35 2 Nov 2017 7:35 AM

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ITEM HISTORY

The Upper Hunter Shire Council applied for a special rate variation for a three-year period. It will increase a general rat...
By Jenna Crowther

 2NM, Muswellbrook, National Rural News at 12:06 31 Jan 2018 12:06 PM

The Upper Hunter Shire Council applied for a special rate variation for a three-year period. It will increase a general rate income. The other projects will be funded by SRV.




Item ID: X00073492118
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Upper Hunter Shire Council is asking residents for views on whether council should apply for a special rate variation fo...
By Stephen Cenatiempo

 2NM, Muswellbrook, 06:35 Local News at 06:34 2 Nov 2017 6:34 AM

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The Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking community feedback as it makes an application to the Independent Pricing ...
By Newsreader

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, 07:30 News at 07:33 1 Nov 2017 7:33 AM

The Upper Hunter Shire Council is seeking community feedback as it makes an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a special rate variation early next year. Mayor Wayne Bedgood says, it would fund a number of projects.

Item ID: X00072391450
Audience: N/A
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INTERVIEWEES
Wayne Bedgood, Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council

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Interview with Wade Crockett, general manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council. Crockett talks about the Council's projects...
By Mike Pritchard

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, Breakfast at 07:16 6 Dec 2017 7:16 AM

Interview with Wade Crockett, general manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council. Crockett talks about the Council's projects. He says they have been listening to the community and the projects they want are being listed to go through as part of this special rate variation. He notes that there's some positive feedback for a number of their projects. He says the Town Revitalisation programs will benefit from a rate rise. He mentions that each of the town have Town Revitalisation committees set up and they are starting to do works already. He talks about the Council purchasing an old Scone building. He also mentions that an equine facility is being developed and construction is on the way in the new year.

Item ID: X00072819118
Audience: N/A
ASR: 757 AUD
Location: Muswellbrook, Australia
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INTERVIEWEES
Wade Crockett, General Manager, Upper Hunter Shire Council

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Upper Hunter Shire Council will consider applying for a rate increase to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribun...
By Newsreader

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, 07:30 News at 07:32 6 Dec 2017 7:32 AM

Upper Hunter Shire Council will consider applying for a rate increase to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal next year. The special rate variation will help fund the town centre revitalisation projects, and General Manager Waid Crockett says, it is a strict process.

Item ID: X00072815609
Audience: N/A
ASR: 88 AUD
Location: Muswellbrook, Australia
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INTERVIEWEES
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News Headlines - Hunter Valley police are investigating after an armed robbery in Muswellbrook. - The union represent...
By Mike Pritchard

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, Breakfast at 07:11 1 Nov 2017 7:11 AM

News Headlines

- Hunter Valley police are investigating after an armed robbery in Muswellbrook.
- The union representing the Hunter's Catholic school teachers says most won't be at work tomorrow morning as part of their fight for their rights.
- The state's environmental watchdog has issued a \$30,000 fine after wastes from the Singleton Railway Station construction site was dumped at a property.
- Upper Hunter Shire Council is considering making an application to the NSW Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal for a special rate variation.
- Hundreds of people have gathered across the Hunter to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Beersheba.

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By Mike Pritchard

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, Breakfast at 06:43 1 Nov 2017 6:43 AM

Pre-recorded interview with Wayne Bedggood, Mayor, Upper Hunter. Bedggood says they are aiming for the community to have a special rate variation. He outlines the considerations of the council. He says even if the community is in-favour of a \$15m expenditure over the next few years, IPART would still disagree for a simple reason like not doing enough consultation. He says the process would be a complication because of the requirements of the state government. He says they will use the community engagement strategy to inform them. He says the Australia Day nominations will only be until November 8. He outlines the categories included.

