

# 2024/2025

# Charging Summary



## Explaining your rates & charges 2024/25

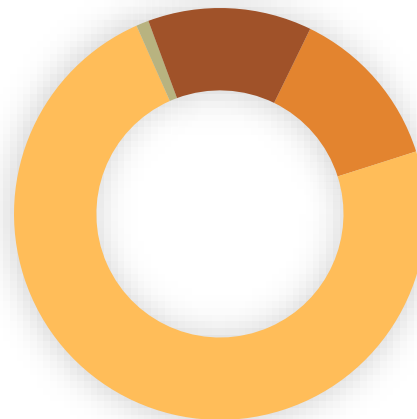
In the 2024/2025 Budget, Etheridge Shire Council continued with the previous system of Differential General Rating. Changes to the differential rating categories have been introduced to maintain equity so that all Shire properties contribute to the development of our Shire. Council utilizes the property 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.

## \$17.2 million

### CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

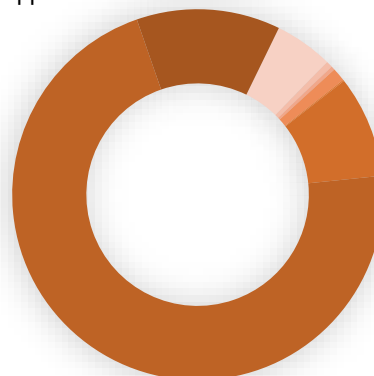
- ✓ Charleston Dam Rec Area
- ✓ Wash Down Bay HVSSP
- ✓ Seal Depot Top Yard
- ✓ River Walk (Stage1)
- ✓ Industrial Estate Development – Stage one
- ✓ Terrestrial Up Build Extension UBE
- ✓ Plan, Design and Construct Sports Facility Mt Surprise
- ✓ Regional Disaster Hub Building
- ✓ Reunion Chairs and Street Landscaping Project Georgetown
- ✓ Gorge Picnic Area Project Einasleigh
- ✓ Georgetown Aged Independent Living Facility
- ✓ Green Street Staff Housing
- ✓ Admin Office Parking Area
- ✓ Gabion Works – Behind Golf Club Carried forward to 2025-26
- ✓ Mt Surprise and Einasleigh Airstrip Fencing Electronic Community Notice Boards
- ✓ Einasleigh Cemetery Improvements
- ✓ Forsyth Modwood Park Seating, signage and walking fitness apparatus
- ✓ Establishment Learning Hubs Mt Surprise and Forsyth
- ✓ Charleston Dam and Other fences
- ✓ Current Year Plant
- ✓ Accommodation Units Planning
- ✓ Carried Forward Plant 3x Fuso Trucks.
- ✓ Einasleigh Forsyth Road (TIDS)
- ✓ Various Roadworks (LRCIP 4)
- ✓ Various Roadworks (RtR)
- ✓ Dust Pads Copperfield Bridge
- ✓ Gilbert River Bridge Upgrade
- ✓ Mt Surprise Remedial Street Drainage
- ✓ Floodway's
- ✓ Culvert Replacement
- ✓ Reseals
- ✓ Signage
- ✓ New Main to Etheridae River

### EXPENDITURE



- 13% Employee Benefits
- 74% Materials and Services
- 1% Finance Costs
- 13% Depreciation

### OPERATIONAL INCOME



- 5.09% Net Rates & Utility Charges
- 0.55% Fees and Charges
- 0.34% Rental Income
- 1.17% Interest Received
- 0.11% Sundry Receipts
- 8.89% Sales Contracts and Recoverable Works
- 71.31% Recurrent Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions
- 12.54% Capital Grants

## 2024/25 Etheridge Shire Rating Category Statement

Category	Description	Cents per \$ valuation	2024/25 Minimum Rate
2	Rural Land Oher	2.8159	\$935.00
3	Urban Residential (Principal Place of Residence)	3.9368	\$720.00
4	Urban Residential (Not Principal Place of Residence)	4.6074	\$840.00
5	Urban Land Vacant	5.3576	\$840.00
6	Rural – Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	0.4141	\$5,349.00
7	Rural – Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	27.5576	\$13,628.00
8	Urban Commercial Land	5.1360	\$896.00
9	Urban Industrial Land	5.9920	\$896.00
10	Transport Terminals	5.9920	\$2,332.00
11	Rural Tourism	1.4458	\$1,091.00
13	Extractive >5,000 Tonnes	0.4121	\$11,924.00
14	Mining Claim	15.5971	\$215
15	Mining Claim (<5 workers, UV<\$70,000)	15.5971	\$734.00
16	Mining Claim (>5 Workers, UV<\$70,000)	15.5971	\$13,892.00
17	Mining (UV=>\$70,000)	15.5971	\$16,538.00
18	Workers Camps (15-29 people)	27.5576	\$10,940.00
19	Workers Camps (30-99 people)	27.5576	\$21,879.00
20	Workers Camps (100-200 people)	27.5576	\$72,926.00
21	Workers Camp (>200 people)	27.5576	\$145,854.00
22	Commercial–Utility Service Providers UV < 1Ha	125.6374	\$8,429.00
23	Commercial–Utility Service Providers 1-5Ha	104.0711	\$8,429.00
24	Commercial–Utility Service Providers >= 5Ha	65.8890	\$8,429.00
25	Grazing and Agriculture <2,000Ha	0.4950	\$1,070.00
26	Grazing and Agriculture 2,000 - <5,000Ha	0.3195	\$1,070.00
27	Grazing and Agriculture 5,000 - <25,000Ha	0.3195	\$1,070.00
28	Grazing and Agriculture 25,000 - <50,000Ha	0.3527	\$2,673.00
29	Grazing and Agriculture 50,000 - <150,000Ha	0.3527	\$5,349.00
30	Grazing and Agriculture <=150,000Ha	0.4141	\$10,697.00
31	Major Transmission Site >10MVA	104.0711	\$18,250.00

### 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. Thirty 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 12.35% per annum.

### QFES Emergency Management Levy as per QFES

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.

### 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 \$200 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)

**PAY YOUR RATES PRIOR TO 30 September 2024**

**AND RECEIVE THE PROMPT OF RATES**

**DISCOUNT FOR:**

**15% OFF**

*Applies to:  
General 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	\$225.00
Parcel – Vacant	\$225.00

### 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	\$636.00 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	\$636.00 per annum
Additional bins	\$573.00

Commercial, industrial or community facility	
900 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of commercial refuse on a normal weekly collection day	\$886.00 per annum
Additional bins	\$798.00

### 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	\$68.00
Per kilolitre of use over 700 kilolitres per half year	\$136.00

#### FORSAYTH

Per kilolitre of use up to 500 kilolitres per half year	\$104.00
Per kilolitre of use over 500 kilolitres per half year	\$227.00

### WATER ACCESS CHARGE

Connection	Unit	Georgetown	Forsyth
Unconnected Lot	10	\$408.80	\$408.80
All Charitable/ Religious uses	10	\$408.80	\$408.80
20mm Connection	20	\$817.60	\$817.60
25mm Connection	30	\$1,226.40	\$1,226.40
32mm Connection	50	\$2,044.00	\$2,044.00
40mm Connection	80	\$3,270.40	\$3,270.40
50mm Connection	125	\$5,110.00	\$5,110.00
75mm Connection	280	\$11,446.40	\$11,446.40
80mm Connection	320	\$13,081.60	\$13,081.60
100mm Connection	500	\$20,440.00	\$20,440.00

### 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 \$0.545/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 2025. Register your assessment today to receive your next rates notice electronically. To sign up please complete the form available on Councils website.

