



# CONFIRMED MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING OF  
ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL  
HELD  
ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN  
ON THURSDAY 7 JUNE 2018,  
COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

**ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD AT GEORGETOWN**

**ON THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018**

**COMMENCING AT 8.00AM**

**ATTENDANCE**

Crs W Devlin, W Attwood, T Barnes\*, W Bethel & T Gallagher

**OFFICERS PRESENT**

Mr Norm Garsden, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services  
Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer

\* Cr Barnes attended the meeting via a teleconference, pursuant to section 276 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Council resolution No. 2017GM2193.

**GALLERY**

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8am and welcomed all in attendance.

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

*We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian People - the traditional custodians of this land where we meet for the General Meeting. We pay our respects to the Ewamian People, especially the Elders, past and present and acknowledge their traditional customs and lores and recognize their continuing connection to this Country.*

*We look forward to a long and continuing relationship with the Ewamian People and value any opportunities in strengthening relationships and partnerships through collaboration by respecting their Country.*

**DECLARATIONS**

Nil

**APOLOGIES AND CONDOLENCES**

Cr Bethel was not in attendance at the opening of the meeting and arrived to the meeting at 9:15am.

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS**

**GMCCS1.**

Etheridge Shire Council – Operational Plan 2018|2019

**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 2018/2019 Operational Plan pursuant to and in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2321**  
**4/0**

*Cr Devlin commended Mr. David Munro, Director of Corporate and Community Services on his work on the 2018/19 Budget.*

**GMCCS2.**

Etheridge Shire Council's – Borrowing Policy 2018|2019

**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 2018/2019 pursuant with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2322**  
**4/0**

**GMCCS3.**

Etheridge Shire Council – Investment Policy 2018|2019

**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 2018/2019 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.*

MOVED: Cr Barnes

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2323**  
**4/0**

**GMCCS4.**

Annual Budget – Budget Policy

**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.*

*This policy is due for review as at 30 June 2018*

**RESOLUTION**

That Council:  
*Resolve to adopt the Etheridge Shire Council - Budget Policy 2018/2019.*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2324**  
**4/0**

**GMCCS5.**

Etheridge Shire Council's Fees & Charges 2018|2019

**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 2018/2019 Fees and Charges pursuant to and in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2325**  
**4/0**

**GMCCS6.**

Statement of Estimated Financial Position FYE 2018

**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 Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2326**  
**4/0**

**GMCCS7.**

Adoption of the 2018/2019 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 2018/2019 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:*

<b>Column 1 – Category (section 81)</b>	<b>Column 2 – Description (section 81)</b>	<b>Column 3 – Identification (sections 81(4) and 81(5))</b>
Category. 1	<i>Rural Land – Grazing &amp; Agriculture Description: Rural Land, that is not within any other rural category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agricultural.</i>	64,65,83,84
Category. 2	<i>Rural Land – Other Description: Rural land that does not fall within any other rural category.</i>	04, 05,06,91
Category. 3	<i>Urban Land Etheridge Towns – (UV &lt; \$17,500) Description: Land used for urban purposes not included in any other category located in the town areas of Etheridge Shire Council as described in the town plan and having a UV less than</i>	01, 02, 03,05, 08, 09

