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NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

2021-2022

REVENUE STATEMENT

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ADOPTED 30/06/2021



The sewerage scheme charges shall be:

Sewerage Charge	Description	Charge
1 st Pedestal Charge	Charge applied to a single unit dwelling, each unit of a multi-unit dwelling and for the 1 st pedestal at all other connected allotments.	\$634
Access Charge (un-connected or vacant)	Charge applied to each non-contiguous parcel of land in the sewerage area that has the potential to be connected to the sewerage scheme, whether connected or not.	\$483
Additional Pedestal (non-residential)	After the 1 st Pedestal Charge, the Charge applied to each additional non-residential pedestal (including urinal cistern) that is connected to the sewerage scheme.	\$514
Access Charge Additional Contiguous Parcels	Charge applied to each additional contiguous parcel of land in the sewerage area that has the potential to be connected to the sewerage scheme, whether connected or not.	\$217
Septic Charge	Charge applied to Assessments 60156-00000-000, 60157-00000-000, 60424-00000-000 and 60425-00000-000, these assessments are within the designated Mundubbera Sewerage Area but are unable to be connected.	\$483

WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

Subject to the qualification and exceptions in the following paragraphs, Council will levy on every individual parcel in its land record a utility charge for water, if the parcel is located within Council's declared water area and where Council is prepared to supply water, together with any land already connected to the Council water supply system.

The charge may be levied in those areas where construction of the service infrastructure has commenced but access is not yet available to the water service.

Exemptions (Applies to contiguous parcel properties only)

- Where a single residential building or a single commercial building is situated across two or more adjoining parcels, Council will treat those parcels as if they were amalgamated into a single parcel, and will levy accordingly a single-parcel water charge.
- Council may elect to not levy water charges against a parcel used for a charitable purpose, or an educational or religious purpose, or another purpose beneficial to the community, which is identified in Council's differential rating category or the Department of Natural Resources and Mines land use code for the parcel, or which is identified through Council's own enquiries.
- Council also will not levy water charges against land:
 - i. that is effectively incapable of development (if vacant) by the erection of residential premises; or
 - ii. that is effectively incapable of development (if residential premises are situated upon it) by the erection of additional residential premises.
- The owner of a parcel bears the onus of demonstrating to Council it is entitled to the benefit of a qualification or exception in any of the three preceding sub-paragraphs. Such onus will be taken to be limited to that of reasonable effort having regard to the value of the exemption and Council's obligation to other ratepayers.

A system of full cost recovery on the supply of water, comprising an access charge to cover the fixed items within the water fund, such as capital expenditure and interest and redemption, and a consumption charge based on units of consumption covering the ongoing maintenance and operation of the schemes.

The water supply utility charges will be levied in accordance with the following principle:

- Access (Connection) Charge - Each parcel within the water area that has the potential to be connected to the water scheme and those rural properties that are connected to the water scheme will contribute towards the capital costs of the scheme.
- Consumption Charge – Each connection will contribute to the annual operating costs associated with the scheme based on kilolitre consumption measured through water meter readings.

The Water Scheme charges shall be:

Water Charge	Description	Charge
Access Charge	Charge applied to each parcel of land in the water area that has the potential to be connected to the water scheme, whether connected or not.	\$651
Consumption Charge	Charge for each kilolitre of consumption through water meter reads.	\$1.95
Access Charge Additional Contiguous Parcels	Charge applied to each additional contiguous parcel of land in the water area that has the potential to be connected to the water scheme, whether connected or not.	\$291

KERBSIDE GARBAGE BIN COLLECTION & DISPOSAL CHARGES

The Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection and Disposal charge shall apply to the defined Waste collection areas, however Council has resolved that where a service has been established and on occasions the waste contractor determines that it cannot and should not traverse a particular road the service will not be delivered and that options available to the property effected are to leave the bin until the next available collection, take the bin to a Council landfill where the effected residents will not be charged or take the bin to a serviced sealed road where the truck can service it without danger or impact on roads.

