



MINUTES

Budget Meeting

10 July 2024

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**MINUTES OF NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING HELD AT THE GAYNDAH BOARDROOM
ON WEDNESDAY, 10 JULY 2024 AT 9:00 AM**

1 WELCOME/HOUSEKEEPING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 9:00am and welcoming all attendees. The Mayor acknowledged the attendance at the meeting of the Interim Chief Executive Officer, Mr Craig Matheson. The Mayor also extended his sincere thanks to Ms Anna Scott for her work as Acting Chief Executive Officer, highlighting her significant efforts in managing the budget preparation during the transitional period.

Recognition was given to Managers for their hard work and dedication in preparing the budget, acknowledging the challenges they faced and their commitment to achieving Councils goals. The Mayor expressed deep appreciation to all Councillors for their active participation in the budget deliberations, with particular mention of the newly elected members who have navigated the complexities of the budget process in a short period of time and the changes in leadership roles in the administration. The Mayor commended everyone for their perseverance and contributions thus far.

Finally, the Mayor addressed the importance of adhering to the guidelines for perceived and declarable conflicts of interest, encouraging Councillors to utilise the form provided by the Department of Housing, Local Government, Planning & Public Works.

2 ATTENDEES

COUNCILLORS:

Mayor Leslie Hotz	(Mayor)
Cr Melinda Jones	(Deputy Mayor/Division 1)
Cr Trina Vaughan	(Division 2)
Cr Susan Payne	(Division 3)
Cr Renee McGilvery	(Division 4)
Cr Michael Dingle	(Division 5)
Cr Moira Thompson	(Division 6)

OFFICERS:

Craig Matheson	(Interim Chief Executive Officer)
Anna Scott	(General Manager Works)
Kim Mahoney	(General Manager Corporate & Community)
Camille Summers	(Revenue Stream Leader)*^
Jess Marteene	(Administration Officer – Executive Services)
Kat Bright	(Senior Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mayor)
Kath Hamilton	(Executive Assistant - GM Corporate & Community)
Lauren Frencham	(Project Officer – Corporate and Community)^
Marlene Carstens	(Executive Assistant - GM Works)^
Merrilyn Cox	(Financial Services Manager)^
Michael Cartwright	(Governance, Policy & Risk Advisor)
Rhys Habermann	(Executive Manager – Strategic Operations)
Sarah Aberdein	(Media Officer)*^
Shaun Johnston	(Water and Wastewater Manager)

*attended part of the meeting

^attended via Microsoft Teams

3 APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of Council, the Mayor extended an Acknowledgement of Country.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Mayor called for declarations of interest. No declarations of interest were received at this time. The Mayor emphasised the importance of raising any declarations throughout the meeting if/when an individual becomes aware of any relevant matters.

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6 ADOPTION OF BUDGET

6.1 2024-2025 OPERATIONAL PLAN

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Pursuant to the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 174, adopt the 2024-2025 Operational Plan, and
- b) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments to the 2024-2025 Operational Plan, if required, prior to publication.

Cr Payne enquired about the rationale behind aiming to deliver 85-90% of capital projects. Through the Chair, Ms Scott explained that aiming for a realistic target is essential due to the influence and impacts of external factors beyond Council's control on the delivery of the capital works program. Mr Matheson noted that the 85-90% target is not an uncommon benchmark among other Councils. Cr Payne asked how this target would be communicated to community. The Mayor stated that parts of the budget would be highlighted and explained over the coming weeks via media releases. Mr Matheson added that these targets would continually be reported against in each quarterly report.

Cr Payne raised a question about the strategy for achieving a cost-neutral position for Caravan Parks (page 41 of the agenda). Through the Chair, Ms Scott responded that divesting to another entity that can operate the parks is under consideration. The strategy was reviewed in 2023, and significant investment is required over the next five (5) years to bring the facilities up to a suitable standard. Ms Scott added that regular reporting intervals for Council to make informed decisions will be prioritised. Ms Scott mentioned that strategies would be developed this year, and an additional resource would be allocated solely for managing Caravan Parks. Through the Chair, Mr Matheson emphasised that Councillors would be engaged during the development of the five (5) year plan, ensuring visibility of its progress.

Cr Payne enquired about the priority-based plan for township planning on page 65 of the agenda, including the contents and action plans. Through the Chair, Ms Mahoney responded stating that a grant had been awarded to support town centres planning and functions. The planning scheme will be reviewed this year, and this would be informed by a range of studies and inputs including water and wastewater infrastructure needs analysis, community views, and funding opportunities. Cr Payne asked about the timeframe. Ms Mahoney indicated that consultants would be required, with substantial work to be completed within 12 months to provide clear direction to Council and the State Government. Cr Payne acknowledged the update as good news.

RESOLUTION 2024/146

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council:

- a) Pursuant to the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 174, adopt the 2024-2025 Operational Plan,
- b) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to make minor administrative amendments to the 2024-2025 Operational Plan, if required, prior to publication; and
- c) Requests the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the Community Engagement Framework is applied appropriately to the implementation of the actions within the 2024-2025 Operational Plan.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery,

Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

6.2 1104 - PROCUREMENT POLICY

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt by resolution Statutory Policy 1104 – Procurement.

The Mayor raised a question concerning tenders, specifically inquiring about the changes to the approach for assessing local business and economic contribution. Ms Mahoney clarified that the local preference component has traditionally been a points based assessment based on limited range of factors and that the approach in the proposed policy offered a wider range of assessment considerations. Cr Payne suggested that point 12 of the policy (page 23 of the agenda) was a concise encapsulation of the topic and suggested that it prominently feature in the forthcoming releases to inform the community.