INTERVIEWEES
Wayne Bedggood, Mayor, Upper Hunter

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Item ID: X00072996133
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ASR: 761 AUD
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By Mike Pritchard

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, Breakfast at 07:16 18 Oct 2017 7:16 AM

Pre-recorded interview with Upper Hunter Shire Council mayor Wayne Bedggood. Bedggood says they will have to raise water restrictions if the dry weather continues. He mentions the Centenary of Beersheba Day in Murrurundi. He talks about the charges at the Scone Pool noting that they have received complaints about it. He says they've got that one sorted out already. He encourages the listeners to visit their website and check out their upcoming activities. He talks about a special rate variation saying they are investigating on it and will follow what the community wants to do about it. He talks about the Scone bypass saying they ask for updates on it from the RMS. He thinks it is disappointing that they know as much about it as the media and the general public.

INTERVIEWEES
Wayne Bedggood, Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council

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By Mike Pritchard

ABC Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook, Breakfast at 07:16 22 Nov 2017 7:16 AM

Pre-recorded interview with Upper Hunter Shire Council mayor Wayne Bedggood. Pritchard says the Upper Hunter Shire Council is heading to meet community members about a number of issues and one of those is whether the Council should apply for a special rate variation. Bedggood encourages everyone to go to their website and see the list of project plans and proposals. He notes that they want as much feedback from everybody as possible. He notes that the feedback actually goes to the application. He talks about the feedback to the Merriwa Tennis Club and he wants to reassure the community in general that they do care and they haven't forgotten about them. He says there are grant officers who are working hard on these projects and Merriwa Tennis Club is next on the long line. He mentions that the Murrurundi Tennis Club, Parkville Tennis Club and Aberdeen Sports & Recreation Club have had tennis upgrades from grants. He talks about the local library game which encourages children to go and read books with them. He mentions that the Aurora Library Management Systems has come about due to the partnership between Upper Hunter Shire Council, Muswellbrook Shire Council and Singleton Council. He explains that this system is modernising libraries and is providing more resources. He also talks about the \$10 million that has been committed to the building of the new health facility in Murrurundi at a possible three locations including its current site.

INTERVIEWEES
Wayne Bedggood, Mayor, Upper Hunter Shire Council

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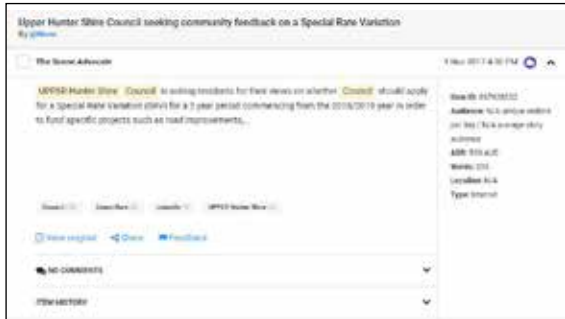
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HAVE YOUR SAY UPPER HUNTER SHIRE

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Look for Council at the pop-ups:

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A sixth pop-up will be announced.