The purpose of the Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection & Disposal charging system is to fund the collection, operation and maintenance of the Kerbside Garbage Collection Service performed within the Regional Council.

The objects of the Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection & Disposal charging system are:-

- To provide residents and staff with details of applicable charges associated with the Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection & Disposal service.
- To distribute costs equitably, where practical, by ensuring that individual customers pay for the cost of the service they use.
- To generate sufficient and stable income for the complete operation of the Garbage Function.

The annual Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection & Disposal charge will be set by resolution of Council when adopting its annual budget. The regular service provided shall be on the basis of one 240 litre wheelie bin service per week. Each service shall be equal to one (1) unit and each additional service equal to one (1) unit. The charges are annual charges and credits cannot be allowed for periods of time when premises are unoccupied. The Service will be charged on the number of services provided as follows:

- Residential - Differential Rate Categories 1-5
- Commercial - Differential Rate Categories 6-18
- Premium – Opt in Service (Application must be made)
- Infirmid – Opt in Service (Application must be made)

Garbage Charge	Description	Charge
Residential Garbage	Charge applied to each bin serviced for properties in Differential Rate Categories Other than 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17 and 18	\$304
Commercial Garbage	Charge applied to each bin serviced for properties in Differential Rate Categories 6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17 and 18	\$368
Premium Garbage	Charge applies to each bin serviced. Application must be made for this service	\$614
Infirmid Garbage	Charge applies to each bin serviced. Application must be made for this service	\$304

SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

SPECIAL CHARGE – ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS SHAND STREET SUBDIVISION, MT PERRY (SHAND, HUNTER & MASON STREETS)

(a) Reason

The matter of pursuing the establishment of the uncompleted infrastructure within the unfinished Shand Street Subdivision Mt Perry was considered by Council at its General Meeting Gayndah 15th March 2016 and a resolution was carried 7-0 as follows;

Cr KS Wendt OAM BEM moved and Cr PW Lobegeier seconded: That Council receive and note the contents of the report and commence the implementation of the proposed benefitted area.

The benefitted parcels and the special charges are shown in this report at:

Schedule 1 – Properties and breakdown of costs in relation to the Special Levy for the Shand, Hunter & Mason Street Benefitted Area Roads and Drainage upgrades.

The special charge will be levied on the benefitted parcels commencing for the Levy Period 1 January to 30 June 2017 and all forward periods as outlined in Schedule 2.

(b) Basis on which Special Charge – Road and Drainage Works Shand Street Subdivision, Mt Perry

In accordance with Section 92(3) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Chapter 4 Part 6 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will make and levy a special charge on each parcel of land contained in Schedule 1 to recoup the cost of finalisation of drainage and road works.

The respective plans are detailed below:

Internal Roadworks

Overall Plan

The Overall Plan is as follows:

(a) Schedule 1 identifies the rateable land that will especially benefit from the service, facilities, and activities the subject of the plan.

(b) The service, facilities, and activities the subject of the plan comprises: Performance of the work (including provision of materials) to fund and construct:

- Shand Street
- Hunter Street
- Mason Street

Associated works involved in administering, project managing and consulting regarding the Benefitted Area Project.

(c) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is \$366,200. Break down for each respective property is in Schedule 1

(d) Estimated time for implementing the overall plan is 10 years, commencing in or about July 2016.

(e) Reimbursement of work cost by affected properties is based on the following:

In setting the special levy it is necessary to consider the extent to which each property specially benefits from the works.

The term “benefit” also includes “the extent to which the land specially contributes to the need for the service or activity”. Thus the “benefit” may relate to the cost of providing the service to the particular parcel of land.

The works are identified as;

Hunter Street from Mason Street to end

- Mason Street from Hunter Street to Shand Street
- Shand Street

There is also the intersection (which it is proposed should be funded from Council’s general funds and not part of the special charge scheme).

