

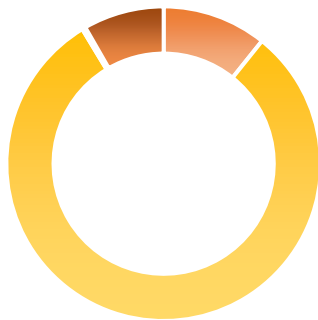
# 2023/2024

# Charging Summary



## Explaining your rates & charges 2023/24

In the 2023/2024 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. Council utilizes the property valuations provided by the Queensland Department of Resources. Whether your valuation goes up or down depends on their research and findings. Council then multiplies your valuation by the cents in the dollar (dependent upon which rate category your land has been allocated to and subject to the minimum general rate) to calculate the General Rates. New valuations came into effect on 1 July 2022. Council models proposed rates annually to prevent wild fluctuations in rate categories as property valuations rise or fall following revaluations.



## EXPENDITURE

- 10.8% Employee benefits
- 80.5% Materials and services
- 0.3% Finance costs
- 8.4% Depreciation



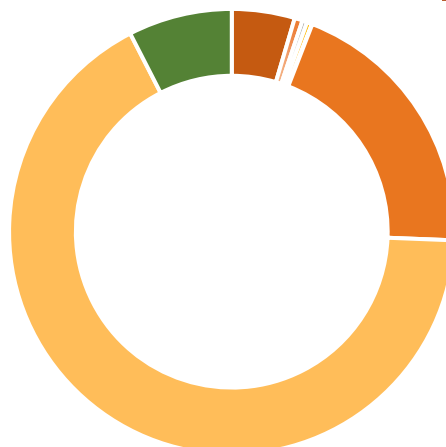
## \$14.2 million

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

- ✓ Town Street Reseals
- ✓ Forsyth-Einasleigh Road Reseal
- ✓ Floodway & Culvert replacements
- ✓ Road Signage replacement incl. rural addressing
- ✓ Georgetown Aged Independent Living Facility
- ✓ Georgetown Multi-purpose Sports Centre upgrade
- ✓ Hayman Street drainage improvement
- ✓ Percyvale Road realignment
- ✓ Queenslander Creek Upgrade
- ✓ Wash down facility
- ✓ Green Street staff accommodation
- ✓ Forsyth Waste Transfer Station
- ✓ Charleston Dam Rec Area



## OPERATIONAL INCOME



- 4.6% Net rates and utility charges
- 0.6% Fees and Charges
- 0.3% Rental Income
- 0.4% Interest Received
- 0.1% Sundry Receipts
- 19.7% Sales Contracts, Recoverable Works, and Contributions
- 66.8% Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions
- 7.5% Capital Grants

## 2023/24 Etheridge Shire Rating Category Statement

Category	Description	Cents per \$ valuation	2023/24 Minimum Rate
2	Rural Land Other	2.6818	\$890
3	Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	3.7493	\$685
4	Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence)	4.3059	\$785
5	Urban Land Vacant	5.0071	\$785
6	Rural – Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	0.3925	\$5089
7	Rural – Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	24.6404	\$11,356
8	Urban Commercial Land	4.8000	\$845
9	Urban Industrial Land	5.6000	\$845
10	Transport Terminals	5.6000	\$2,200
11	Rural Tourism	1.3770	\$1,019
13	Extractive >5,000 Tonnes	0.3925	\$11,356
14	Mining Claim	14.8544	\$204
15	Mining Claim (<5 workers, UV<\$70,000)	14.8544	\$699
16	Mining Claim (>5 Workers, UV<\$70,000)	14.8544	\$13,230
17	Mining (UV=>\$70,000)	14.8544	\$15,750
18	Workers Camps (15-29 people)	24.6404	\$9,855
19	Workers Camps (30-99 people)	24.6404	\$19,710
20	Workers Camps (100-200 people)	24.6404	\$65,699
21	Workers Camp (>200 people)	24.6404	\$131,400
22	Commercial–Utility Service Providers UV < 1Ha	119.6546	\$8,027
23	Commercial–Utility Service Providers 1-5Ha	99.1154	\$8,027
24	Commercial–Utility Service Providers >= 5Ha	62.7515	\$8,027
25	Grazing and Agriculture <2,000Ha	0.4715	\$1,019
26	Grazing and Agriculture 2,000 - <5,000Ha	0.2986	\$1,019
27	Grazing and Agriculture 5,000 - <25,000Ha	0.2986	\$1,019
28	Grazing and Agriculture 25,000 - <50,000Ha	0.3356	\$2,545
29	Grazing and Agriculture 50,000 - <150,000Ha	0.3359	\$5,089
30	Grazing and Agriculture <=150,000Ha	0.3925	\$10,177

### 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 for the financial year 2022-2023.

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 set at the rate of 11.64% per annum.