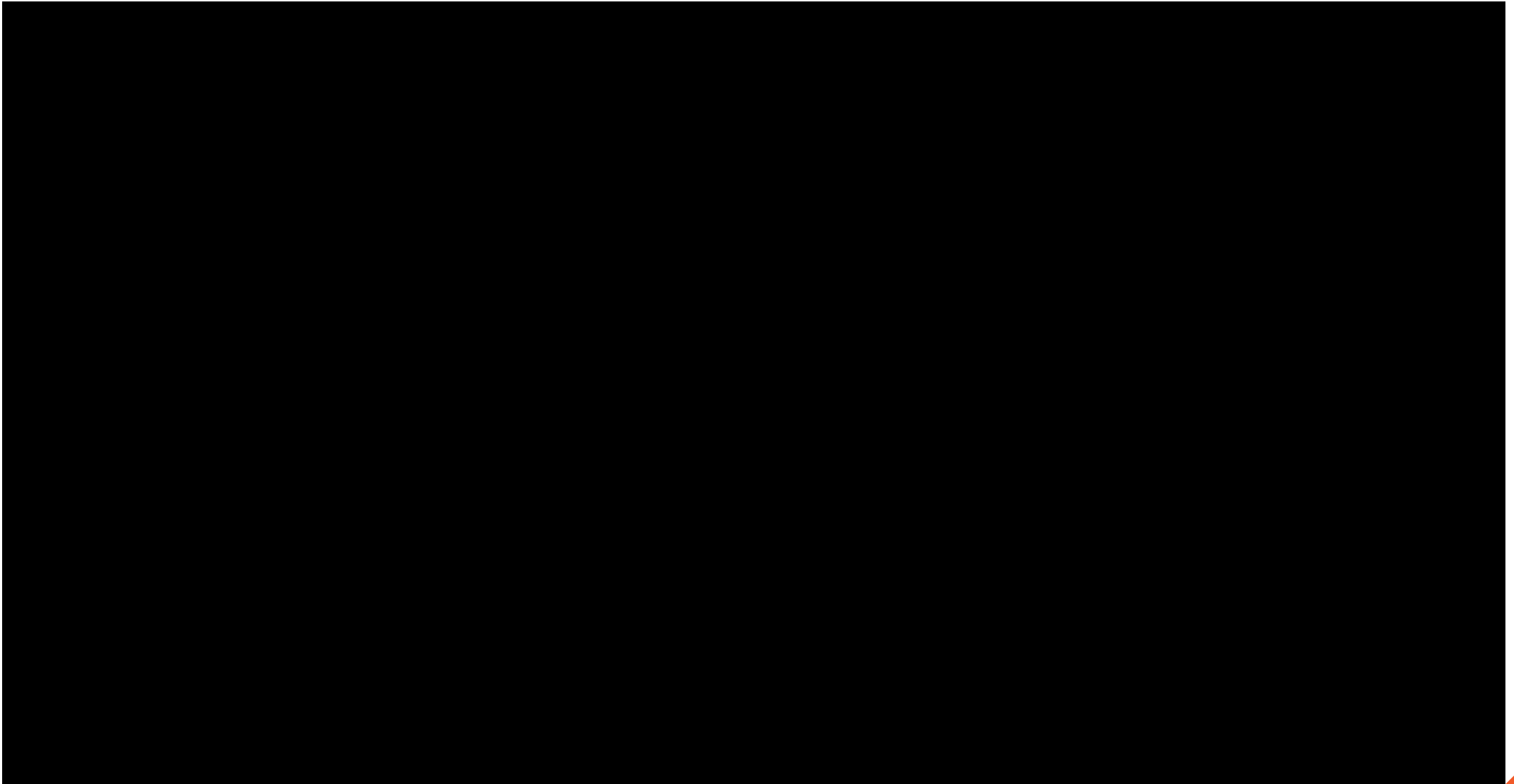
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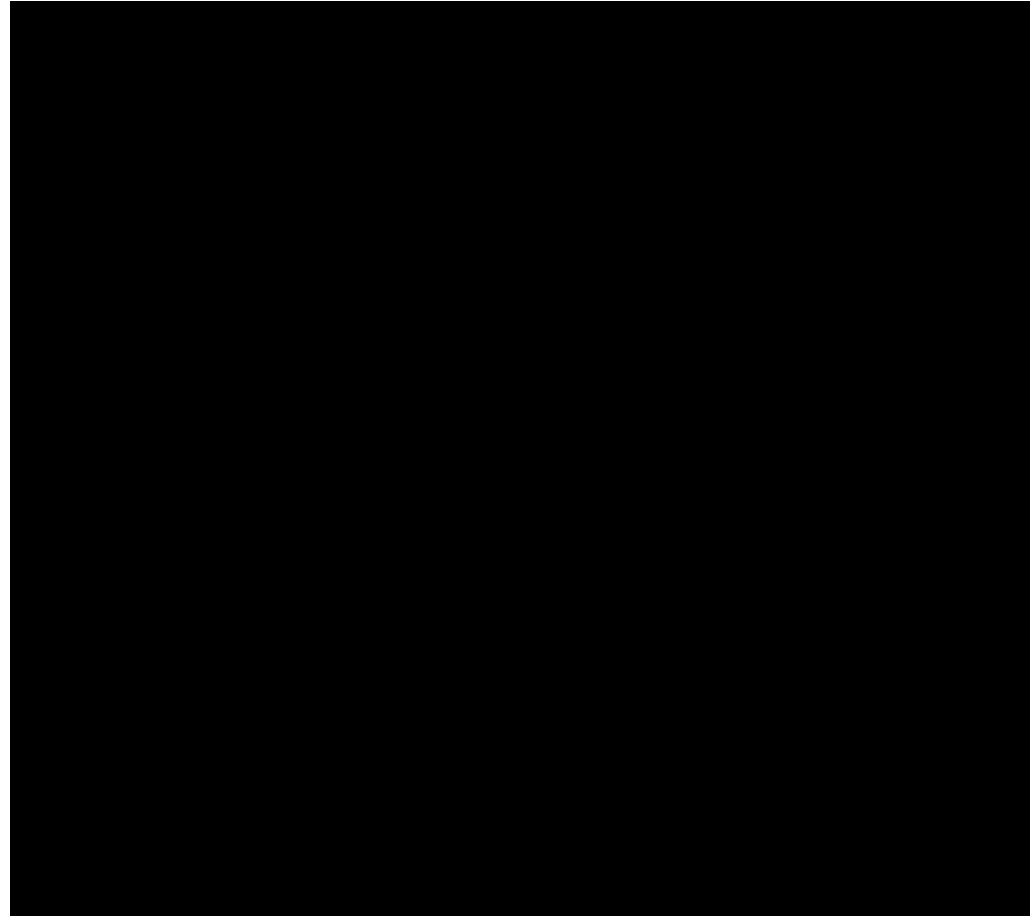
