



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 28 JULY 2021,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

A photograph of a building, likely the Council Chambers, with a lawn in front.

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2021
COMMENCING AT 9.00AM

ATTENDANCE

Crs, Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Joe Haase, Cameron Barns

Cr Tony Gallagher was unable to attend.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Alan Clark, Director of Engineering Services
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director of Corporate and Community Services
Miss. Abbey Taylor, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director of Corporate Services

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:23am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay our respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the history, cultural practice and traditions, of their people."

APOLOGIES

Apologies have been received from Cr Tony Gallagher as he is unable to attend.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.1
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CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

1

Adoption of the 2020/2021 Etheridge Shire Council Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Budget Document for the 2021/2022 financial year has been prepared in accordance with the current legislation contained within the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulations 2012 and with the Budget priorities from the Councillors, Executive Management Team and the Corporate Plan Objectives (2021 – 2025).

Each year the budget process is the most important part of the Corporate Calendar.

Changes to legislation in 2009 and 2012 now require local governments to consider the longer term when managing their finances. Etheridge Shire Council has taken this responsibility seriously and has been working to ensure that while this is a legislative requirement it is also good governance and management practice to ensure that the Council remains financially viable and planning becomes part of the way that we regularly do business.

The 2021/2022 Budget reveals total revenue from ordinary activities amounting to \$50,451,100, total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$50,441,850 and capital funding operations amounting to \$13,656,800.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Acknowledges that the 2021/2022 Budget reveals total revenue from ordinary activities amounting to \$50,451,100, total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$50,441,850 and capital funding operations amounting to \$13,656,800 and furthermore;

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

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ATTENDANCE

Miss Abbey Taylor left the meeting at 9:26am and returned at 1:08pm

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for morning tea at 10:16am

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 10:29am.

ADJOURNMENT

Council adjourn for lunch at 12:30pm

RESUMPTION

Council resumed the meeting at 1:10pm.

RESOLUTION

That Council Resolve pursuant to section 170A of the Local Government Act 2009 and sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's Budget for the 2021/2022 financial year, incorporating:

- i. The statements of financial position;
- ii. The statements of cash flow;
- iii. The statements of income and expenditure;
- iv. The statements of changes in equity;
- v. The long-term financial forecast;
- vi. The revenue statement;
- vii. The revenue policy;
- viii. The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- ix. The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget,
- x. Actuals 2020/21 v Budget 2021/22

as tabled, be adopted.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.3
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Etheridge Shire Council – Operational Plan 2020|2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires councils to adopt an annual Operational Plan each financial year, which needs to be consistent with the annual budget and state how the local government will –

- (i) Progress the implementation of the 5 year corporate plan during the period of the annual operational plan; and
- (ii) Manage operational risks.

The Operational Plan identifies projects, initiatives and services that Council will deliver during this financial year toward achieving the long term objectives of the Corporate Plan. It also provides direction to Council in setting the annual budget.

RESOLUTION

That Council:
Adopts the Etheridge Shire Council Operational Plan 2021-2022 in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.4
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Etheridge Shire Council – Revenue Policy 2020|2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A local government must prepare a revenue policy each financial year, and the Revenue Policy must state -

- (a) The principles that the local government intends to apply in the financial year for -
 - (i) Levying of rates and charges; and
 - (ii) Granting concessions for rates and charges; and
 - (iii) Recovering overdue rates and charges; and
 - (iv) Cost-recovery fees
- (b) If the local government intends to grant concessions for rates and charges - the purpose for the concessions, and
- (c) The extent to which physical and social infrastructure costs for a new development are to be funded by charges for the development, and
- (d) The amount of each reserve to be kept in the operating fund and the way in which the local government intends to ensure funding is available to support the purpose of each reserve.

The revenue policy may state guidelines that may be used for preparing the local government's Revenue Statement.

RESOLUTION

That Council:
Resolve to adopt the 2021/2022 Revenue Policy in accordance with and pursuant to Section 193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.5
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Adoption of the 2020/2021 Revenue Statement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is a requirement that Council prepare and adopt a Revenue Statement each financial year, with the purpose of the document is to explain the revenue measures adopted in the budget concerning:

- The making of rates and charges;
- The levying of rates;
- The recovery of rates and charges;
- Concessions for rates and charges

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Revenue Statement 2021/2022 prepared in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and more specifically:-

- (a) Pursuant to section 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the categories in to which rateable land is categorised, the description of those categories and, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as follows:

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.