RESOLUTION 2024/147

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That Council adopt by resolution Statutory Policy 1104 – Procurement.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

6.3 2024-2025 STATUTORY POLICIES

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Pursuant to section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts Statutory **Policy 1108 – Investment** as detailed in Attachment 2.
2. Pursuant to section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts Statutory **Policy 1106 – Debt** as detailed in Attachment 4.
3. Pursuant to section 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts Statutory **Policy 1111 – Revenue** as detailed in Attachment 6.
4. Pursuant to section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts the **Revenue Statement** as detailed in Attachment 7.
5. Pursuant to sections 119 and 120 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts Statutory **Policy 1255 – Rates and Charges Concessions and Exemptions** as detailed in Attachment 9.
6. Pursuant to sections 119 and 120 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts Statutory **Policy 1211 – Partial Relief from Water Consumption Charges** as detailed in Attachment 11.

Cr Payne suggested that the Officers Recommendation be broken down into individual items allowing for separate discussions, debates, and voting on each item.

RESOLUTION 2024/148

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That Council, pursuant to section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts **Statutory Policy 1108 – Investment** as detailed in Attachment 2.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

RESOLUTION 2024/149

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That Council, pursuant to section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council adopts **Statutory Policy 1106 – Debt** as detailed in Attachment 4.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

RESOLUTION 2024/150

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That Council, pursuant to sections 119 and 120 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts **Statutory Policy 1255 – Rates and Charges Concessions and Exemptions** as detailed in Attachment 9.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

On page 97 of the agenda, Cr Payne raised concerns about concessions for show societies and not for profit organisations (NFPs), querying whether the intention was for these groups to gradually assume responsibility for the full rate or charge after a five (5) year period, which she felt might not be achievable for NFPs. The Mayor clarified that the intent behind phasing in these changes was to encourage these organisations to increase their revenue capacity and adjust to the new financial expectations from Council. The Mayor further emphasised that this approach did not prevent them from applying for concessions during this transitional phase.

There was a suggestion to consider concessions for pedestals, especially in cases like the Mundubbera Show Society where not all pedestals are consistently used. Cr Jones proposed exemptions for additional pedestals, while Cr Payne highlighted the need to understand costs such as those related to flushing toilets. Through the Chair, Mr Matheson sought clarification on the question, on whether there are concerns about the long-term impacts of these changes in progressively moving to payment of full charge. Mr Matheson suggested that the budget review process may provide an avenue to facilitate an assessment of these effects.

Cr Thompson raised concerns about certain associations being omitted from the policy, specifically mentioning entities like the Biggenden Rifle Range and Biggenden Sports Ground. Through the Chair, Ms Mahoney responded noting that there are organisations not subject to the policy as they operated from land controlled and managed by Council.

Cr Vaughan sought clarification on whether all show societies were currently receiving concessions. Through the Chair, Ms Mahoney indicated that Mundubbera and Biggenden were not included in the current concessions but were intended to be brought within the concession framework and progressively more to being responsible for the full charge, along with others.

In closing, the Mayor emphasised the importance of supporting the community through these changes.

RESOLUTION 2024/151

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Melinda Jones

That Council, pursuant to section 193 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts **Statutory Policy 1111 – Revenue** as detailed in Attachment 6.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

RESOLUTION 2024/152

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle
Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council, pursuant to section 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts the **Revenue Statement** as detailed in Attachment 7.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

RESOLUTION 2024/153

Moved: Cr Trina Vaughan
Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That Council, pursuant to sections 119 and 120 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council adopts **Statutory Policy 1211 – Partial Relief from Water Consumption Charges** as detailed in Attachment 11.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 20 QON - CATEGORISATION OF RENEWABLES AND BATTERY STORAGE

Cr Payne raised a question regarding renewables and battery storage, specifically referring to their categorisation under either Category 51 or 53 on page 72 of the agenda. Through the Chair, Mr Matheson acknowledged the query and indicated the application of these categories to land used for battery storage would be taken on notice and legal interpretation of the category definition would be sought. Further, Ms Summers noted that this matter hadn't been specifically addressed by North Burnett Regional Council, but other councils typically handle this use separately from land used for generation purposes.

6.4 2024-2025 FEES AND CHARGES

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 97 and 262(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopt the 2024-2025 Fees and Charges as presented at Attachment 1 to take effect from 1 August 2024, with the exception of fees levied against long term caravan park guests, and;
2. In accordance with Section 93 of the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* the new fees for long term caravan park guests will take effect from 1 October 2024.

RESOLUTION 2024/154

Moved: Mayor Leslie Hotz
Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

That Council:

1. In accordance with section 97 and 262(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council adopt the 2024-2025 Fees and Charges as presented at Attachment 1 to take effect from 1 August 2024, with the exception of;
 - a) fees levied against long term caravan park guests, and
 - b) Hall Hire charges applicable to Council Registered Community Not For Profit Organisations be reduced to Nil (detailed on page 158 of the Agenda).
2. In accordance with Section 93 of the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008* the new fees for long term caravan park guests will take effect from 1 October 2024.
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer report back to a future Council Meeting on any adjustment to council policies that may be required to support the amendments adopted to the 2024/2025 Fees and Charges schedule.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Cr Susan Payne

CARRIED 6/1

GM ACTION 21 REVIEW OF HALL HIRE AND CLEANING PROCEDURES

Cr Payne raised a query concerning cleaning practices related to the addition of item 1 (b) above. Through the Chair, Ms Scott explained that each hall has its own cleaning arrangements, managed through contractors and staff who schedule cleanings regularly or after bookings based on usage. Ms Scott noted that one hall is occasionally used without prior bookings, necessitating additional cleaning measures. Cr Payne questioned why there were instances of hall usage without bookings. Ms Scott indicated that work was in progress to improve control over hall access, including measures such as reclaiming access fobs and cancelling unauthorised access.

