



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL 2020/2021 RATES

Our Vision for Etheridge Shire:

“A balanced community with robust economic & environmental assets which supports our youth and the wellbeing of our citizens”

Charging Summary

General Rates

In the 2020/2021 Budget, Etheridge Shire Council continued with the previous system of Differential General Rating. Changes to the differential rating categories have been introduced to maintain equity so that all Shire properties contribute to the development of our Shire.

The General Rates 2020/2021:

* Category 1 • Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture

Description: Rural Land, that is not within any other rural category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agricultural. **A rate in the dollar of 0.8660 cents with a minimum general rate of \$896.**

* Category 2 • Rural Land - Other

Description: Rural land that does not fall within any other rural category.
A rate in the dollar of 0.7386 cents with a minimum general rate of \$780.

* Category 3 • Urban Land Etheridge Towns - (UV<\$17,500)

Description: Land used for urban purposes not included in any other category located in the town areas of Etheridge Shire Council as described in the town plan and having a UV less than \$17,500.
A rate in the dollar of 4.0000 cents with a minimum general rate of \$595.

* Category 4 • Urban Land Etheridge towns - (UV>\$17,500)

Description: Land used for urban purposes not included in any other category located in the town areas of Etheridge Shire Council as described in the town plan and having a UV greater than \$17,500.
A rate in the dollar of 4.5000 cents with minimum general rate of \$635.

* Category 5 • Urban Land Commercial/Industrial

Description: Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a commercial or industrial purpose.
A rate in the dollar of 4.0530 cents with a minimum general rate of \$741.

*Category 6 • Rural – Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture

Description: Rural land, that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised, in whole or in part, by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a system of large scale intensive cultivation using large amounts of labor and/or high efficiency machinery for planting, cultivating and harvesting.
A rate in the dollar of 0.8735 cents with a minimum general rate of \$1,740.

*Category 7 • Rural – Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms

Description: Rural Land that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised in whole or in part by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for the

Production of electricity from renewable energy sources such as biomass, solar, wind, tidal, wave and water (i.e. hydro-electric).

A rate in the dollar of 20.7124 cents with a minimum general rate of \$10,000.

Mining Rates 2020/2021:

* Category 11 • Mining Claim

Description: Land upon which an approved Mining Tenement and or Mining Claim exists.
A rate in the dollar of 56.6661 cents with a minimum general rate of \$178.

* Category 12 • Commercial – Utility Service Providers

Description: Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a Utility Service Provider (i.e. Telstra, Optus, Ergon, Energex).
A rate in the dollar of 775.0000 cents with a minimum general rate of \$1,000.

* Category 13 • Other Land

Description: Land not included in any other category.
A rate in the dollar of 0.7386 cents with a minimum general rate of \$700.

* Category 14 • Mining (UV \$1-\$2,500)

Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$1 to \$2,500.

Definition(s)

Mine:

Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-

- * as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation): or
- * in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.

Integrated mining operation:

Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure which land was used, is used, or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.

A rate in the dollar of 20.7393 cents with a minimum general rate of \$614.



*** Category 15 • Mining (UV \$2,501 - \$6,500)**

Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$2,501 to \$6,500.

Definition(s)

Mine:

Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-

- * as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation); or
- * in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.

Integrated mining operation:

Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure which land was used, is used or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.

A rate in the dollar of 40.0146 cents with a minimum general rate of \$657.

*** Category 16 • Mining (UV \$6,501-\$15,000)**

Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$6,501 to \$15,000.

Definition(s)

Mine:

Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-

- * as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation); or
- * in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.

Integrated mining operation:

Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure which land was used, is used or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.

A rate in the dollar of 40.5000 cents with a minimum general rate of \$1,568.

*** Category 17 • Mining (UV < \$15,001 - \$35,000)**

Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$15,001 to \$35,000.

Definition(s)

Mine:

Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-

- * as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation); or
- * in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.

Integrated mining operation:

Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure which land was used, is used, or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining

such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.

A rate in the dollar of 36.6211 with a minimum general rate of \$3,075.

*** Category 18 • Mining (UV \$35,001 – \$70,000)**

Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$35,001 to \$70,000.

Definition(s)

Mine:

Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-

- * as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation); or
- * in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.

Integrated mining operation:

Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure which land was used, is used, or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.

A rate in the dollar of 54.0156 with a minimum general rate of \$6,000.

*** Category 19 • Mining (UV> \$70,000)**

Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value greater than \$70,000.

Definition(s)

Mine:

Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-

- * as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation); or
- * in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.