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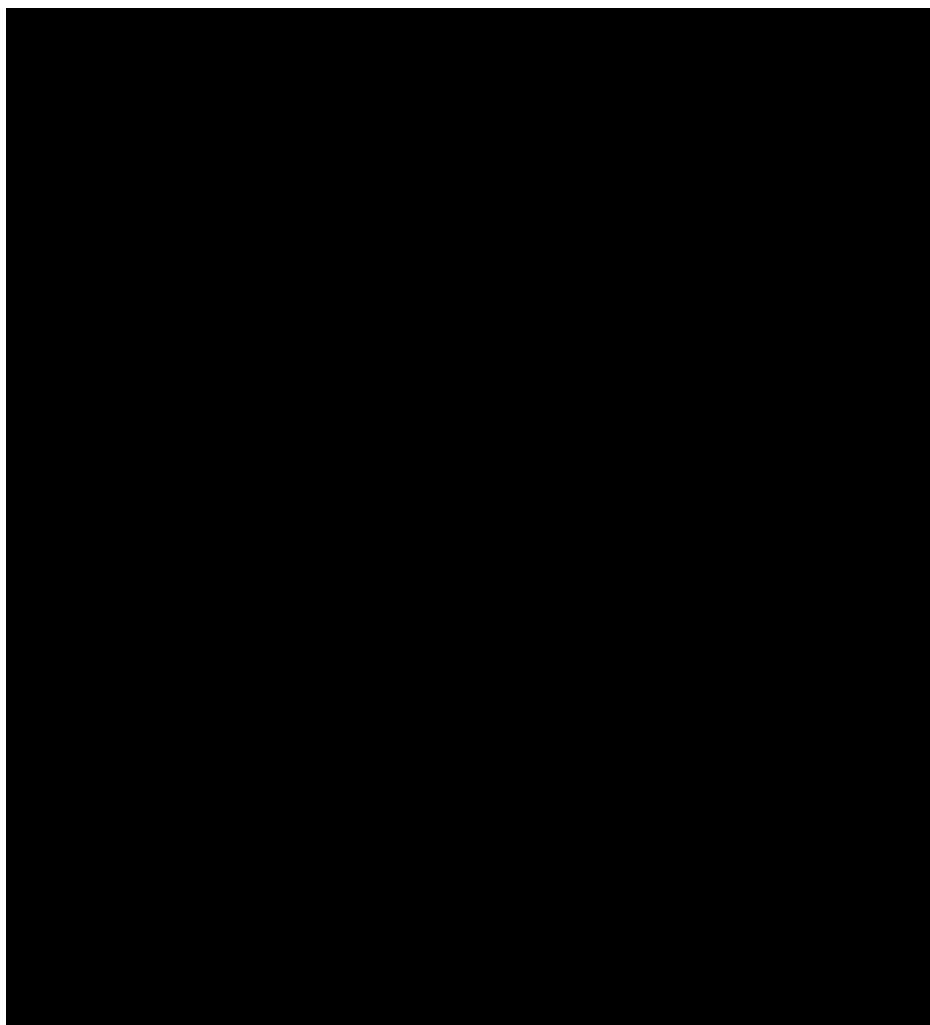