The direct beneficiaries are those properties fronting the streets it is proposed to construct. Properties fronting the part of Mason St not to be constructed and the unnamed road beyond that will receive some benefit. It is assumed they will have benefit over the constructed road length as other properties, even though the sealed road will not extend all the way.

The benefit is access to the property using a constructed road.

It could be argued that the benefit to each property is equal (one access). It could also be argued that the benefit to each property (or the cost of providing that benefit) varies as follows:

- a) The cost of providing access to each property is a share based on the length of road required to access that property. Thus a property facing Shand Street will benefit from the construction of Mason St and the part of Shand Street up to the property entrance. The property does not benefit from the part of Shand Street beyond its boundary towards the closed end. Included in setting the Special Levy
- b) The works will provide potential constructed road access to all the frontage of the property so the property will also benefit from the length of road running across its frontage. Included in setting the Special Levy

Council will make and levy for the 2021-2022 financial year a special levy upon each of the benefited lots, to recoup the work cost and the associated borrowing costs it incurs.

Each benefited parcel will share with each other benefited parcel the Council borrowing costs (including interest) and work costs. For Land in Sales Processes the special levy will be noted by Council as part of these sales procedures so that future purchasers will understand rates liability of appropriate land parcels.

Full Cost Breakdown is in Schedule 2

TO PAY FOR THIS LANDOWNERS WILL HAVE TWO OPTIONS AS FOLLOWS;

Option 1 – Land Owners Paying Over a 10 Year Period

Option 2 – early settlement of outstanding balances (penalty will apply for reducing council borrowings and a calculation will be undertaken at the point of request)

Details of the Annual Implementation Plan

It should be noted that over the period of 2014-2016 Council has invested in excess of \$120,000 of its own funds in road formation and civil works.

Council will recover from ratepayers the cost of undertaking the work (including borrowing costs)

SCHEDULE 1 PROPERTIES AND BREAKDOWN OF COSTS IN RELATION TO THE SPECIAL LEVY FOR THE SHAND, HUNTER & MASON STREET BENEFITED AREA ROADS AND DRAINAGE UPGRADES.

	Option 1 - Annual Payment				Option 2 - Repayment Option				
	Hunter	Mason	Shand	Total	Hunter	Mason	Shand	Total Annual	Total 10 yrs
86rp28376	3,051.78	-	-	3,051.78	-	-	-	-	-
87rp28376	6,014.23	-	-	6,014.23	803.50	-	-	803.50	8,035.02
88rp28376	8,976.69	-	-	8,976.69	-	-	-	-	-
89rp28376	11,939.15	-	-	11,939.15	1,595.07	-	-	1,595.07	15,950.70
90rp28376	14,871.83	-	-	14,871.83	1,986.88	-	-	1,986.88	19,868.77
91rp28376	15,922.50	-	-	15,922.50	2,127.25	-	-	2,127.25	21,272.46
92rp28376	12,833.54	-	-	12,833.54	1,714.56	-	-	1,714.56	17,145.60
93rp28376	9,617.19	-	-	9,617.19	1,284.86	-	-	1,284.86	12,848.57
94rp28376	6,480.46	1,850.19	-	8,330.65	865.79	247.19	-	1,112.97	11,129.74
95rp28376	-	3,700.37	-	3,700.37	-	494.37	-	494.37	4,943.70
96rp28376	-	5,468.83	-	5,468.83	-	730.64	-	730.64	7,306.35
97rp28376	-	7,222.42	-	7,222.42	-	964.92	-	964.92	9,649.15
98rp28376	-	9,882.53	6,439.95	16,322.48	-	1,320.31	860.38	2,180.68	21,806.83
99rp28376	-	9,882.53	9,651.85	19,534.38	-	1,320.31	1,289.49	2,609.79	26,097.93
100rp28376	-	9,882.53	12,863.76	22,746.29	-	1,320.31	1,718.60	3,038.90	30,389.04
101rp28376	-	9,882.53	15,898.12	25,780.65	-	1,320.31	2,123.99	3,444.29	34,442.95
170rp28376	-	9,882.53	25,787.60	35,670.13	-	1,320.31	3,445.22	4,765.53	47,655.29
169rp28376	-	9,882.53	12,710.72	22,593.25	-	1,320.31	1,698.15	3,018.46	30,184.58
163rp28376	-	9,882.53	6,355.36	16,237.89	-	1,320.31	849.08	2,169.38	21,693.82
164rp28376	-	9,882.53	-	9,882.53	-	1,320.31	-	1,320.31	13,203.06
165rp28376	-	9,882.53	-	9,882.53	-	1,320.31	-	1,320.31	13,203.06
166rp28376	-	9,882.53	-	9,882.53	-	1,320.31	-	1,320.31	13,203.06
167rp28376	-	9,882.53	-	9,882.53	-	1,320.31	-	1,320.31	13,203.06
168rp28376	-	9,882.53	-	9,882.53	-	1,320.31	-	1,320.31	13,203.06
	89,707.37	136,832.17	89,707.36	316,246.90	10,377.91	18,280.84	11,984.91	40,643.66	406,435.80