### FIRE & EMERGENCY LEVY

These funds are collected by Council on behalf of the State Government. Monies collected by Council are passed directly to the State for the purpose of supporting fire and emergency services.

**PAY YOUR RATES PRIOR TO 18 OCTOBER 2023  
AND RECEIVE THE PROMPT OF RATES**

**DISCOUNT FOR:**

**15% OFF**

*Applies to:*

*General Rates, Cleansing Utility Charges and Water Access*



### PENSIONER CONCESSIONS

Council will allow a remission of 50% of the total of General Rates, Cleansing Utility Charges, Water Utility Annual Access Charges, Special Charges Waste Management and Special Charges to qualifying pensioners only subject to a maximum remission of two and one quarter times the maximum State Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy allowable in the year. Currently the maximum State Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy is 20% of rates up to \$250 per annum so the comparative maximum Council Pensioner Remission is 50% of rates up to \$450 per annum.

#### **Our Vision for Etheridge Shire:**

*“A place of innovation, diversity and opportunity for all. We have a vibrant and cohesive community which is provided with quality services that maintain a high quality of life. Inclusive and progressive leadership ensures a sustainable community, economy and environment.”*

### HOW DO I OBJECT TO MY RATE CATEGORY?

You, as a landowner, may object to the categorization of your land shown on your rate notice, which has been determined by Council. Such objection must be in writing and be submitted to Council within thirty days of the issue of the rate notice.

The sole grounds on which you may object is that having regard to the criteria decided by Council for categorizing rateable land, your land should have been included in another category.

The objection must clearly state the facts and circumstances upon which the objection is made.

Please note that giving a notice of objection will not in the meantime affect the levy and recovery of the rates specified in the rate notice. You are advised to pay Council the rates as levied. If your objection is upheld, a rate adjustment will be made at that time. To view your rate category in more detail go to

[www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/forms-and-publications/rates](http://www.etheridge.qld.gov.au/forms-and-publications/rates)



### WASTE MANAGEMENT CHARGE

The funds collected from this levy is to enable Council to provide, improve, manage and maintain all current Waste Management facilities within our shire.

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 Forsyth' as contained in Council's Revenue Statement. Where a parcel of rateable land includes two or more lots, the charge will be levied on each lot.

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

Parcel – Vacant and or Occupied Dwelling	\$210.00
Parcel – Vacant	\$210.00

### CLEANSING CHARGE GEORGETOWN

The funds collected from this levy is for the collection of the contents of your wheelie bin and delivery to Council's Waste Management facilities.

For each house / dwelling unit / improved property		
240 litre mobile to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day	\$594.00	per annum

Commercial, industrial or community facility		
240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of commercial refuse on a normal weekly collection day	\$594.00	per annum
Additional bins	\$535.00	

Commercial, industrial or community facility		
900 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of commercial refuse on a normal weekly collection day	\$828.00	per annum
Additional bins	\$746.00	

### WATER CHARGES - GEORGETOWN & FORSYTH

Water levies are divided into two components – An Access Charge and a Consumption Charge. The Access Charge is the cost associated with supplying and maintaining the water supply system. An access charge of 10 units applies to all vacant land. All connected meters are per size of meter. The Consumption charge is for every kilolitre of water used as measured by a meter by the water consumption charge. Water Meter Readings are twice yearly, in January/February and June/July. Readings in the first half of the year are billed separately and readings in the second half of the year are billed with rate notices.

### WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGE

#### GEORGETOWN

Per kilolitre of use up to 700 kilolitres per half year	\$0.62
Per kilolitre of use over 700 kilolitres per half year	\$1.23

#### FORSAYTH

Per kilolitre of use up to 500 kilolitres per half year	\$0.99
Per kilolitre of use over 500 kilolitres per half year	\$2.16

### WATER ACCESS CHARGE

Connection	Unit	Georgetown	Forsyth
Unconnected Lot	10	\$371.60	\$371.60
All Charitable/ Religious uses	10	\$371.60	\$371.60
20mm Connection	20	\$743.20	\$743.20
25mm Connection	30	\$1,114.80	\$1,114.80
32mm Connection	50	\$1,858.00	\$1,858.00
40mm Connection	80	\$2,972.80	\$2,972.80
50mm Connection	125	\$4,645.00	\$4,645.00
75mm Connection	280	\$10,404.80	\$10,404.80
80mm Connection	320	\$11,891.20	\$11,891.20
100mm Connection	500	\$18,580.00	\$18,580.00

### RAW WATER MAINS (RURAL PROPERTIES)

Connections shall be limited to those approved under the initial agreement(s) between Council and property owner, negotiated as part of the water main pipeline for the Charleston Dam project. Under this agreement, properties have been granted a fixed number of connections to the raw water main, with each connection limited to 20mm connection. Primarily, water off-take is for stock watering purposes in lieu of access to the Delaney River. As the connection has been granted as compensation properties will not pay an access charge for the connection. Connections will be metered, with properties paying a consumption charge for each kilolitre passing through the meter. The Consumption charge for the following properties is set at \$0.495/kilolitre

### 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.

### PAYMENT METHODS

Payment for rates is accepted by BPay, In Person, By Mail and Direct Deposit. Please refer to your rate notice for more information. Alternatively, please contact Council by phone (07) 4079 9090 or email rates@etheridge.qld.gov.au

### 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.



Etheridge Shire Council will be offering a paperless service in 2024. Register your assessment today to receive your next rates notice electronically. To sign up please complete the form over the page and return it to Council via email or post.



# Request to Receive Rate Notice Electronically

Etheridge Shire Council  
41 St George Street  
PO Box 12  
Georgetown, QLD 4871  
Phone: 07 4079 9090  
Email: rates@etheridge.qld.gov.au  
Website: www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

## RATEPAYER/APPLICANT

Applicant 1 (Full name)	<input type="text"/>		
Applicant 2 (Full name)	<input type="text"/>		
Phone Number	<input type="text"/>	Mobile Number	<input type="text"/>
Company name	<input type="text"/>		
Company contact	<input type="text"/>	Company phone	<input type="text"/>
Email address (one only)	<input type="text"/>		

## PROPERTY DETAILS

	Assessment Number	Property Description	or	Property Address
1.	<input type="text"/>	Lot on Plan	or	<input type="text" value="Property Address"/>
2.	<input type="text"/>	Lot on Plan	or	<input type="text" value="Property Address"/>
3.	<input type="text"/>	Lot on Plan	or	<input type="text" value="Property Address"/>
4.	<input type="text"/>	Lot on Plan	or	<input type="text" value="Property Address"/>
5.	<input type="text"/>	Lot on Plan	or	<input type="text" value="Property Address"/>

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. By completing and returning this form you are providing consent to Council to provide your rate notice/s electronically pursuant to section 108 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (Qld). The provision of this information/documentation electronically complies with the *Electronic Transactions (Queensland) Act 2001*.
2. All registered owners must consent to this request and agree to the email address provided or advised.
3. All notices will be sent as a PDF document attached to an email.
4. Any changes to your email address or requests to stop receiving rate notice/s by email is your responsibility and must be received in writing.
5. If electronic mail is returned undeliverable, notices will be posted to you at your last advised postal address.
6. If two or more consecutive undeliverable messages occur, Council may cancel your request to email rate notice/s.
7. In the case of multiple owners, it is not Council's responsibility to send notices to more than one owner.

## DECLARATION

As the registered owner/s for the above property/s, I hereby request that Council email my rate notice/s to the email address provided above, in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.

Do all property owners agree to correspondence being sent to the above email address?  Yes  No

Applicant's Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>
Applicant's Signature	<input type="text"/>	Date	<input type="text"/>

Note: Where there are more than two property owners, please contact Council in relation to additional requirements.

## PRIVACY STATEMENT

You are providing personal information which will only be used for Council business activity specific to your enquiry, request, or application. Your personal information is managed in accordance with the *Information Privacy Act 2009*, will only be handled by persons authorised to do so and will not be disseminated unless you have given Council permission to do so or the disclosure is required by law.