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	\$17,500.	
Category. 4	<b>Urban Land Etheridge Towns – (UV &gt; \$17,500)</b> <i>Description: Land used for urban purposes not included in any other category located in the town areas of Etheridge Shire Council as described in the town plan and having a UV greater than \$17,500.</i>	01, 02, 03,05, 08, 09
Category. 5	<b>Urban Land Commercial / Industrial</b> <i>Description: Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a commercial or industrial purpose.</i>	07, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30,35,36, 42, 43
Category. 6	<b>Rural – Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture</b> <i>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.</i>	64, 66, 73, 77, 79, 83, 84
Category. 7	<b>Rural – Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms</b> <i>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).</i>	94, 91
Category. 11	<b>Mining Claim</b> <i>Description: Land upon which an approved Mining Tenement and or Mining Claim exists.</i>	40
Category. 12	<b>Commercial – Utility Service Providers</b> <i>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).</i>	54, 91,
Category. 13	<b>Other Land</b> <i>Description: Land not included in any other category.</i>	62, 63, 75,
Category. 14	<b>Mining (UV \$1-\$2,500)</b> <i>Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$1 to \$2,500.</i> <b>Definition(s)</b> <b>Mine:</b> <i>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:-</i>  <i>. 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</i>  <i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i>  <b>Integrated mining operation:</b> <i>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.</i>	40
Category. 15	<b>Mining (UV \$2,501 - \$6,500)</b> <i>Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$2,501 to \$6,500.</i> <b>Definition(s)</b> <b>Mine:</b> <i>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:-</i>  <i>. 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</i>  <i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i>  <b>Integrated mining operation:</b> <i>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.</i>	40
Category. 16	<b>Mining (UV \$6,501 - \$15,000)</b> <i>Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$6,501 to \$15,000.</i> <b>Definition(s)</b> <b>Mine:</b> <i>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:-</i>  <i>. 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</i>  <i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i>	40

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	<p><i>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.</i></p>	
Category. 17	<p><i>Mining (UV \$15,001 - \$35,000) Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$15,001 to \$35,000. Definition(s) Mine: Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-</i></p> <p><i>. 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</i></p> <p><i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	40
Category. 18	<p><i>Mining (UV \$35,001 - \$60,000) Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$35,001 to \$60,000. 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:-</i></p> <p><i>. 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</i></p> <p><i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	40
Category. 19	<p><i>Mining (UV &gt;\$60,000) Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value greater than \$60,000. 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:-</i></p> <p><i>. 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</i></p> <p><i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i></p> <p><i>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.</i></p>	40

- (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:



**MINIMUM GENERAL RATES & CENTS IN DOLLAR OF UNIMPROVED VALUATION 2018|2019**

CATEGORY	Cents in Dollar of Unimproved Valuation	Minimum Differential General Rate
1 Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture	1.3786	\$ 870.00
2 Rural Land - Other	2.4480	\$ 779.00
3 Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. < \$17,500)	4.3562	\$ 605.00
4 Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. > \$17,500)	6.8675	\$ 717.00
5 Urban Land Commercial / Industrial	6.8675	\$ 727.00
6 Rural - Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	1.3711	\$ 1,740.00
7 Rural – Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	39.1592	\$ 10,000.00
11 Mining Claim	55.5550	\$ 175.00
12 Commercial - Utility Service Providers	81.9936	\$ 990.00
13 Other	3.9089	\$ 795.00
14 Mining - (U.V. \$1 - \$2,500)	20.7393	\$ 602.00
15 Mining - (U.V. \$2,501 - \$6,500)	37.2383	\$ 645.00
16 Mining - (U.V. \$6,501 - \$15,000)	38.6194	\$ 1,538.00
17 Mining - (U.V. \$15,001 - \$35,000)	37.7986	\$ 3,075.00
18 Mining - (U.V. \$35,001 - \$60,000)	62.4424	\$ 6,000.00
19 Mining - (U.V. > \$60,000)	74.7240	\$ 12,000.00

(d) Pursuant to section 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the amount of the differential general rate to be levied for the 2018/19 financial year on the categories of land identified in Column 1 of the table below, be limited to an amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rate levied on that land in the previous financial year increased by the percentage identified in column 2 of the table below:



**Percentage Increase (i.e. "the Cap") 2018/2019**

Column 1 - Category	Column 2 - Percentage Increase (i.e. "the Cap")
1 Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture	2.50%
2 Rural Land - Other	2.50%
3 Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. < \$17,500)	2.50%
4 Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. > \$17,500)	2.50%
5 Urban Land Commercial / Industrial	2.50%
15 Mining - (U.V. \$2,501 - \$6,500)	2.50%