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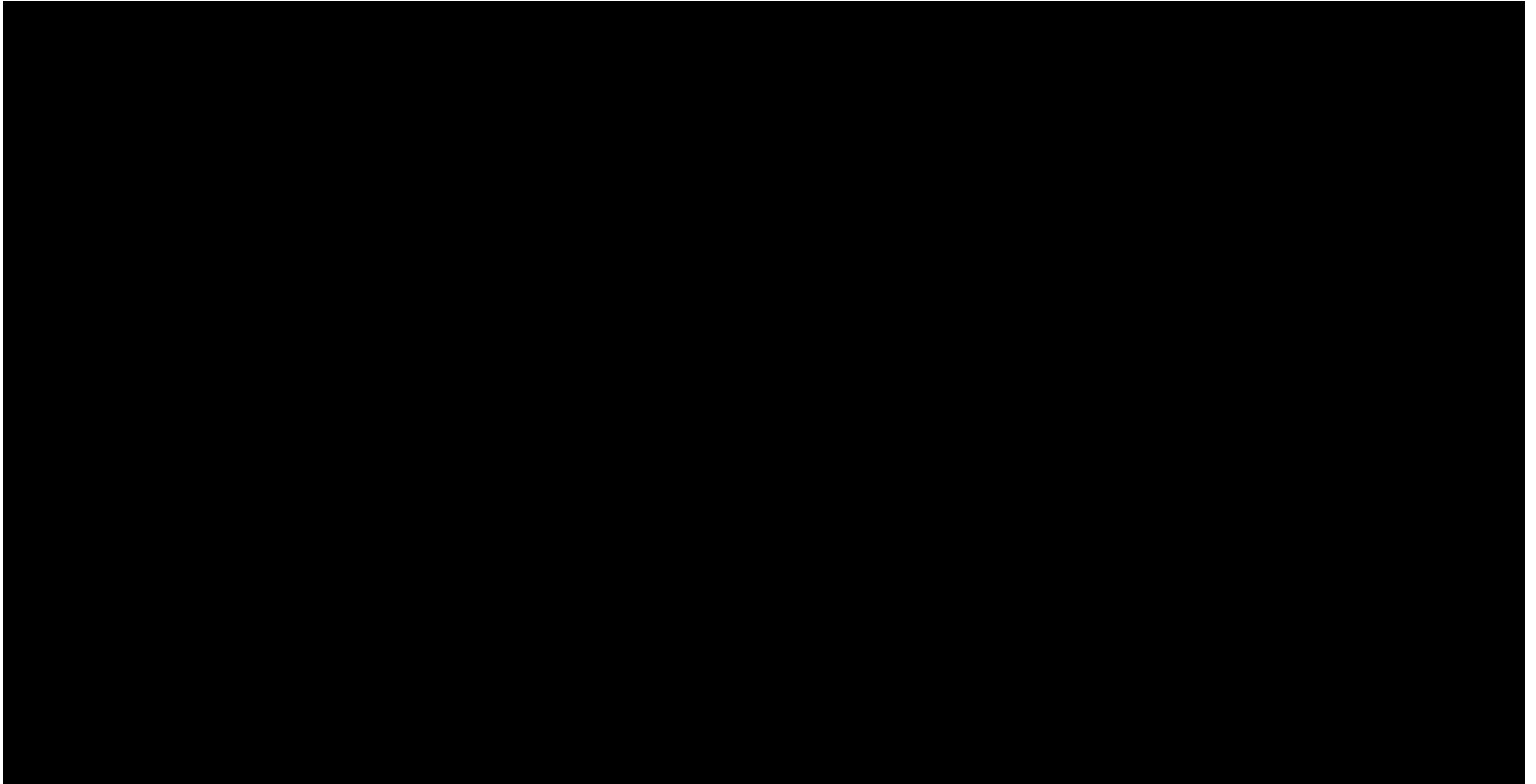
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