Through the Chair, Mr Matheson responded by acknowledging the validity of Cr Payne's concerns and highlighted two key issues: the need to address unauthorised use and ensuring there is a clear obligation established and agreed to by all hirers (including community not for profit organisations) that they bear the cost of any additional cleaning or maintenance required as a result of their hiring and use of a hall. Mr Matheson confirmed that he had received advice that there is a form of hiring agreement in place. In closing, Mr Matheson advised that there would be a review of the terms of the hiring agreement to ensure there was a clear and unequivocal obligation entered into

by all hirers to bear the cost of any additional cleaning or maintenance required following a hiring of a hall.

Mr Matheson also indicated that usage data for the halls would be included in future quarterly reports to enable Councillors to gauge whether the nil hiring cost for community not for profit organisations is having a positive impact on usage of these community assets.

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6.5 2024-2025 STATUTORY FINANCIAL BUDGET DOCUMENTS

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 1 – DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

That pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories within which rateable land is categorised and the description of those categories is as follows:

Residential Categories

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
1	All vacant land, which is not otherwise categorised and is less than 1 Ha in size	Land with the following land use codes: 01 – Vacant Urban Land 04 – Large Home site-vacant 72 – Section 25 Valuation
2	All vacant land, which is not otherwise categorised and is 1 Ha or greater but less than 1000 Ha in size.	Land with the following land use codes: 01 – Vacant Urban Land 04 – Large Home site-vacant 72 – Section 25 Valuation
3	All land used for residential purposes, which is not otherwise categorised and is less than 1 Ha in size.	Land with the following land use codes: 02 – Single Unit Dwelling 05 – Large Home site-dwelling 06 – Outbuildings
4	All land used for residential or rural residential purposes, which is not otherwise categorised and is 1 Ha or greater but less than 1000 Ha in size.	Land with the following land use codes: 02 – Single Unit Dwelling 05 – Large Home site-dwelling 06 – Outbuildings
5	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for multi residential purposes such as, for example, units, flats, guest houses, private hotels and residential institutions.	Land with the following land use codes: 03 – Multi unit dwelling (flats) 07 – 09 – Guest house/private hotel, Building Units, Group Title 21 – Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care)

Commercial Categories

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
6	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for commercial purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 10 – 27 – Retail Business/Comm (Excluding 21-Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care)) 41 – 49 – Special Uses (excluding 48 – Sports clubs/Facilities) 96 – 99 – General Uses
7	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as a motel,	Land with the following land use codes: 43 – Motel

	with less than 15 motel units.	
8	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as a motel, with 15 or more motel units.	Land with the following land use codes: 43 – Motel
9	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as a hotel with less than 15 accommodation units.	Land with the following land use codes: 42 – Hotel
10	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as a hotel with 15 or more accommodation units.	Land with the following land use codes: 42 – Hotel
11	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as a caravan park with less than 15 accommodation units.	Land with the following land use codes: 49 – Caravan Park
12	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as a caravan park with 15 or more accommodation units.	Land with the following land use codes: 49 – Caravan Park
13	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for not-for-profit uses.	Land with the following land use codes: 48 – 59 (excluding 49 - Caravan Park)

Industrial Categories

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
14	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for industrial purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 28 – 36 – Transport & Storage, Industrial
15	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, whose predominate land use is for Commercial Electrical, Reticulation or Telecommunication purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 91 – Transformers
16	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as an abattoir.	Land with the following land use codes: 37 – Noxious Industry (including Abattoirs)
17	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, less than 10 Ha in size and is used, approved for use, or should be approved for the use, as a sawmill and associated purposes.	Land that fits the description
18	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, 10 Ha or more in size and is used, approved for use, or should be approved for the use, as a sawmill and associated purposes.	Land that fits the description

Rural Categories

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
21	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, is less than 100 Ha and is used for sheep grazing, cattle grazing, dairying and other similar rural uses.	Land with the following land use codes: 60 – 70 – Sheep & Cattle Grazing, Dairy 85 – 94 – Other Rural Uses (Excludes 91 – Transformers)
22	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, having an area of 100 Ha or more used for sheep grazing and cattle grazing.	Land with the following land use codes: 60 – 70 – Sheep & Cattle Grazing, Dairy
23	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for rural cropping purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 68 – 78 – Dairy, Agricultural 80 – 94 – Other Rural Uses (Excludes 91 – Transformers)
24	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for rural orcharding purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 79 – Orchards
25	All land, which is not otherwise categorised and is used for the purposes of, and incidental to commercial water storage, delivery and drainage, including associated recreational purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 95 – Reservoir, dam bores
26	All land, which is not otherwise categorised and is used for the following miscellaneous rural purposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump Sites and Stock Grazing Permits • Road Licences • Co-operative dips • Land not exceeding 0.5 Ha in area used exclusively for a bore site. 	Land that fits the description

Intensive Rural Categories

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
31	All land used for Cattle Feedlot intensive animal industry of 501 SCU or greater with, an approved capacity of no more than 2,000 SCU.	Land that fits the description
33	All land used for Cattle Feedlot intensive animal industry of 2,001 SCU or greater.	Land that fits the description
41	All land used whole or part for a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and has an approved	Land that fits the description

	capacity of 2,501 SPU or greater, but no more than 15,000 SPU.	
44	All land used whole or part for a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and has an approved capacity of 15,001 SPU or greater.	Land that fits the description

Intensive Businesses and Industries

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
51	Land, used or intended to be used for or ancillary to the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of less than 50 MW.	Land that fits the description
52	Land, used or intended to be used for or ancillary to the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of 50 MW or more, but no more than 250 MW.	Land that fits the description
53	Land, used or intended to be used for or ancillary to the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of 251 MW and greater.	Land that fits the description
55	Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth for less than 5,000 tonnes production	Land that fits the description
56	Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth for 5,001 to 100,000 tonnes production	Land that fits the description
57	Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth for 100,001 tonnes of production or greater	Land that fits the description
58	Mining Leases that are less than 200 Ha and have less than 15 employees.	Land that fits the description
59	Mining Leases that are greater than 200 Ha and have less than 15 employees.	Land that fits the description
60	Mining Leases that have between 15 and 100 employees.	Land that fits the description
61	Mining Leases that have from 101 to 200 employees.	Land that fits the description
62	Mining Leases that have from 201 to 300 employees.	Land that fits the description
63	Mining Leases that have from 301 to 400 employees.	Land that fits the description
64	Mining Leases that have from 401 to 500 employees.	Land that fits the description
65	Mining Leases that have 501 or more employees.	Land that fits the description

