



27 August 2021.

Dear Councillors,

You are requested to attend the Extraordinary Meeting of the New England County Council to be held by teleconference (instructions attached).

Wednesday, 1st September 2021 commencing at 11am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Weeks".

Tim Weeks
GENERAL MANAGER

AGENDA

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1 **PRESENT**

2 **APOLOGIES**

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4 GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL MATTERS

4.1.1 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020/2021

The Draft Annual Financial Statements as at 30 June 2021 have been completed and forwarded to Council's Auditors, the Audit Office of NSW who engaged the local firm, Forsyths Business Services Pty Ltd to carry out the preliminary audit. A copy of the draft Statements is attached to the report for the information of Councillors.

Council recorded an operating deficit of \$73,000 for the year ended 30 June 2021,

Council originally budgeted for a balanced result; however, during the year Council had some significant staff absences and changes. Council was therefore unable to complete as many externally funded projects, meaning grant income was less than budgeted.

The Financial Statements performance measures show that in almost all relevant categories Council has exceeded benchmark ratios, reinforcing the sound financial position of Council. Councils contracted Responsible Accounting Officer will be available at the meeting.

A Certificate under Section 413(2) (c) of the Local Government Act is required to be signed by the Chairperson and at least one other Councillor, as well as the General Manager/Responsible Accounting Officer, indicating that the Annual Financial Statements fairly represent the position of Council to allow the Auditor to carry out the audit process.

Attachments – Draft NEWA Financial Statements 2020/2021

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That the report on the Annual Financial Statements as at 30 June 2021 be received and adopted.**
- 2. That the signing of the Certificate under Section 413(2) (c) of the Local Government Act 1993, as detailed in the Attachments to the report, by the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson General Manager and Responsible Accounting Officer be endorsed.**

**REPORT OF THE GENERAL MANAGER TO THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021**

5 MATTERS OF URGENCY

6 NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 8:30am.

7 ATTACHMENTS

7.1 Draft NEWA Annual Financial Statements 2020 - 2021