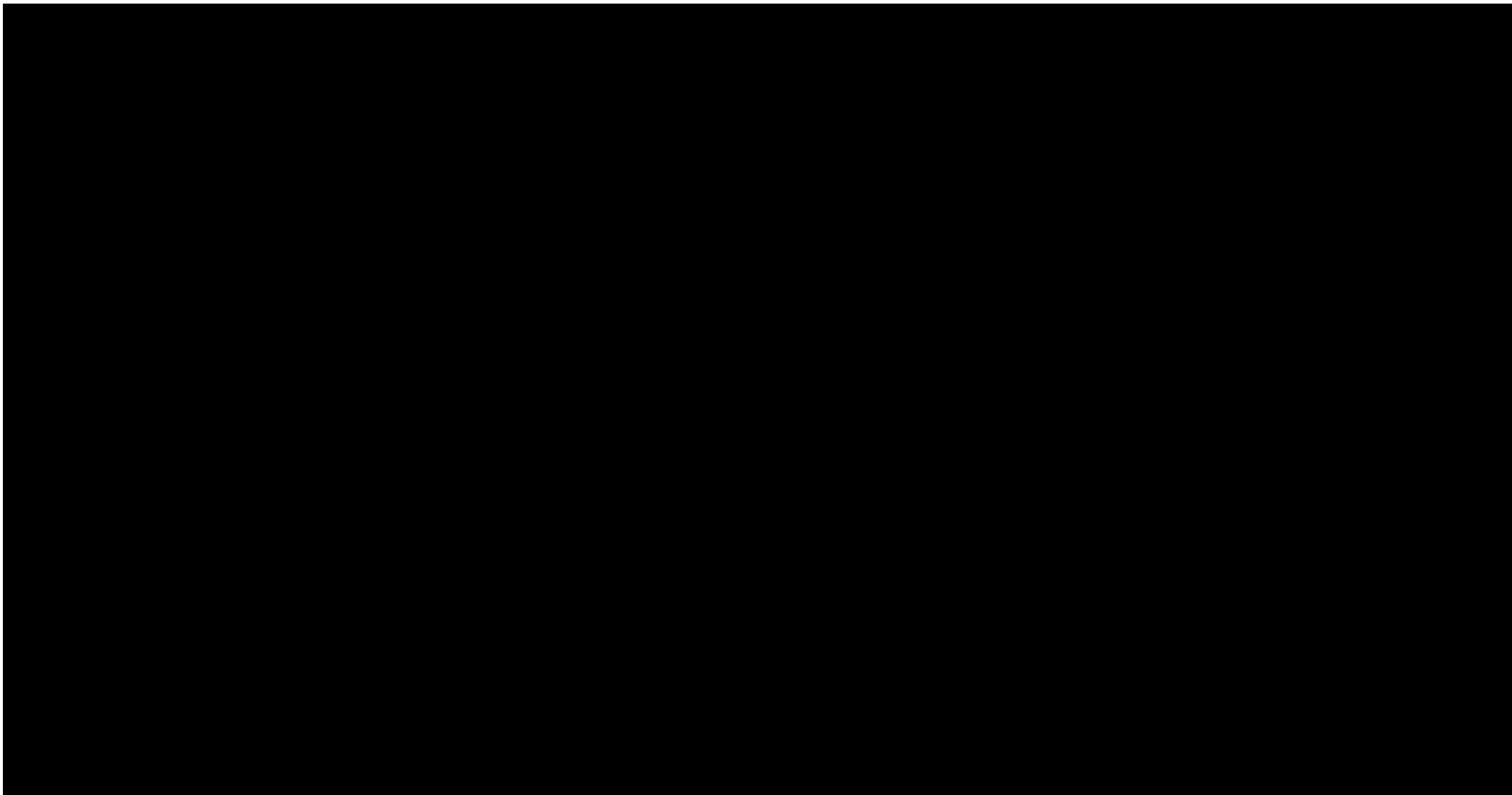
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12 December 2017