71	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 15 but less than 50 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
72	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 50 people but less than or equal to 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
73	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 100 people but less than or equal to 300 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
74	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 300 people but less than or equal to 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
75	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
81	Petroleum Leases with an area of less than 1,000 Ha.	Land that fits the description
82	Petroleum Leases with an area of 1,000 Ha or more but less than 10,000 Ha.	Land that fits the description
83	Petroleum Leases with an area of 10,000 Ha or more but less than 30,000 Ha.	Land that fits the description
84	Petroleum Leases with an area of 30,000 Ha or more.	Land that fits the description
85	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have less than 10 wells.	Land that fits the description
86	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 10 wells or more but less than 30 wells.	Land that fits the description

87	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 30 wells or more.	Land that fits the description
88	Land, used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction/processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of less than 400 Ha.	Land that fits the description
89	Land, used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction/processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of 400 Ha or more.	Land that fits the description
90	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of less than 20 MW.	Land that fits the description
91	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 20 MW or more, but no more than 50 MW.	Land that fits the description
92	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 50 MW or more, but no more than 100 MW.	Land that fits the description
93	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 100 MW or more, but no more than 200 MW.	Land that fits the description
94	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 200 MW or more, but no more than 500 MW.	Land that fits the description
95	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 500 MW and greater.	Land that fits the description

RESOLUTION 2024/155

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

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Commercial Categories

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6	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for commercial purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 10 – 27 – Retail Business/Comm (Excluding 21-Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care) 41 – 49 – Special Uses (excluding 48 – Sports clubs/Facilities) 96 – 99 – General Uses
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The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
14	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for industrial purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 28 – 36 – Transport & Storage, Industrial
15	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, whose predominate land use is for Commercial Electrical, Reticulation or Telecommunication purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 91 – Transformers
16	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used as an abattoir.	Land with the following land use codes: 37 – Noxious Industry (including Abattoirs)
17	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, less than 10 Ha in size and is used, approved for use, or should be approved for the use, as a sawmill and associated purposes.	Land that fits the description
18	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, 10 Ha or more in size and is used, approved for use, or should be approved for the use, as a sawmill and associated purposes.	Land that fits the description

Rural Categories

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
21	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, is less than 100 Ha and is used for sheep grazing, cattle grazing, dairying and other similar rural uses.	Land with the following land use codes: 60 – 70 – Sheep & Cattle Grazing, Dairy 85 – 94 – Other Rural Uses (Excludes 91 – Transformers)
22	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, having an area of 100 Ha or more used for sheep grazing and cattle grazing.	Land with the following land use codes: 60 – 70 – Sheep & Cattle Grazing, Dairy
23	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for rural cropping purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 68 – 78 – Dairy, Agricultural 80 – 94 – Other Rural Uses (Excludes 91 – Transformers)
24	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for rural orcharding purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 79 – Orchards
25	All land, which is not otherwise categorised and is used for the purposes of, and incidental to commercial water storage, delivery and drainage, including associated recreational purposes.	Land with the following land use codes: 95 – Reservoir, dam bores
26	All land, which is not otherwise categorised and is used for the following miscellaneous rural purposes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pump Sites and Stock Grazing Permits • Road Licences • Co-operative dips • Land not exceeding 0.5 Ha in area used exclusively for a bore site. 	Land that fits the description

Intensive Rural Categories

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
31	All land used for Cattle Feedlot intensive animal industry of 501 SCU or greater with, an approved capacity of no more than 2,000 SCU.	Land that fits the description
33	All land used for Cattle Feedlot intensive animal industry of 2,001 SCU or greater.	Land that fits the description
41	All land used whole or part for a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and has an approved	Land that fits the description

	capacity of 2,501 SPU or greater, but no more than 15,000 SPU.	
44	All land used whole or part for a piggery requiring approval by Council or requiring licensing as an Environmentally Relevant Activity and has an approved capacity of 15,001 SPU or greater.	Land that fits the description

Intensive Businesses and Industries

The following differential rating categories, descriptions and identification criteria apply for the 2024-25 financial year:

Differential Category	Description	Identification
51	Land, used or intended to be used for or ancillary to the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of less than 50 MW.	Land that fits the description
52	Land, used or intended to be used for or ancillary to the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of 50 MW or more, but no more than 250 MW.	Land that fits the description
53	Land, used or intended to be used for or ancillary to the generation and transmission of electricity from a power station with an output capacity of 251 MW and greater.	Land that fits the description
55	Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth for less than 5,000 tonnes production	Land that fits the description
56	Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth for 5,001 to 100,000 tonnes production	Land that fits the description
57	Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth for 100,001 tonnes of production or greater	Land that fits the description
58	Mining Leases that are less than 200 Ha and have less than 15 employees.	Land that fits the description
59	Mining Leases that are greater than 200 Ha and have less than 15 employees.	Land that fits the description
60	Mining Leases that have between 15 and 100 employees.	Land that fits the description
61	Mining Leases that have from 101 to 200 employees.	Land that fits the description
62	Mining Leases that have from 201 to 300 employees.	Land that fits the description
63	Mining Leases that have from 301 to 400 employees.	Land that fits the description
64	Mining Leases that have from 401 to 500 employees.	Land that fits the description
65	Mining Leases that have 501 or more employees.	Land that fits the description

