



Etheridge Shire Council

CONFIRMED MINUTES

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 2023,

COMMENCING AT 9.00AM



ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
HELD AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, GEORGETOWN
ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY 2023
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ATTENDANCE

Crs, Barry Hughes, Laurell Royes, Joe Haase, Cameron Barnes Tony Gallagher.

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr. Ken Timms, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Andrew McKenzie, Director of Corporate Services
Mrs. Renee Bester, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am 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

Nil.

PRAYER

"We ask that today you give us wisdom to make good decisions to benefit our communities. Help us see what will benefit our shire and give us hearts to serve others. Amen".

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

1

Adoption of the 2023 - 2024 Etheridge Shire Council Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The proposed 2023/2024 Budget has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulation 2012; Budget priorities from the Councillors, Executive Management Team and the Corporate Plan Objectives (2021 – 2025).

The 2023/2024 Budget reveals total revenue from ordinary activities amounting to \$60,146,950; total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$56,712,500 and capital expenditure amounting to \$14,254,350.

RESOLUTION

Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's Budget for the 2023 - 2024 financial year, incorporating:

- i. The statements of income and expenditure
- ii. The statements of financial position;
- iii. The statements of cash flow;
- 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,

as tabled, be adopted.

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.01
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Etheridge Shire Council – Operational Plan 2023 - 2024

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:

Adopt the proposed Etheridge Shire Council Operational Plan 2023 - 2024 in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.02
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Etheridge Shire Council – Revenue Policy 2023 - 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 169 (2)(3) of the Regulation requires a local government's budget to include a Revenue Policy. Section 193 of the Regulation requires the Revenue Policy to 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.

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

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes the 2023 - 2024 Revenue Policy developed in accordance with and pursuant to Sections 169 and 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* was adopted at its June 2023 Meeting.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.03
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Adoption of the 2023 - 2024 Revenue Statement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 169(2)(b) of the Local Government Regulation requires Council's Budget to include a Revenue Statement. The purpose of the document to explain the revenue measures adopted in the budget. Section 172 of the Regulation outlines the mandatory contents of the Revenue Statement.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Revenue Statement 2023 - 2024 prepared in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Hughes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.04
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5.

General Rates - Categorisation of land for Differential General Rates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 81 of the Local Government Regulation requires Council to decide upon the categories of land for differential rating. As Council is proposing to levy differential rates, Council must first determine the rating categories and assign land to each category.

RESOLUTION

That Council: -

- (a) in accordance with section 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, categorise rateable land into the following rating categories according to description for each proposed rate category: -

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 • Transport Terminals

Description: Land being utilized or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property by trucking, earthmoving or similar providers.

Category 11 • Rural Tourism

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

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:

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 persons.

Category 22

• **Commercial – Utility Service Providers <1Ha**

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 area less than one (1) Hectare (Ha)

Category 23

• **Commercial – Utility Service Providers 1-5Ha**

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 area of one (1) Hectare but less than five (5) Hectares.

Category 24

• **Commercial – Utility Service Providers >=5Ha**

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 area equal to or greater than five (5) Hectares.

Category 25

• **Grazing and Agriculture <2,000Ha**

Description: Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area less than 2,000 Hectares.

Category 26

• **Grazing and Agriculture 2,000 - <5,000Ha**

Description: Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 2,000 Hectares but less than 5,000 Hectares.

Category 27

• **Grazing and Agriculture 5,000 - <25,000Ha**

Description: Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 5,000 Hectares but less than 25,000 Hectares.

Category 28

• **Grazing and Agriculture 25,000 - <50,000Ha**

Description: Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 25,000 Hectares but less than 50,000 Hectares.

Category 29

• **Grazing and Agriculture 50,000 - <150,000Ha**

Description: Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area greater than 50,000 Hectares but less than 150,000 Hectares.

Category 30

Description:

• Grazing and Agriculture >= 150,000Ha

Rural land, that is not within any other category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agriculture and has an area equal to or greater than 150,000 Hectares.

- (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.

MOVED: Cr. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.05
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6.

Setting of Differential General Rates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Having established the differential rate categories (above) Council must set the differential general rate to be levied upon each rate category.

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with section 80 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council resolve to levy the following differential general rates upon the associated rate category: -

DIFFERENTIAL RATING CATEGORIES 2023 - 2024

Category	Cents in Dollar of Unimproved Valuation 2023 -2024
2 Rural Land Other	2.6818
3 Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	3.7493
4 Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence)	4.3059
5 Urban Land – Vacant	5.0071
6 Rural - Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	0.3925
7 Rural - Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	24.6404
8 Urban Commercial Land	4.8000
9 Urban Industrial land	5.6000
10 Transport Terminals	5.6000
11 Rural Tourism	1.3770
13 Extractive >5,000 Tonnes	0.3925
14 Mining Claim	14.8544
15 Mining (<5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	14.8544
16 Mining (>5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	14.8544
17 Mining (UV =<\$70,000)	14.8544
18 Work Camps 15-29 Persons	24.6404
19 Work Camps 30-99 Persons	24.6404
20 Work Camps 100-200 Persons	24.6404
21 Work Camps >200 Persons	24.6404
22 Commercial - Utility Service Providers <1Ha	119.6546
23 Commercial - Utility Service Providers 1 – 5Ha	99.1154
24 Commercial - Utility Service Providers >= 5Ha	62.7515
25 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture <2,000Ha	0.4715
26 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 2,000 - <5,000Ha	0.2986
27 Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 5,000 - <25,000Ha	0.2986