***The amounts may change due to any payments received before the actual costs were finalised.

SCHEDULE 2 – LEVY PERIODS/YEARS FOR FUTURE CHARGES

Finance Year	Period Start	Period End	Charge Amount
2016-17	1/01/2017	30/06/2017	Half Yearly Charge
2017-18	1/07/2017	31/12/2017	Half Yearly Charge
2017-18	1/01/2018	30/06/2018	Half Yearly Charge
2018-19	1/07/2018	31/12/2018	Half Yearly Charge
2018-19	1/01/2019	30/06/2019	Half Yearly Charge
2019-20	1/07/2019	31/12/2019	Half Yearly Charge
2019-20	1/01/2020	30/06/2020	Half Yearly Charge
2020-21	1/07/2020	31/12/2020	Half Yearly Charge
2020-21	1/01/2021	30/06/2021	Half Yearly Charge
2021-22	1/07/2021	31/12/2021	Half Yearly Charge
2021-22	1/01/2022	30/06/2022	Half Yearly Charge
2022-23	1/07/2022	31/12/2022	Half Yearly Charge
2022-23	1/01/2023	30/06/2023	Half Yearly Charge
2023-24	1/07/2023	31/12/2023	Half Yearly Charge
2023-24	1/01/2024	30/06/2024	Half Yearly Charge
2024-25	1/07/2024	31/12/2024	Half Yearly Charge
2024-25	1/01/2025	30/06/2025	Half Yearly Charge
2025-26	1/07/2025	31/12/2025	Half Yearly Charge
2025-26	1/01/2026	30/06/2026	Half Yearly Charge
2026-27	1/07/2026	31/12/2026	Half Yearly Charge

These charges are above all other rates and charges applicable

SEPARATE RATES AND CHARGES

LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT LEVY

A Separate Charge, Local Disaster Management Levy (LDML), will be raised on all assessments within the North Burnett Region to assist in Councils capability to meet its obligations in times of a disaster and contribute toward the ongoing operation of disaster preparedness facilities. Refer to Policy 261. Local Disaster Management Levy for further details.

Local Disaster Management Levy	Description	Charge
Local Disaster Management Levy	Charge applied on all assessments. No Discount to apply to this Levy	\$6

NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LEVY

The Natural Resource Management Levy will be raised from all ratepayers on an assessment basis with the rate determined by Council on an annual basis.

The Levy will be used to offset the weed and animal pest control measures combined with other Natural Resource functions within the regions.