71	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 15 but less than 50 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
72	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 50 people but less than or equal to 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
73	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 100 people but less than or equal to 300 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
74	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 300 people but less than or equal to 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
75	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 500 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers housed on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	Land that fits the description
81	Petroleum Leases with an area of less than 1,000 Ha.	Land that fits the description
82	Petroleum Leases with an area of 1,000 Ha or more but less than 10,000 Ha.	Land that fits the description
83	Petroleum Leases with an area of 10,000 Ha or more but less than 30,000 Ha.	Land that fits the description
84	Petroleum Leases with an area of 30,000 Ha or more.	Land that fits the description
85	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have less than 10 wells.	Land that fits the description
86	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 10 wells or more but less than 30 wells.	Land that fits the description

87	Petroleum Leases for the extraction of shale oil that have 30 wells or more.	Land that fits the description
88	Land, used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction/processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of less than 400 Ha.	Land that fits the description
89	Land, used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction/processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of 400 Ha or more.	Land that fits the description
90	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of less than 20 MW.	Land that fits the description
91	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 20 MW or more, but no more than 50 MW.	Land that fits the description
92	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 50 MW or more, but no more than 100 MW.	Land that fits the description
93	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 100 MW or more, but no more than 200 MW.	Land that fits the description
94	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 200 MW or more, but no more than 500 MW.	Land that fits the description
95	Land, used or intended to be used in whole or part for Renewable Energy Production with an output capacity of 500 MW and greater.	Land that fits the description

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 2 - IDENTIFICATION OF RATING CATEGORY

That Council note the Chief Executive Officer has been delegated 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.

RESOLUTION 2024/156

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That Council note the Chief Executive Officer has been delegated 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.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 3 - LEVYING OF DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

That 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, which equates to 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year for each differential general rate category, is as follows:

Category	Short Description	Cent in Dollar	Minimum
1	Vacant Land < 1 Ha	1.594700	\$946
2	Large Vacant Land 1 – 1000 Ha	1.598050	\$968
3	Residential < 1 Ha	1.380300	\$946
4	Large Residential, Rural Lifestyle 1 – 1000 Ha	1.625060	\$968
5	Multi Residential	1.642290	\$1,275
6	Commercial	2.048160	\$1,275
7	Motel < 15 Units	2.014230	\$1,499
8	Motels > 15 Units	1.968500	\$1,875
9	Hotels < 15 Units	2.195460	\$1,499
10	Hotels > 15 Units	1.974040	\$1,875
11	Caravan Park < 15 Units	1.996660	\$1,499
12	Caravan Park > 15 Units	2.062850	\$1,875
13	Commercial Non-Profit	0.683910	\$364
14	Industrial	2.071520	\$1,275
15	Electrical, Reticulation and Telecommunication Infrastructure	1.159940	\$2,279
16	Abattoirs	1.420310	\$1,454
17	Industrial – Sawmill < 10 Ha	4.644200	\$1,896
18	Industrial – Sawmill > 10 Ha	1.888330	\$2,271
21	Small Rural < 100 Ha	0.821950	\$998
22	Rural Grazing	0.721200	\$1,277
23	Rural Cropping	0.982710	\$1,275
24	Rural Orchard	1.555280	\$1,405
25	Commercial Water	18.960380	\$4,540
26	Rural Exclusions	2.624850	\$98
31	Cattle Feedlot – 501 SCU to 2,000 SCU	0.687550	\$1,049
33	Cattle Feedlot – 2,001 SCU or greater	0.709380	\$4,201
41	Piggery – 2,501 SPU to 15,000 SPU	0.834260	\$1,049
44	Piggery – 15,001 SPU or greater	0.857340	\$6,594
51	Power Station < 50 MW	3.830697	\$19,116
52	Power Station 50 – 250 MW	6.472282	\$38,231
53	Power Station > 250 MW	4.804028	\$76,459
55	Extractive Industry < 5,000 tonnes	2.257200	\$1,528
56	Extractive Industry 5,000 -100,000 tonnes	4.898700	\$10,704
57	Extractive Industry 100,000 + tonnes	3.869246	\$39,748
58	Mining Lease < 15 employees and < 200 Ha	4.968760	\$2,526
59	Mining Lease < 15 employees and 200 + Ha	2.749600	\$10,706
60	Mining Leases that have between 15 and 100 employees	16.291373	\$39,758
61	Mining Leases that have between 101 and 200 employees	49.402805	\$114,687
62	Mining Leases that have between 201 and 300 employees	36.413370	\$191,141
63	Mining Leases that have between 301 and 400 employees	49.402805	\$267,597

64	Mining Leases that have between 401 and 500 employees	49.402805	\$344,054
65	Mining Leases that have 501 or more employees	49.402805	\$420,511
71	Intensive Accommodation 15 – 50 persons	13.294281	\$22,936
72	Intensive Accommodation 51 – 100 persons	13.294281	\$45,873
73	Intensive Accommodation 101 – 300 persons	13.294282	\$91,749
74	Intensive Accommodation 301 – 500 persons	13.294281	\$137,620
75	Intensive Accommodation 501 + persons	13.294282	\$183,497
81	Petroleum Lease – Gas < 1,000 Ha	6.647430	\$19,116
82	Petroleum Lease – Gas 1,000 Ha to 9,999 Ha	6.647430	\$38,231
83	Petroleum Lease – Gas 10,000 Ha to 29,999 Ha	6.647430	\$114,687
84	Petroleum Lease – Gas 30,000 + Ha	6.647430	229,370
85	Petroleum Lease – Shale Oil < 10 wells	6.647430	\$19,116
86	Petroleum Lease – Shale Oil 10 – 30 wells	6.647430	\$38,231
87	Petroleum Lease – Shale Oil 30 + Wells	6.647430	\$229,370
88	Petroleum Other < 400 Ha	6.647430	\$11,468
89	Petroleum Other 400 + Ha	6.647430	\$22,936
90	Renewable Energy < 20MW	2.331798	\$16,360
91	Renewable Energy 20MW to < 50MW	2.202270	\$44,405
92	Renewable Energy 50MW to < 100MW	2.086560	\$75,955
93	Renewable Energy 100MW to < 200MW	1.970640	\$191,841
94	Renewable Energy 200MW to < 500MW	1.738800	\$447,641
95	Renewable Energy 500MW or Greater	1.622880	\$767,363