Integrated mining operation:

Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure which land was used, is used, or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.

A rate in the dollar of 57.0606 with minimum general rate of \$12,000.

GENERAL RATE CAPS

Because general rates are made and levied upon the unimproved value of the land determined by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Council recognizes that the statutory valuation process may result in unusually high valuation increases for at least some classes of land, if not for all land. Where it considers that applying the differential general rate to affected lands or classes of land will produce inequities between ratepayers or classes of ratepayers, Council will cap general rate increases for the lands or classes of land concerned.

For 2019/2020 financial year **differential rate category's 1, 4, & 5, will be capped at 1.0%, differential rate category 12 will be capped at 25.00%, differential rate category 15 will be capped at 2.0%, and differential rate category 16 will be capped at 5.0%**



PAYMENTS BY INSTALMENTS

Council will allow payments by instalment where it will benefit both the individual and assist with the collection of overdue rates and charges. Instalment plans shall be based on ability to pay and if possible full recovery within a specified period.

The acceptance of a request to pay by instalment shall not be considered a 'Formal Payment Arrangement' and interest will continue to accrue at the rate determined in the policy statement. Council shall also retain the right to take legal action to recover outstanding rates (arrears) if deemed necessary

CLEANSING GEORGETOWN

In accordance with Section 94(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council will make and levy a cleansing charge on the owner of the land within the area of the Town of Georgetown and on such other lands outside of the Town of Georgetown where a collection service is supplied.

CLEANSING CHARGE GEORGETOWN	
Type of Improvement	Charge
For each house / dwelling unit / improved property	The amount of the charge to be levied is \$488.98 per annum for a 240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day
Commercial, industrial or community facility	The amount of the charge to be levied is \$488.98 per annum for a 240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of commercial refuse on a normal weekly collection day.
	Additional bins will be charged at \$416.16 per annum.
Commercial, Industrial or Community Facility	The amount of the charge levied is \$663.00 per annum for a 900 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of commercial refuse on a normal weekly collection day.
	Additional bins will be charged at \$571.20 per annum.

SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

Special Charge –Waste Management Charge (Einaleigh, Mt Surprise & Forsayth)

In accordance with Section 94(1)(b)(i) of the Local Government Act 2009, Council will make and levy a special charge for the provision of waste management services in the urban areas (as defined within Etheridge Shire Council's Planning Scheme).

The overall plan for the services, facilities and activities in respect of which the special charge is made and levied shall be identified as follows:

- * The rateable land to which the special charge applies is land within each of the benefited areas described in the town area maps 'Planning

Maps – Einaleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth. Where a parcel of rateable land includes two or more lots, the charge will be levied on each lot.

- * The service facility or activity for which the special charge is made is for the provision of maintenance and operations of all waste

Management facilities for the towns of Einaleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth. The Special Charge will substantially fund the activity, however Council may determine to subsidise the service in view of the high costs of this service provision and the undue hardship that may result if full cost recovery was sought from the special charge.

- * Council considers that land contained within the defined areas receives an equal special benefit from access to the waste management facilities. Council also considers that the benefit is shared equally by all parcels of land regardless of the value of such land.

- * The service facility or activity for which the special charge is made is for the provision of waste management facilities as set out in the expenditure item in the budget document for the Shire of Etheridge for 2020-2021.

- * The time for implementing the overall plan is one (1) year ending 30 June 2021. However, provision of waste management facilities is an ongoing activity, and further special charges are expected to be made in future years.

- * The works and services specified in the overall plan will be carried out or provided during the year ending on 30 June 2021.

- * The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan (being the cost of the planned works and replacement of capital items for 2020/2021) is \$41,500.00.

- * The special charge is intended to raise all funds necessary to carry out the overall plan.

The amount of the special charge to be levied (per parcel) is:

Parcel – Vacant and or Occupied Dwelling - \$179.98
Parcel – Vacant - \$179.98

Interest

Council will impose interest on rates and charges that remain unpaid after the appointed date for payment (i.e. the date on which the discount period closes) and includes assessments which are making payments of outstanding rates by instalment.

Forty five days following the close of discount, interest will be calculated on daily balances of amounts outstanding and charged at the end of the month on a compounding daily interest. Where the amount of interest charged is less than \$20.00 and the rates have been paid in full in the period between the close of discount and the end of the month, the interest may be written off following approval from the Chief Executive Officer.