Natural Resource Management Levy	Description	Charge
Natural Resource Management Levy	The levy applies to all assessments within the North Burnett Regional Council.	\$58

LANDFILL MANAGEMENT LEVY

The Landfill Management Levy will be raised from all ratepayers on an assessment basis with the rate determined by Council on an annual basis.

The Levy will be used to offset the costs of Landfill Management, compliance and future close out provisions.

Landfill Management Levy	Description	Charge
Landfill Management Levy	The levy applies to all assessments within the North Burnett Regional Council.	\$216

REBATES AND CONCESSIONS

REMISSION FOR OCCUPANCY/OWNERSHIP BY PENSIONERS

The Council will provide administrative support to the State Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme which currently provides a subsidy as follows:-

- The State Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme (PRSS) provides a subsidy on some Council rates and charges to pensioners who are in receipt of a pension from the Commonwealth Government, and who comply with the guidelines established by the Queensland Department of Communities. The State Government subsidy is currently set at **twenty percent (20%) of the applicable rates and charges up to a maximum of \$200.00 per annum.**

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (SEC 130 (REG))

It is the policy of the Council that one (1) discount period will apply for each 6 month levy period. The discount period will commence on the date of notice and extend for a period of no less than 30 days.

In accordance with *Local Government Regulation 2012 Section 130*, the following Discount rates were adopted by the Council at its 2021-22 Budget Meeting:-

Rate/Charge	Discount Rate Applicable
General Rates (including Minimum General Rates);	10%
Water Charges (Excluding Water Consumption Charges)	10%
Water Consumption Charges	0%
Sewerage Charges	10%
Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection & Disposal Charge	10%
Land Fill Management Levy	10%
Natural Resource Management Levy	10%
Local Disaster Management Levy	0%
Special Charge – Road and Drainage Works Shand Street Subdivision Mt Perry	0%

Payments received by the Council or its appointed agents prior to close of business on the due date specified on the Rate Notice for each 6 month period will attract the percentage discount specified above.

Discount, on late payment of Rates and Charges, can only be allowed under Council's General Policy, *Rates – Discount for Late Payments*.

Discount disallowed on the levy for the first 6 month period is not eligible for allowance even if payment is made by the close of business on the specified due date of the levy for the second 6 month period.

No discount will be allowed if, after payment of current rates/charges, overdue rates remain on the land.

ISSUE DATES AND DUE DATES

Rates issue dates and due dates will be as follows:

Rate Period	Issue Date	Due Date
1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021	10 August 2021	10 September 2021
1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022	8 February 2022	11 March 2022

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES (SEC 133 (REG))

Pursuant to the provision of *Local Government Regulation 2012 Sec 133* and to promote prompt payment of rates and charges, Council will charge interest on all overdue rates and charges, including special rates, at the maximum rate provided for by Local Government Regulations.

For the financial year 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022, any balances outstanding at the close of the discount period will incur interest at the rate of 8.03% per annum compounding daily, from that date.

PAYMENT OF OVERDUE RATE BY INSTALMENTS

To assist ratepayers in meeting their rate responsibilities, Council may accept applications for payment of overdue rates and utility charges by instalments from property owners who can demonstrate a genuine financial hardship. Each application will be assessed on its merits.

Interest will continue to be charged on overdue rates and utility charges which are subject to an instalment payment plan. The applicant must comply with the terms of the instalment plan agreed to, as default will result in Council requiring immediate full payment of future instalments.

PAYMENT IN ADVANCE

Council accepts payments in advance by lump sum or by instalments. Interest is not paid to ratepayers on any credit balances.

PRO RATA RATES AND CHARGES

In respect of any rates that are applicable in respect to part only of the year ending 30 June 2022, the amount payable in respect thereof shall be assessed and charged on a pro-rate basis, with the pro-rata rate or charge to be set out in a supplementary notice with discount where applicable.

CONCESSIONS FROM WATER CONSUMPTION CHARGES

Concessions for Partial Relief from Water Consumption Charges will only be allowed in accordance with Council's General Policy 211 – *Partial Relief from Water Charges*.