RESOLUTION 2024/157

Moved: Cr Moira Thompson

Seconded: Cr Renee McGilvery

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In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 22 QON - ENQUIRY INTO MINIMUM RATE AND CSO COST ANALYSIS

The Mayor expressed satisfaction at the prospect of the minimum rate lifting, recalling that 20 years ago, the intention was for the minimum general rate needed to be set at \$1000 to cover the cost to deliver Council's community service obligations (CSOs). The Mayor then enquired about the current cost of CSOs divided by rateable properties and its impact on Council. Mr Matheson responded indicating that the question would be taken on notice as the specific data would need to be gathered and provided to Councillors at a later date.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 4 - SPECIAL CHARGE – ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS SHAND STREET SUBDIVISION, MT PERRY (SHAND, HUNTER & MASON STREETS)

That, in accordance with Section 94(1)(b)(i) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will levy a special charge (to be known as the “Special Charge – Road and Drainage Works Shand Street Subdivision Mt Perry”) to recoup the work cost and the associated borrowing cost incurred by Council in completing (previously incomplete) road and drainage works in and around the Shand Street subdivision, Mt Perry as per Council’s Revenue Statement.

RESOLUTION 2024/158

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That in accordance with Section 94(1)(b)(i) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will levy a special charge (to be known as the “Special Charge – Road and Drainage Works Shand Street Subdivision Mt Perry”) to recoup the work cost and the associated borrowing cost incurred by Council in completing (previously incomplete) road and drainage works in and around the Shand Street subdivision, Mt Perry as per Council’s Revenue Statement.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 5 - LOCAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT LEVY

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(iii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Local Disaster Management Levy"), in the sum of \$21.00 per rateable assessment, which equates to a 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purposes of maintaining Council's capability to meet its obligations in times of a disaster and contribute toward the ongoing operation of disaster preparedness facilities.

NOTE: The Mayor highlighted that this levy does not cover the full cost to Council of its Disaster management services, noting that last year alone, the cost was approximately \$42 per rateable assessment.

RESOLUTION 2024/159

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(iii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Local Disaster Management Levy"), in the sum of \$21.00 per rateable assessment, which equates to a 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purposes of maintaining Council's capability to meet its obligations in times of a disaster and contribute toward the ongoing operation of disaster preparedness facilities.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 6 - NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT LEVY

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(iii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Natural Resources Levy"), in the sum of \$67.00 per rateable assessment, which equates to a 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purposes of funding Council's ongoing weed and animal pest control measures, and other natural resource management functions.

RESOLUTION 2024/160

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(iii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Natural Resources Levy"), in the sum of \$67.00 per rateable assessment, which equates to a 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purposes of funding Council's ongoing weed and animal pest control measures, and other natural resource management functions.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 23 QON - ENQUIRY INTO REVENUE FROM NATURAL RESOURCES LEVY

The Mayor raised a question regarding whether the revenue generated from the Natural Resources Levy was enabling full cost recovery for the delivery of the services attributed to this Levy. In this context, the Mayor also noted that Council had vacancies in this area that might suggest all Levy funds were not being expended. Through the Chair, Ms Mahoney acknowledged the query and indicated that she would need to provide the information at a later time, taking the question on notice.

GM ACTION 24 QON - ENQUIRY INTO THE NATURAL RESOURCES LEVY EXPENDITURE FOR PREVIOUS YEAR

Cr Vaughan enquired about the expenditure incurred in the previous year. Similar to the Mayor's query, Mr Matheson indicated that a further report would be provided to Councillors at a future workshop on revenue collected via the Natural Resources Levy for each of the last five years and the expenditure incurred against that revenue each year.

GM ACTION 25 QON - CLARIFICATION ON UNEXPENDED NATURAL RESOURCES LEVY REVENUE FROM PRIOR YEARS

Cr Payne questioned whether unexpended revenue from prior years was retained in restricted cash reserves and accounted for in provisions. Through the Chair, Ms Cox responded that she was unsure if the funds were isolated in reserves and confirmed that this detail would be provided at a later time, taking the question on notice.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 7 - LANDFILL MANAGEMENT LEVY

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(iii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Landfill Management Levy"), in the sum of \$256.00 per rateable assessment, which equates to a 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purposes of funding Council's ongoing landfill management, compliance and future close out provisions.

RESOLUTION 2024/161

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(iii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Landfill Management Levy"), in the sum of \$256.00 per rateable assessment, which equates to a 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year to be levied equally on all rateable land in the region, for the purposes of funding Council's ongoing landfill management, compliance and future close out provisions.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 26 COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP REQUEST FOR LANDFILL CAPPING PROGRAM AND FACILITY UTILISATION

Cr Jones asked whether there was a specified end date for the capping program. Through the Chair, Ms Mahoney responded, explaining that there is a comprehensive schedule for capping at all facilities, with the tender process underway for this work for the Monto and Mt Perry waste management facilities. Ms Mahoney added that Council intends to cap one (1) or two (2) facilities each year over the next few years, adhering to a structured schedule for this work, to meet Council's environmental compliance obligations.

Cr Jones requested a workshop to discuss the landfill capping plan further, focusing on utilisation of waste management facilities and the transition history from dumps to transfer stations. Ms Mahoney confirmed the request, indicating that an update at a Councillor Information Workshop would provide detailed insight into the strategy and timeline.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 8 - SEWERAGE SCHEMES

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy the sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, which equates to a 3% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year as follows:

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.	\$720
Access Charge (un-connected or vacant)	Charge applied to each non-contiguous parcel of land in the sewered area that has the potential to be connected to the sewerage scheme, whether connected or not.	\$546
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.	\$584
Access Charge Additional Contiguous Parcels	Charge applied to each additional contiguous parcel of land in the sewered area that has the potential to be connected to the sewerage scheme, whether connected or not.	\$247
Septic Charge	Charge applied to Assessments 60156-00000-000, 60157-00000-000, 60424-00000-000 and 60425-00000-000, these parcels of land are within the designated Mundubbera Sewerage Area but are unable to be connected to the sewerage scheme.	\$546

The Mayor queried why the increase was set at 3% and whether the goal was to achieve a break-even point. Mr Johnston explained that the 3% increase was aimed at gradually achieving an outcome of sewerage services not cross subsidising water services.