Category 2 • Rural Land – Other

Description: Rural land that does not fall within any other rural category.

Category 3 • Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)

Description: All urban residential land, which is the owner's principal place of residence.

Category 4 • Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence)

Description: Other urban residential land, not included in any other category, which is not the owner's principal place of residence.

Category 5 • Urban Land - Vacant

Description: Urban land that is vacant.

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 labour and/or high efficiency machinery for planting, cultivating and harvesting.

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).

Category 8 • Urban Commercial Land

Description: Rural Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a commercial purpose.

Category 9 • Urban Industrial Land

Description: Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for an industrial purpose.

Category 10 • Rural Tourism

Description: Rural land in whole or in part, being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for tourism purposes.

Category 11 • Commercial – Utility Service Providers UV<\$10,000

Description: Land being utilized or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a Utility Service Provider (i.e. Telstra, Optus, Ergon, Energex) with and has an Unimproved Value less than \$10,000

Category 12

• **Commercial – Utility Service Providers UV > \$10,000**

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) with and has an Unimproved Value of \$10,000 or more.

Category 13

• **Extractive >5,000 tonnes**

Description: All land used in whole or in part for licensed extractive industry purposes, where the quantity of material capable of being extracted is greater than 5,000 tonnes per annum.

Category 14

• **Mining Claim**

Description: Land upon which an approved Mining Tenement and or Mining Claim exists.

Category 15

• **Mining Claim (< 5 workers, UV < \$70,000)**

Description: Land that is a mine, has less than 5 workers and has an Unimproved Value less 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.

Category 16

• **Mining (> 5 workers, UV < \$70,000)**

Description: Land that is a mine has 5 workers or more and has an Unimproved Value less 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.

Category 17

• **Mining (UV => \$70,000)**

Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$70,000 or more.

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:

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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.

Category 18

• **Work Camps 15-29**

Description: All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of 15 to 29 persons.

Category 19

• **Work Camps 30-99**

Description: All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of 30 to 99 persons.

Category 20

• **Work Camps 100-200**

Description: All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of 100 to 200 persons.

Category 21

• **Work Camps >200**

Description: All land used or intended to be used in whole or in part for workforce accommodation of greater than 200 persons.

(b) Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.

(c) Pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category and, pursuant to section 77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, is as follows:

DIFFERENTIAL RATING CATEGORIES 2021-2022

Category	Cents in Dollar of Unimproved Valuation 2021-2022
1 Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture	0.8540
2 Rural Land Other	0.7364
3 Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	3.4335
4 Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	3.6503
5 Urban Land – Vacant	4.1716
6 Rural - Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	0.8997
7 Rural - Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	21.3337
8 Urban Commercial Land	3.8156
9 Urban Industrial land	3.8156
10 Rural Tourism	1.2733
11 Commercial - Utility Service Providers UV<\$10,000	107.7218
12 Commercial - Utility Service Providers UV=>\$10,000	91.6893
13 Extractive >5,000 Tonnes	1.3307
14 Mining Claim	61.2139
15 Mining (<5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	36.8650
16 Mining (>5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	61.3270
17 Mining (UV =<\$70,000)	59.3722
18 Work Camps 15-29 Persons	21.3317
19 Work Camps 30-99 Persons	21.3317
20 Work Camps 100-200 Persons	21.3317
21 Work Camps >200 Persons	21.3317

MINIMUM GENERAL RATE LEVY 2021-2022

In accordance with Local Government Regulation 2012, Chapter 4 Rates and Charges, Part 4 Minimum General Rates, the following Minimum General Rate Levies for the various categories of land, shall apply for 2021-2022:

Minimum General Rates 2021-22		Minimum General Rate 2021-22
	Category	
1	Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture	\$923
2	Rural Land Other	\$804
3	Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	\$620
4	Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	\$670
5	Urban Land – Vacant	\$620
6	Rural - Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	\$1,793
7	Rural - Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	\$10,300
8	Urban Commercial Land	\$764
9	Urban Industrial land	\$764
10	Rural Tourism	\$923
11	Commercial - Utility Service Providers UV<\$10,000	\$7,280
12	Commercial - Utility Service Providers UV=>\$10,000	\$12,030
13	Extractive >5,000 Tonnes	\$10,300
14	Mining Claim	\$184
15	Mining (<5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	\$633
16	Mining (>5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	\$12,000
17	Mining (UV =<\$70,000)	\$12,360
18	Work Camps 15-29 Persons	\$8,228
19	Work Camps 30-99 Persons	\$16,918
20	Work Camps 100-200 Persons	\$56,393
21	Work Camps >200 Persons	\$112,785

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.6
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Waste Management Special Charge

RESOLUTION

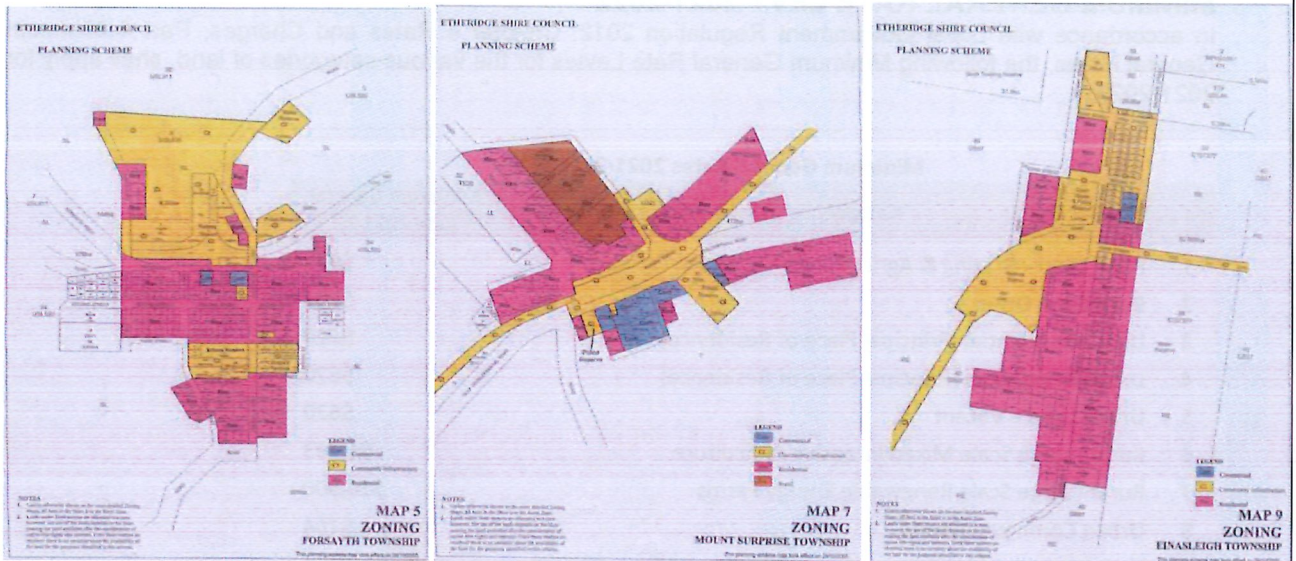
That Council:

Pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Waste Management Special Charge") of \$179.98, on all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the provision of maintenance and operations of all waste management facilities for the towns of Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth.

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

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- 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 Einasleigh, 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 2022.
- The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan (being the cost of the planned works and replacement of capital items for 2021-2022 is \$ 41,500.00.
- The special charge is intended to raise all funds necessary to carry out the overall plan.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns


CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.7
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**Water Utility Charges
RESOLUTION**


That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by the Council, as follows:


Township of Georgetown


 The amount of Water Base Access Charge - Georgetown (1 unit = \$33.072)		
Georgetown	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$ 330.50
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$ 330.50
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$ 661.00
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$ 992.00
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$ 1,653.50
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$ 2,645.50
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$ 4,134.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$ 9,260.00
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$ 10,583.00
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$ 16,536.00

Township of Forsayth

 The amount of Water Base Access Charge - Forsayth (1 unit = \$33.072)		
Forsayth	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$ 330.50
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$ 330.50
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$ 661.00
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$ 992.00
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$ 1,653.50
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$ 2,645.50
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$ 4,134.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$ 9,260.00
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$ 10,583.00
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$ 16,536.00