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28	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 25,000 - <50,000Ha	0.3356
29	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 50,000 - <150,000Ha	0.3359
30	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture >150,000Ha	0.3925

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.06
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7.

Minimum General Rate

RESOLUTION

In accordance with section 77 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council set the minimum general rate for the following rate categories: -

Minimum General Rates 2023 - 2024

	Category	Minimum General Rate 2023 - 2024
2	Rural Land Other	\$890
3	Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	\$685
4	Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence)	\$785
5	Urban Land – Vacant	\$785
6	Rural - Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	\$5,089
7	Rural - Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	\$11,356
8	Urban Commercial Land	\$845
9	Urban Industrial land	\$845
10	Transport Terminals	\$2,200
11	Rural Tourism	\$1,019
13	Extractive >5,000 Tonnes	\$11,356
14	Mining Claim	\$204
15	Mining (<5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	\$699
16	Mining (>5 Workers, UV <\$70,000)	\$13,230
17	Mining (UV =<\$70,000)	\$15,750
18	Work Camps 15-29 Persons	\$9,855
19	Work Camps 30-99 Persons	\$19,710
20	Work Camps 100-200 Persons	\$65,699
21	Work Camps >200 Persons	\$131,400
22	Commercial - Utility Service Providers <1Ha	\$8,027
23	Commercial - Utility Service Providers 1 – <5Ha	\$8,027
24	Commercial - Utility Service Providers >= 5Ha	\$8,027
25	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture <2,000Ha	\$1,019
26	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 2,000 - <5,000Ha	\$1,019
27	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 5,000 - <25,000Ha	\$1,019
28	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 25,000 - <50,000Ha	\$2,545
29	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture 50,000 - <150,000Ha	\$5,089
30	Rural Land – Grazing and Agriculture >150,000Ha	\$10,177

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.07
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8.

Special Rates and Charges - Waste Management Special Charge

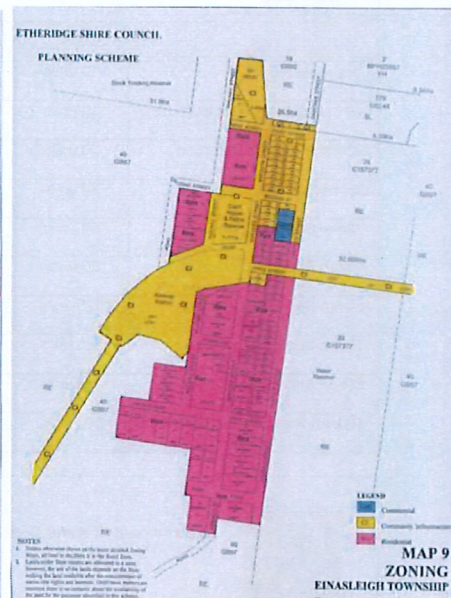
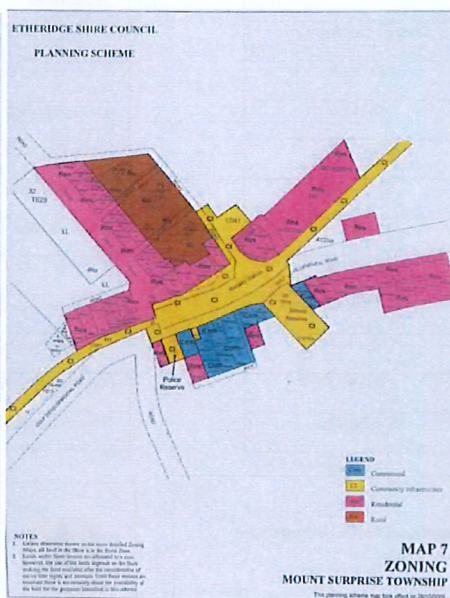
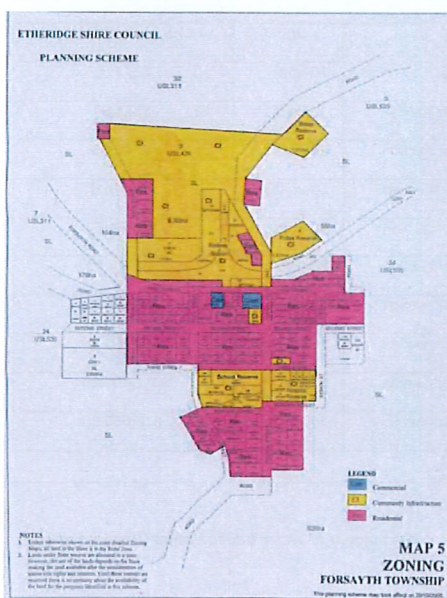
RESOLUTION

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 \$210.00, 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 Forsyth.