Following this, a question was raised about the Septic Charge in Mundubbera Sewerage Area. Mr Johnston clarified that there were plans to address this historic issue by installing onsite pumps. This initiative would integrate septic systems into the regular sewerage scheme, marking a strategic step forward in Council's infrastructure planning.

RESOLUTION 2024/162

Moved: Cr Moira Thompson

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy the sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, which equates to a 3% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year as follows:

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.	\$720
Access Charge (un-connected or vacant)	Charge applied to each non-contiguous parcel of land in the sewered area that has the potential to be connected to the sewerage scheme, whether connected or not.	\$546
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<u>In Favour:</u>	Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson	
<u>Against:</u>	Nil	
CARRIED 7/0		

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 9 - WATER SUPPLY SCHEMES

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 and 101 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy the water supply utility charges, which equates to a 5% increase (rounded) for access charges and 14% increase (rounded) for consumption charges, for the supply of a water service by the Council as follows:

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.	\$754
Consumption Charge	Charge for each kilolitre of consumption through water meter reads.	\$2.46
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.	\$338

The Mayor raised the importance of the user pay principle in respect of the consumption charges, emphasising this provides an incentive for residents to regulate their own water usage. Mr Johnston responded, acknowledging the goal to achieve a standalone financial result for both the water and sewerage services, but highlighted ongoing work is needed to address cross-subsidisation.

Cr Dingle enquired about connection fees. Mr Johnston clarified that it was Council's statutory obligation to provide a point of access to the potable water supply, in order to facilitate connections by property owners.

RESOLUTION 2024/163

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 and 101 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy the water supply utility charges, which equates to a 5% increase (rounded) for access charges and 14% increase (rounded) for consumption charges, for the supply of a water service by the Council as follows:

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Access Charge Additional Contiguous	Charge applied to each additional contiguous parcel of land in the water area that has the potential to be connected to the water	\$338

Parcels	scheme, whether connected or not.	
<u>In Favour:</u>	Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson	
<u>Against:</u>	Nil	
		CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 10 - KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION

That pursuant to section 94(1)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy the kerbside waste collection utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, which equates to a 5% rate increase (rounded) in the 2024/2025 financial year as follows:

Kerbside Waste Collection Charge	Description	Charge
Residential	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	\$351
Commercial	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	\$426
Premium	Charge applies to each bin serviced. Application must be made for this service.	\$711
Infirmid	Charge applies to each bin serviced. Application must be made for this service.	\$351

RESOLUTION 2024/164

Moved: Cr Moira Thompson

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

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In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 27 QON - KERBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION COST RECOVERY ASSESSMENT

Cr Jones sought clarity on whether the charge for kerbside waste collection aimed to fully recover its costs. Through the Chair, Ms Cox responded that there is currently a small overall loss in waste operations. Ms Mahoney took the question on notice and advised that a further review planned to

assess and possibly adjust the cost recovery approach in this space.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 11 - CONCESSIONS FOR PENSIONERS

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the differential general rate of 20%, up to \$200.00 per annum be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner rates subsidy. The concession for pensioners will be granted in accordance with Council's Revenue Statement – section 9.

RESOLUTION 2024/165

Moved: Cr Susan Payne
Seconded: Cr Melinda Jones

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of the differential general rate of 20%, up to \$200.00 per annum be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner rates subsidy. The concession for pensioners will be granted in accordance with Council's Revenue Statement – section 9.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 12 - COMMUNITY USE, NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS, COMMUNITY HALLS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of rates and charges will be granted to eligible ratepayers in accordance with Council's Policy 1255 – Rates and Charges Concessions and Exemptions.

RESOLUTION 2024/166

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones
Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a rebate of rates and charges will be granted to eligible ratepayers in accordance with Council's Policy 1255 – Rates and Charges Concessions and Exemptions.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 13 - WATER CHARGE RELIEF

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a concession will be granted to eligible ratepayers for water consumption charges in accordance with Policy 1211 – Partial Relief from Water Consumption Charges.

RESOLUTION 2024/167

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* a concession will be granted to eligible ratepayers for water consumption charges in accordance with Policy 1211 – Partial Relief from Water Consumption Charges

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 14 – DISCOUNT

That pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, certain rates and charges levied shall be subject to a discount as follows:

Rate/Charge	Discount Rate Applicable
General Rates (including Minimum General Rates);	5%
Water Charges (Excluding Water Consumption Charges)	0%
Water Consumption Charges	0%
Sewerage Charges	0%
Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection & Disposal Charge	0%
Land Fill Management Levy	0%
Natural Resource Management Levy	0%
Local Disaster Management Levy	0%
Special Charge – Road and Drainage Works Shand Street Subdivision Mt Perry	0%

Cr Payne expressed disagreement with the recommendation, indicating she would have preferred to continue the phasing out of early payment discounts. The Mayor responded by highlighting that the discount had been removed from other rates and charges.

Cr Dingle highlighted that the interest rate applicable to unpaid rates should effectively discourage late payments. Cr Dingle further pointed out that while the general rate increase was 5%, applying an equal discount resulted in a neutral revenue outcome for Council, contrary to the intended financial outcome in terms of the general rate only.