CONCESSIONS FROM GENERAL RATES (SEC 120 (REG))

Council will upon written application, consider the remission of whole or part of the general rate levied upon entities or organisations who meet the criteria detailed in Section 120 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. Further details are included in Council's General Policy, *Rates – Not for Profit Organisations*.

CONCESSIONS FOR SUBDIVIDER (SEC 120 (REG))

That, where a subdivider is required to contribute to reticulated water and sewerage to a subdivision, the subdivider/developer be granted a concession of 100% of the water access charge and sewerage vacant land charges subject to the following conditions:-

1. The concession is for a maximum period of 3 years from the registration date of the plan;
2. The person who subdivided the parcel is the owner of the land;
3. The land is not developed land;
4. The ratepayer applies in writing for the concession; and

This provision is NOT retrospective beyond 2015-16 financial year.

If the land still satisfies the above conditions after the three year period noted above the subdivided/developer is entitled to an additional 2 years at the contiguous water & sewerage charge on the said land.

Transitional Provisions for Subdivider

Where a subdivider has a subdivided block that plan was registered beyond 3 years and is therefore not entitled to the above full concessions, however was required to contribute towards reticulated water and sewerage to a subdivision then a the contiguous water & sewerage charge will apply subject to the following conditions:-

- A. The person who subdivided the parcel is the owner of the land;
- B. The land is not developed land;
- C. The ratepayer applies in writing for the concession.

DECLARED DISASTER CIRCUMSTANCES

The Chief Executive Officer may at their discretion grant some relief to ratepayers significantly affected by a declared disaster who are financially stressed.

The relief will be in the form of an extension to the discount period. The Discount period will be extended for a period of no longer than two months from the original due date. The ratepayer will be required to enter into a payment arrangement during the extended discount period. There will be no overdue interest charges during this extended discount period for current period rates and charges, if however there were overdue rates and charges from previous period's interest charges will still apply to these.

COST RECOVERY FEES

Section 97 of the *Local Government Act, 2009* empowers the Council to fix, by *local law or resolution*, a fee for any of the following:-

- (a) *an application for, or the issue of an approval, consent, licence, permission, registration or other authority under a local government Act;*
- (b) *recording a change of ownership of land;*
- (c) *giving information kept under a local government Act;*
- (d) *seizing property or animals under a local government Act;*
- (e) *the performance of a function, other than a function mentioned in paragraphs (1) to (d), imposed on the local government under Building Act 1975 or the Plumbing and Drainage Act 2002.*

Such regulatory fee must not be more than the cost of providing the service or taking the action for which the fee is charged. Information about the fee must be recorded in the Council's Register of Regulatory Fees. Fees have been determined as recovering the cost of wages necessary to take action plus appropriate oncosts and overhead charges plus any external charges.

COMMERCIAL CHARGES

Section 262(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act, 2009* provides the Council, as a legal entity, with powers to charge for services and facilities it supplies other than a service or facility for which a regulatory fee may be fixed. Such commercial charges are for transactions where the Council is prepared to provide a service and the other party to the transaction can choose whether or not to avail itself of the service. The making of commercial charges may be delegated by the Council (recorded in the Delegations Register). Commercial Charges are subject to the Goods and Services Tax.

Such charges may be reviewed by the Council at any time and will be recorded with the Register of Regulatory Fees as a listing of Commercial Charges. The nature, level and standard of the entitlement, facility or service is considered by the Council in the setting of commercial charges. Central to deliberations on these matters is the Council's community service obligation and the principle of social equity.

The principle of "user pays" is considered only where the provision of a service, entitlement or facility may be in direct competition with private enterprise.

LIMITATION OF INCREASES IN RATES OR CHARGES LEVIED

In accordance with section 172(2)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council records that for the 2021-22 financial year, it has not made a resolution pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, limiting the increase in rates or charges.