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2327**  
**4/0**

**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.***

***(a) The overall plan for the Waste Management Special Charge is as follows:***



**i. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is:**

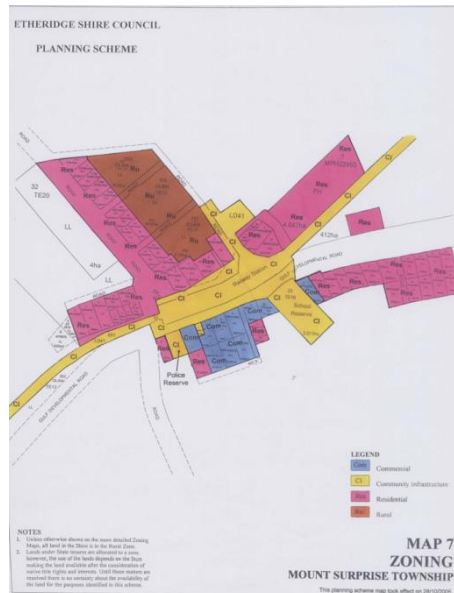
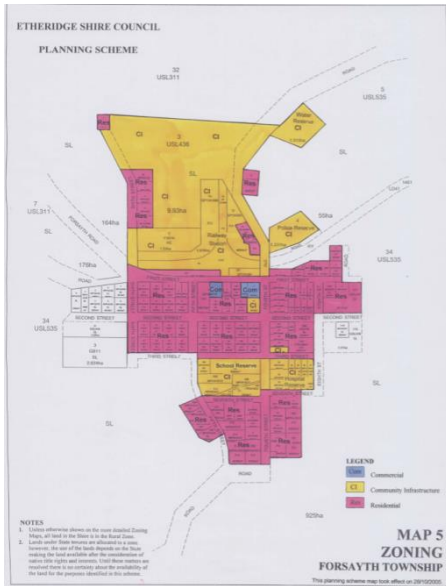
**The rateable land to which the special charge applies is land within each of the benefited areas described in the town area maps ‘Planning Maps – Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth. Where a parcel of rateable land includes two or more lots, the charge will be levied on each lot.**

**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 2018|2019.**

**ii. The rateable land to which the plan applies is the town boundaries as shown within Council’s Planning Scheme. For the purposes of the proceeding table, and this document generally, the term “town plan” means the Town Planning Scheme for the Shire of Etheridge first gazetted on 28 October 2005 incorporating all the amendments up to and including 30 June 2019. For avoidance of doubt, and for the purposes of interpreting and applying this statement, the term “town plan” will continue to mean the said town planning scheme, notwithstanding that it may be replaced by a “Planning Act Scheme” before 30 June 2019.**



**iii. The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$30,000.00.**

**iv. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.**

**(b) The rateable land or its occupier specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because;**

- (i) **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 Forsyth and 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.**

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher


**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2328**  
**4/0**

**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 2018/2019 - Georgetown (1 unit = \$31.80)		
Georgetown	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$ 318.00
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$ 318.00
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$ 636.00
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$ 954.00
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$ 1,590.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$ 2,544.00
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$ 3,975.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$ 8,904.00
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$ 10,176.00
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$ 15,900.00

**Township of Forsyth**

 The amount of Water Base Access Charge 2018/2019 - Forsyth (1 unit = \$31.80)		
Forsyth	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$ 318.00
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$ 318.00
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$ 636.00
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$ 954.00
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$ 1,590.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$ 2,544.00
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$ 3,975.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$ 8,904.00
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$ 10,176.00
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$ 15,900.00

 The amount of Water Consumption Charge 2018/2019 - Georgetown	
Georgetown	Charge per Annum
Per Kilolitre of Use	50.00 cents up to 700 kilolitres per half year
Per Kilolitre of Use	100.00 cents over 700 kilolitres pr half year