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

- The rateable land to which the waste management special charge applies is land within each of the benefited areas described in the town area maps ‘Planning Maps – Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsyth. 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 waste management 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 Forsyth. The waste management 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 waste management 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 2023-24.
- The time for implementing the overall plan is one (1) year ending 30 June 2024. However, provision of waste management facilities is an ongoing activity, and further waste management 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 2024.
- The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan (being the cost of the planned works and replacement of capital items for 2023-24 is \$ 67,500.00.

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

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.08
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9.

Utility Charges - Water Utility Charges

RESOLUTION


- (a) That in accordance with 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, as follows:

Township of Georgetown


 **The amount of Water Base Charge – Georgetown**
(1 unit = \$37.16)

	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$371.60
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$371.60
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$743.20
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$1,114.80
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$1,858.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$2,972.80
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$4,645.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$10,404.80
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$11,891.20
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$18,580.00


Township of Forsyth

 **The amount of Water Base Charge – Forsyth**
(1 unit = \$37.16)

	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$371.60
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$371.60
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$743.20
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$1,114.8
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$1,858.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$2,972.80
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$4,645.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$10,404.80
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$11,891.20
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$18,580.00

 **The amount of Water Consumption Charge- Georgetown**

Georgetown	Charge per Annum
Per Kiloilre of Use	62.00 cents up to 700 kilolitres per half year
Per Kiloilre of Use	123.00 cents over 700 kilolitres per half year

 **The amount of Water Consumption Charge- Forsyth**

Forsyth	Charge per Annum
Per Kiloilre of Use	99.00 cents up to 500 kilolitres per half year
Per Kiloilre of Use	216 cents over 500 kilolitres per half year

- (b) That in accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy a \$0.495 / kilolitre consumption charge, for the supply of raw water to the following rate assessments:

Assessment	Lot on Plan
501-50000	L53 on Plan SP242966
420-01354	L1on Plan MPH2268
522-50000	L5306 on Plan SP287760
541-00000	L196 on Plan OL 149

- (c) 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. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.09
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10.

Waste Management Services

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with 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 \$594.00 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 \$535.00 per annum

Commercial, industrial of community Facility

The amount of the charge to be levied is \$594.00 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 \$535.00 per annum

Commercial, industrial of community Facility

The amount of the charge to be levied is \$828.00 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 \$746.00 per annum

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.10
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11.

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. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.11
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12.

Interest on Arrears

RESOLUTION

That in accordance with section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest at the rate of 11.64% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or 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.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.12
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13.

Fire & Rescue Levy

RESOLUTION

That Council pursuant to section 105 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 2023 to 30 June 2024 - in August/September;
- (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. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.13
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14.

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.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.14
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15.

Concessions and Rebates/Concession on Rates

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a rebate upon 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 shall 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. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.15
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16.

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:

 Concessions to Community & Sporting Groups 2023 - 2024				
Club/Association	General Rate Concession 2023 - 2024	Water Access Charge	Water Consumption Charge	Cleansing Charge
Georgetown Golf Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
William Wallace Lodge- Georgetown	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forsayth Tennis Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forsayth All Sports Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forsayth Sporting Shooters Association	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Einasleigh Race Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgetown Turf Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oak Park Race Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mt Surprise Campdraft	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roman Catholic Diocese of Cairns	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
The Corporation of the Synod of the Carpentaria Diocese	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
QCWA	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
Roman Catholic Diocese of Cairns	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
The Corporation of the Synod of the Carpentaria Diocese	100%	50%	N/A	N/A

MOVED: Cr. Haase

SECONDED: Cr. Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.16
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17.

Etheridge Shire Council – Budget Policy 2023 - 2024

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 2023 - 2024

MOVED: Cr. Royes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.17
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18.

Statement of Estimated Financial Position FYE 2023

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 in accordance with 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. Barnes

SECONDED: Cr. Royes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.18
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19.

Etheridge Shire Council – Investment Policy 2023 - 2024

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 in accordance with section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopt the Investment Policy 2023 - 2024 as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Hughes

SECONDED: Cr. Barnes

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.19
5/0

20.

Etheridge Shire Council's – Borrowing Policy 2023 - 2024

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 in accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 Council adopt Etheridge the Borrowing Policy 2023 - 2024 as presented.

MOVED: Cr. Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr. Haase

CARRIED
RESOLUTION #SP23.07.20
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On behalf of Council, the Mayor wishes to thank the Council Officers that have been involved with collating information for the 2023 - 2024 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 9:30am. These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday, 16th August 2023.

B. C. Hughes
MAYOR

17/8/23
DATE