Amounts rounded down to nearest \$0.50c

 The amount of Water Consumption Charge - Georgetown	
Georgetown	Charge per Annum
Per Kilolitre of Use	51.00 cents up to 700 kilolitres per half year
Per Kilolitre of Use	102.00 cents over 700 kilolitres pr half year

 The amount of Water Consumption Charge - Forsayth	
Forsayth	Charge per Annum
Per Kilolitre of Use	81.60 cents up to 500 kilolitres per half year
Per Kilolitre of Use	178.50 cents over 500 kilolitres pr half year

- a. Pursuant to section 102(2) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read."

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.8
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Waste Management Services

RESOLUTION

That Council:

(a) Pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy cleansing utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

CLEANSING CHARGE

For each house / dwelling unit / improved property - The amount of the charge to be levied is \$513.43 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 of community Facility - The amount of the charge to be levied is \$513.43 per annum for a 240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day.

Additional Bins will be charged at \$436.97 per annum.

Commercial, industrial of community Facility - The amount of the charge to be levied is \$696.15 per annum for a 900 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day.

Additional Bins will be charged at \$599.76 per annum.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.9
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Discount Period

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rates, water utility charges and cleansing utility charges made and levied shall be subject to a discount of 15% if paid within the discount period of 45 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:

(a) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 45 days of the date of issue of the rate notice;

(b) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 45 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and

(c) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 45 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.10
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Interest on Arrears
RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest on daily rates at the rate of 8.17% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges that remain unpaid after the appointed date for payment (ie 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.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.11
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Fire & Rescue Levy
RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and section 114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:

(a) for the full year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 - in August/ September 2020;

(b) Pursuant to section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 45 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.12
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Issue of Rate Notices
RESOLUTION

That Council:

(a) Pursuant to section 104 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will issue a rates notice to the owner of the land on which a rate or charge has been applied and furthermore Rates notices shall include the date the notice was issued, the date by which time the rate must be paid and any discounts, rebates or concessions applied.

(b) Council will issue notices on a yearly basis during the periods 01 July to 30 June in the respective financial year.

(c) Council will responsibly ensure that the rates and charges applied are correct and are generally issued within the month of August/September to better take into account the financial cycle of the local economy.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.13
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Concession on Rates
RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a rebate of the differential general rate, cleansing charge, water base access charge and waste management special charge of \$250.00 per annum above the state government pensioner remission be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission and subject to the following conditions:
- (i) Concessions are only available to approved pensioners who are in receipt of a pension from the Commonwealth Government.
 - (ii) An approved pensioner is one who is and remains an eligible holder of a Queensland 'Pensioner Concession Card' issued by the Department of Social Security or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or a Queensland 'Repatriation Health Card – For all or specific conditions' issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
 - (iii) The approved pensioner must be the owner / joint owner or life tenant of the property that is his/her principal place of residence. In the cases of co-ownership, the Council subsidy will apply to the full share of the gross rates and charges regardless if only one of the owners are entitled to an approved pension.
 - (iv) The claimant must be a resident of the shire on the first day in July in the financial year in which the benefit is being claimed. Pensioners taking residence after that date will be eligible for a pro-rata concession based on the number of day's resident.
 - (v) The concession is only available to claimant's who reside in a structure which has been approved by Council to be a habitable dwelling, and/or are in receipt of Council services.
 - (vi) A pensioner's eligibility shall be confirmed through the Centrelink Customer Confirmation eService in all circumstances.
 - (vii) Application for the above pensioner concessions is required only on initial application

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.14
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Concession for Non Profit Clubs & Associations
RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will approve the following rating concession to the following Associations as shown within the table below:



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CONCESSIONS TO COMMUNITY & SPORTING GROUPS 2021-2022

CLUB/ASSOCIATION	GENERAL RATE OF CONCESSION 2021/2022	WATER ACCESS CHARGE	WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE	CLEANSING CHARGE	ASSESSMENT NUMBER(S)
Georgetown Golf Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
William Wallace Lodge- Georgetown	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Forsyth Tennis Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Forsyth All Sports Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Forsyth Sporting Shooters Ass	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Einisleigh Race Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Georgetown Turf Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Oak Park Amateur Picnic Race Club Inc	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Mt Surprise Campdraft	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Roman Catholic Dioceses of Cairns	100%	50%	N/A	N/A	
The Corporation of the Synod of the Carpentaria Diocese- G'town	100%	50%	N/A	N/A	
The Corporation of the Synod - Forsyth	100%	50%	N/A	N/A	
QCWA - Georgetown	100%	50%	N/A	N/A	
QCWA - Forsyth	100%	50%	N/A	N/A	