 The amount of Water Consumption Charge 2018/2019 - Forsyth	
Forsyth	Charge per Annum
Per Kilolitre of Use	80.00 cents up to 500 kilolitres per half year
Per Kilolitre of Use	175.00 cents over 500 kilolitres pr half year

- (b) **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 Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher


**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2329**  
**4/0**

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***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:***

***Township of Georgetown***

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

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2330**  
**4/0**

**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 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:***

- (a) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 30 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 30 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 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.***

**MOVED:** Cr Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2331**  
**4/0**

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***Pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of eleven percent (11%) 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 installment.***

***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.***

**MOVED:** Cr Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2332**  
**4/0**

**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 2018 to 30 June 2019 - in August/ September 2018;***
- (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 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.***

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2333**  
**4/0**

**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 Barnes

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2334**  
**4/0**

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***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.***

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2335**  
**4/0**

**RESOLUTION**

***That Council:***

***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:***

 <b>Concessions to Community &amp; Sporting Groups 2018 2019</b>				
<b>Club / Association</b>	<b>General Rate Concession 2018 2019</b>	<b>Water Access Charge</b>	<b>Water Consumption Charge</b>	<b>Cleansing Charge</b>
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 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 Gallagher

**SECONDED:** Cr Barnes

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2336**  
**4/0**

**GMCCS8.**

Adoption of the 2018/2019 Etheridge Shire Council Budget

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

***The Budget Document for the 2018/2019 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 (2018 – 2023).***

***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 2018/2019 Budget reveals total revenue from ordinary activities amounting to \$22,087,399, total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$24,394,193 and capital funding operations amounting to \$16,489,468.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Acknowledges that the 2018/2019 Budget reveals total revenue from ordinary activities amounting to \$22,087,399, total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$24,394,193 and capital funding operations amounting to \$16,489,468 and furthermore;*

*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 2018/2019 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 (adopted by Council on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018, Resolution No:2018/GM2291);*
- 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 Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2337**  
**4/0**

**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council suspends standing orders at 8:46am.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2338**  
**4/0**

**CLOSURE OF MEETING**

**MOTION:**

*That in accordance with Section 275(1) (e) & (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following matters;*

- Offer to Purchase part of Road Reserve (Gulf Development Road) which adjoins Lot 7 on GB70, Lot 9 on GB75 & Lot 99 on SP206971;*
- Charleston Dam – Tender Update.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2339**  
**4/0**

**ATTENDANCE**

Ms Anna Christensen, Executive Assistant, left the meeting at 8:49am and returned at 9:17am.

Cr Bethel arrived to the meeting at 9:15am.

**RESUMPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

**MOTION:**

*That Council resumes standing orders at 9:17am.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2340**  
**5/0**

**CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS**

**GMCCS9.**

Offer to Purchase part of Road Reserve (Gulf Development Road) which adjoins Lot 7 on GB70, Lot 9 on GB75 & Lot 99 on SP206971

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

*At the June 2016 Council resolved to lodge an application with the Department of Natural Resources & Mines to purchase a portion of the unused Road Reserve along the Gulf Development Road. On Friday 15 December 2017, Council received an official offer from the Department to acquire this portion of unused Road Reserve.*

*Council has requested an extension of time from the Department on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2017, with the Department granting an extension until the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Council requested a further extension from the Department until the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to formally accept the offer.*

**RESOLUTION**

*That Council:*

*Request the Chief Executive Officer to obtain quotes to engage the relevant consultant to assist Council with preparing a concept plan for industrial land off the Gulf Development Road west of Georgetown.*

**MOVED:** Cr Attwood

**SECONDED:** Cr Gallagher

**CARRIED**  
**RESOLUTION NO.2018/GM2341**  
**5/0**



**GMCCS10.**

Charleston Dam – Tender Update

***Council received the Chief Executive Officer's verbal update on the Charleston Dam.***

**CONCLUSION**

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 9:40am.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 20th June 2018.

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