Interest on arrears will be calculated in accordance with section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and will be calculated annually using the Reserve Bank of Australia 'bank yield rate' plus 8%. The bank bill yield rate as at March 2020 was 0.53%, therefore interest will be calculated at 8.53% per annum



OFFICE HOURS

Council's office is located on St George Street, Georgetown and is open from 8.30am to 4.35pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

Water Charges Georgetown & Forsayth

Base Rates	Unit	Amount Georgetown	Amount Forsayth
Unconnected Lots	10	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00
All Charitable/ Religious uses	10	\$ 318.00	\$ 318.00
20 mm Connection	20	\$ 636.00	\$ 636.00
25 mm Connection	30	\$ 954.00	\$ 954.00
32 mm Connection	50	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 1,590.00
40 mm Connection	80	\$ 2,544.00	\$ 2,544.00
50 mm Connection	125	\$ 3,975.00	\$ 3,975.00
75 mm Connection	280	\$ 8,904.00	\$ 8,904.00
80 mm Connection	320	\$ 10,176.00	\$ 10,176.00
100 mm Connection	500	\$ 15,900.00	\$ 15,900.00

Water Consumption Charge - Georgetown

Per kilolitre of use up to 700 Kilolitres per half year: 51.00 c.

Per kilolitre of use over 700 Kilolitres per half year: 102.00 c.

Water Consumption Charge - Forsayth

Per kilolitre of use up to 500 Kilolitres per half year: 81.60 c.

Per kilolitre of use over 500 Kilolitres per half year: 178.50 c.

Discount

Discount of **15%** will be allowed on the following levies if full payment of the total amount due (including arrears) is received in the Council office by the due date for discount:

- * General Rates (Including Minimum General Rates)
- * Utility Charges - Cleansing Commercial and Domestic.
- * Water Utility Charges (Annual Access Charge component only)

Please note that no discount is applicable to the following levies:

- * Water Consumption
- * Waste Management

Enquires:

All enquiries regarding charging information should be directed to the Council's Office in Georgetown (Telephone - 07 4079 9090).

COUNCIL MEETINGS

General Meetings

Council meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the board room of the Council Office, St George Street, Georgetown, starting at 8.00 am. All meetings are open to the public. A full schedule of meeting dates is available from the Council Office or on the website: www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

Council Minutes, Policies, Statutory Documents

All of Council's Meeting Minutes, Policies and Local Laws are available to view at the Georgetown Office. Copies may also be purchased and subscription services are available. Minutes and many other documents are also available on our website: www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

Inform

A community newsletter is sent out once a month to all Shire residents. Contributions for inclusion in the newsletter are welcome and will be published subject to availability of space and subject to reasonable editorial control as to content.

We will not publish material that is likely to be defamatory or offensive.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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DAMAGE TO ROADS

Rural Property owners are reminded that they must not cause damage to roads by bringing heavy loads over them when the roads are wet. Obviously it is in their best interest not to damage the roads upon which they rely. In any case, Council may recover the costs of repairing roads that are damaged due to misuse.

OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Owner's objection to categorisation:

- (1) An owner of rateable land categorised may object to the categorisation of the land on the sole ground that, having regard to the Description decided by the local government by which rateable land is categorised, the land should Have been included, as at the date of issue of the relevant rate notice, in another rating category.
- (2) The objection must be made by giving notice of the objection to the local government.
 - a) The notice of the objection must be given within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice or any further period the local government allows; and
 - b) be in the form approved by the local government (in writing to the Chief Executive Officer); and
 - c) nominate the rating category in which the owner claims the land should have been included; and
 - d) specify the facts and circumstances on which the claim is based.

PLEASE NOTE

PAYMENT METHODS

Etheridge Shire Council has BPAY, EFTPOS and Credit Card as methods of paying your rates.

BPAY payments can be made from your cheque, savings, or credit account, using either the telephone or the internet (depending on your financial institution). You must use the Biller Code and your Customer Reference Number, which are located in the bottom right-hand corner of your rate notice.

When making BPAY payments it is important to check with your financial institution the date the payment will actually be credited to Council's bank account. Some institutions will process the payments overnight so the payment will not be received until the next day. Council will only allow discounts in relation to monies received ON OR BEFORE 5pm ON THE LAST DAY OF THE DISCOUNT PERIOD. Monies which are not credited to Council's account until after that time will NOT receive the discount even though the payment was requested on the last day of discount.

Please note that you may still pay by cash, cheque or money order either in person at the Council Office, St George Street, Georgetown or by mail. **But you will not be allowed the discount unless it is received by the discount date.**

TIME IN WHICH RATES MUST BE PAID:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the rates and charges levied by council must be paid within *forty five (45) clear days* after the notice is issued.