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barns

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.15
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Etheridge Shire Council – Budget Policy 2020|2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To assist in the annual budget process Council has developed a Policy called “Etheridge Shire Council Budget Policy” which provides a framework for the administration of the Budget and establishes guidelines to ensure that known variations to the budget are addressed in a timely manner.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt the Etheridge Shire Council - Budget Policy 2021/2022.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.16
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Statement of Estimated Financial Position FYE 2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with S.205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Chief Executive Officer must present a statement of the "Estimated Financial Position" at the Local Government's Annual Budget meeting.

The statement of "Estimated Financial Position" is a document stating the financial operations and financial position of the Local Government for the previous financial year..

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of Etheridge Shire Council in respect of the previous financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position") be received and its contents noted.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.17
4/0

7

Etheridge Shire Council – Investment Policy 2020|2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Council with a contemporary investment policy based on an assessment of counterparty, market and liquidity risk within the legislative framework of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act and Regulations.

This Policy applies to the investment of surplus funds in accordance with investment powers under Part 6 of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangement Act 1982 (SBFAA).

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Etheridge Shire Council's – Investment Policy 2021/2022 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.18
4/0

8

Etheridge Shire Council's – Borrowing Policy 2020|2021

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Borrowing Policy provides for responsible financial management on loan funding for infrastructure capital projects by ensuring the level of Council indebtedness is within acceptable limits to Council, its ratepayers and interested external parties. This policy is in accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt Etheridge Shire Council's Borrowing Policy 2021/2022 pursuant with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.19
4/0

9

Etheridge Shire Councils – Debt Recovery Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Etheridge Shire Council (ESC) is committed to the collection of overdue sundry debts and rates and charges in a fair, equitable and timely manner, but with due consideration to financial hardship faced by ratepayers and customers.

Etheridge Shire Council will show due diligence in the application of administrative processes relating to payment arrangements and the selection of various actions for the effective recovery of overdue debts. The management and recovery of outstanding debts is an important aspect of Council's financial management function.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt Etheridge Shire Council's – Debt Recovery Policy 2021-2022

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.20
4/0

10

Procurement Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Regulation 2012 states that each local government must have in place a policy about procurement (a procurement policy). Council has an existing procurement policy which is with the Local Government Regulation 2012.

In addition, it is a requirement under the Regulation that Council reviews its Procurement Policy at least every 12 months.

Council at its May 2021 General Meeting resolved to:

'Adopt the "Reviewed Procurement Policy" in accordance with Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012- as presented with an appendix that addresses support for local purchasing. Subject to amendments to the appendices as discussed in the meeting'.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the "Reviewed Procurement Policy" in accordance with Section 198 of the Local Government Regulation 2012- as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.21
4/0

11

Fees and Charges 2021-2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Council is required to adopt by resolution a Schedule of Fees & Charges for its services. Under the Local Government Act 2009, Section 97, it states that Council can charge two types of Fees & Charges. The first being Regulatory, and the second being Commercial. The difference between the two is quite simple.

Regulatory Fees are those fees which have been regulated or legislated with the fee being set at the cost of performing or delivering that particular service. For example, issuing a Food License is a regulatory fee, it has a head of power being the Food Act 2006 and Council is only able to charge the cost to perform that service. Commercial Fees are those fees which have not been regulated or legislated with the fee being able to be set at a Commercial Rate.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to adopt the Etheridge Shire Council's 2021/2022 Fees and Charges pursuant to and in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.

MOVED: Cr. Barns

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #B.21.7.22
4/0

On behalf of Council, the Mayor wishes to thank the Council Officers that have been involved with collating information for the 2021/22 budget and acknowledges the efforts that have gone towards delivering a balanced budget.

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 1:24pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday the 18th August 2021.

B. G. Hughes
MAYOR

31, 08, 2021
DATE