Revitalising our town centres – making plans a reality in 2018

Aberdeen, Merriwa, Murrurundi and Scone residents have prioritised their 2018 plans for revitalising Upper Hunter Shire towns.

In 2016 Upper Hunter Shire Council adopted four Town Revitalisation Masterplans after extensive community consultations. Action Plans from the Masterplans have been prioritised by community members and Councillors, supported by Council staff, through a committee from each town that have met regularly throughout 2017.

The highest priorities identified for each town are:

Aberdeen

- Detailed street designs including landscaping, entrance statements, furniture, parking and intersections ;
- Town branding to reflect Scottish heritage through imagery, logos, public art, landscaping, and Scottish themed products and experiences;
- Detailed design plans for the Aberdeen River Trail are nearing completion and will go on public display in early 2018. This trail will provide good access to the Hunter River, sporting grounds, schools and St Andrews Reserve; and
- Signage directing people to St Andrews Reserve and the Hunter River.

Merriwa:

- Options for the Merriwa Silos artwork will be on exhibition for community feedback soon with painting expected to begin in March 2018, weather permitting;
- Town Branding to reflect the unique character of Merriwa for use on banners, public art and street furniture;
- Footpath upgrades on an ongoing basis starting with IGA; and
- The three town entrance signs are expected to be installed in early 2018.

Murrurundi:

- Detailed design plans for the Murrurundi Heritage River Trail along the Pages River are nearing completion and will go on exhibition for public feedback early in 2018. This trail will link local heritage buildings and the Pages River to the town and provide parklands on the river for public enjoyment;
- Town Branding to reflect the unique character of Murrurundi including the arts and culture; and
- Detailed street design plans are to be developed to include landscaping, planting, parking and the beautification of the corner of Adelaide Street and Mayne Street.

Scone:

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- Detailed street designs including landscaping, entrance statements, widen footpaths, intersections with roundabouts, parking configurations, improve stormwater drainage, furniture and lighting;
- Town entrance statements including large scale public art and digital signage to promote local businesses, encourage traffic to leave the highway and promote upcoming local events;
- Create a town square through partial closure of St Aubins St; and
- Construct new roundabouts including at Kingdon St, Susan St, and Liverpool St replacing the traffic lights.

Town revitalisation projects could occur quickly if Council decides to pursue a Special Rate Variation (SRV) to raise the funds. Community consultation on the SRV proposals can be viewed on Council's website at <http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/your-council/media/public-notice/potential-special-rate-variation-for-2018-2019.aspx>

The Town Revitalisation Masterplans can be viewed at Council offices or on Council's website at <http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/our-shire/economic-development/town-centre-revitalisation-masterplans.aspx>

Wayne Bedggood
MAYOR

Caption: Since their first meeting in 2017, the Murrurundi Town Revitalisation Committee have been working on little and big projects such as plans for a Heritage River Trail along the Pages River. Pictured are some of the committee members (back) Col Stanford, Cr Josh Brown, Ray Hynes, Dinah Norton, Rodney Swansborough, (front) Robyn Stanford, Lynne Mahoney, Margie Cooper, and Jen Hemmings.




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UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL
MEDIA RELEASE – 20 November 2017



Let's talk about rates, roads and revitalisation

Upper Hunter Shire Council staff and councillors will be attending upcoming events to get community feedback about finding the funds for improvements in the Shire.

To have your say, drop by any of our 'pop-up' stalls at these times:

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Extensive community consultation over the last year for the Community Strategic Plan 2027 and other major documents, found many people wanted improvements to roads, community facilities and our town centres.

These improvements could be achieved quicker by fast tracking funding through borrowings which will be repaid through the SRV allowing Council to increase its general rate income above the approved local government annual rate pegging increase.

Consideration has been given in all of the SRV options for a lower increase to the general rate for farm land, as many of the projects will occur within town centres and facilities.

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After the community consultation, Councillors will decide at the January 2018 Council meeting on whether to make application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for consideration of the SRV. IPART assess and determines the SRV applications submitted by councils under the powers delegated to it by the Minister for Local Government.

The Special Rate Variation (SRV) options being discussed are:

1. Apply for a loan facility of \$8 million to fund part of Town Revitalisation projects to be repaid by a SRV at 2.1% plus rate pegging with a low farmland SRV increase of 0.75% plus rate pegging.
2. Apply for a loan facility of \$10 million to fund all of town Revitalisation Projects to be repaid by a SRV at 2.6% plus rate pegging with a low farmland SRV increase of 0.75% plus rate pegging.
3. Apply for a loan facility of \$12 million to fund all of Town Revitalisation and other Community Projects to be repaid by a SRV at 3% plus rate pegging with a low farmland SRV increase of 0.75% plus rate pegging.
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5. Do not apply for a SRV increase.

Residents can find out what the SRV options would mean for their rates, by emailing Council on council@upperhunter.nsw.gov.au

Wayne Bedgood
MAYOR

For further comment: Mayor Wayne Bedgood P: 0419 226 551
For further information: Upper Hunter Shire Council P: 6540 1100

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UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL
MEDIA RELEASE – 1 November 2017



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UPPER HUNTER SHIRE COUNCIL
MEDIA RELEASE – 30 January 2018



Seeking to invest in Upper Hunter's future Council applying for Special Rate Variation

In order to fund major community projects, town revitalisations and road upgrades, Upper Hunter Shire Council has voted to apply for a Special Rate Variation (SRV) for a three year period commencing from the 2018/2019 year.

The application will propose a permanent increase to general rate income at an SRV rate of 6.3 per cent, inclusive of the rate peg, in 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21.

As a number of projects occur in town centres, there will be a lower farmland SRV increase of 1.25 per cent plus rate pegging at 2.3 per cent.

Council will apply to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for consideration of the SRV and IPART will announce their decision on 15 May 2018.

If the application is successful, Council will apply for a loan facility of \$15 million which will be repaid over 15 years from the additional revenue from the SRV. There would be further community engagement to finalise the priority projects to be funded from the SRV. The current potential projects list can be viewed at <http://upperhunter.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/documents/Council/PublicNotices/SRV-Shire-Infographic-Information-Brochure-0917-November-2017.pdf>

Mayor Wayne Bedggood said that while rate rises were not popular, the majority of the community clearly wanted investment in better infrastructure and safer roads.

Community engagement over the last few years that guided the creation of Council's major planning documents (the Community Strategic Plan 2027, Delivery Program 2017/2018 to 2020/2021 and Operational Plan 2017/18) established that the community wanted improvements to roads, community facilities and revitalised town centres.

"Council spoke face-to-face with over 1000 people and this helped us determine where to put our efforts," Cr Bedggood said.

"Our next step was to work out how to fund it."

Additional community engagement over ten weeks from November 2017 focused on whether the community had the capacity to pay for increased rates and which particular projects they wanted funded.

Information about the SRV options was mailed to all Upper Hunter Shire residents and businesses seeking feedback. There were 126 community submissions or surveys submitted. Over all 65 community responses were in favour of an SRV and 46 opposed it.

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MAYOR

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