RESOLUTION 2024/168

Moved: Cr Moira Thompson

Seconded: Cr Michael Dingle

That pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, certain rates and charges levied shall be subject to a discount as follows:

Rate/Charge	Discount Rate Applicable
General Rates (including Minimum General Rates);	5%
Water Charges (Excluding Water Consumption Charges)	0%
Water Consumption Charges	0%
Sewerage Charges	0%
Kerbside Garbage Bin Collection & Disposal Charge	0%
Land Fill Management Levy	0%
Natural Resource Management Levy	0%
Local Disaster Management Levy	0%
Special Charge – Road and Drainage Works Shand Street Subdivision Mt Perry	0%

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Renee McGilvery and Moira Thompson

Against: Crs Susan Payne and Michael Dingle

CARRIED 5/2

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 15 - LEVY AND PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES

That pursuant to section 107 and 118 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 are to be levied by rates notice issued and due for payment as follows:

Rate Period	Issue Date	Due Date
1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024	13 August 2024	13 September 2024
1 January 2025 to 30 June 2025	11 February 2025	14 March 2025

The Mayor conveyed to Councillors that if they preferred to issue rates notices once a year, this option could be considered. Mr Matheson indicated that he recognised this proposal may provide for an operational cost efficiency by conducting a rate run once rather than twice in each year and that the need to continually identify and implement efficiencies across council's operations is essential.

That said, Mr Matheson highlighted that this proposal needed to be balanced against cost of living pressures on households and suggested that it might be prudent to maintain the current twice-yearly issuing of rate notices for now, with a thorough review planned during the 2025/2026 budget process. This review would include assessing the costs associated with levying rates twice versus once annually and this proposal – if advanced – should then be the subject of consultation with the community. The Mayor acknowledged Mr Matheson's points.

Cr Payne raised a question about revaluations and their timing from the State Government. Mr Matheson informed the meeting that the next revaluation is due next year. Mr Matheson mentioned a scheduled meeting with the Valuer General on 11 July 2024 to discuss this matter, highlighting that Council can adjust rating formulas to mitigate the impact on rates of any significant rise in property valuations.

RESOLUTION 2024/169

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones
Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That pursuant to section 107 and 118 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 are to be levied by rates notice issued and due for payment as follows:

Rate Period	Issue Date	Due Date
1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024	13 August 2024	13 September 2024
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In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 16 - INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 12.35% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges from the day the rates or charges become overdue.

RESOLUTION 2024/170

Moved: Cr Michael Dingle

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 12.35% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges from the day the rates or charges become overdue.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 17 - STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

That pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2023-2024 financial year, titled "*the Statement of Estimated Financial Position*" be received and its contents noted.

Cr Payne questioned if the Audit and Risk Committee had reviewed the budget as presented today. Through the Chair, Mr Matheson mentioned that discussions with the Audit and Risk Chair the previous day indicated that the independent members had reviewed the papers, and that the next committee meeting was scheduled for 15 August 2024, at which time there may be some specific information requests related to aspects of the proposed 2024-2025 budget.

RESOLUTION 2024/171

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Moira Thompson

That pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2023-2024 financial year, titled "*the Statement of Estimated Financial Position*" be received and its contents noted.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

**GM ACTION 28 COUNCILLOR WORKSHOP REQUEST RE. CAPITAL REVENUE
CLARIFICATION ENQUIRY & PROVISIONS DISCREPANCY CLARIFICATION**

Cr Payne raised a query regarding capital revenue, specifically referencing page 267 of the agenda. Cr Payne noted estimated actuals of \$8.5 million and enquired about the differences between original and revised figures. Through the Chair, Ms Cox explained that carry-over amounts were reflected in the proposed 2024-2025 capital budget, with estimated works adjusted in collaboration with QRA (Queensland Reconstruction Authority) over a two (2) year period. Additionally, a package nearing \$20 million was being evaluated by the QRA for the 2025/2026 financial year.

The Mayor requested this matter be discussed at an upcoming Councillor Information Workshop to delve deeper into understanding capital works and their budget implications.

Cr Payne also highlighted provisions amounting to \$12 million but budgeted for \$7 million, seeking clarification on this process and why such a big difference. The Mayor confirmed that this topic would be included in the upcoming workshop discussions.

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 18 - ADOPTION OF 2024-2025 BUDGET

That pursuant to section 169, 170, and 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2024-2025 financial year, incorporating:

- (a) The statement of estimated financial position for the financial year for which it is prepared and the next two financial years;
- (b) The statement of cash flow for the financial year and the next two financial years;
- (c) The statement of income and expenditure for the financial year and the next two financial years;
- (d) The statement of changes in equity for the financial year and the next two financial years;
- (e) The long-term financial forecast;
- (f) The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- (g) 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 (excluding discounts and remissions) levied in the previous budget, as tabled,

as detailed in Attachment 1, be adopted.

Cr Payne reiterated her query regarding a review of the budget by the Audit and Risk Committee. Through the Chair, Mr Matheson referred back to previous discussions, indicating ongoing discussions with the Audit and Risk Committee Chair and preparations for addressing these matters, are in train.

The Mayor encouraged Cr Payne to provide specific questions or concerns directly to Mr Matheson for further clarification and action prior to the next Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2024/172

Moved: Cr Susan Payne

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That pursuant to section 169, 170, and 171 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2024-2025 financial year, incorporating:

- (a) The statement of estimated financial position for the financial year for which it is prepared and the next two financial years;
- (b) The statement of cash flow for the financial year and the next two financial years;
- (c) The statement of income and expenditure for the financial year and the next two financial years;
- (d) The statement of changes in equity for the financial year and the next two financial years;
- (e) The long-term financial forecast;
- (f) The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- (g) 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 (excluding discounts and remissions) levied in the previous budget, as tabled,

as detailed in Attachment 1, be adopted.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

OFFICERS RECOMMENDATION 19 – CAPITAL WORKS

That Council note the Capital Projects that form the basis of capital expenditure in the annual Budget as detailed in Attachment 2.

Cr Vaughan enquired about the development design for the operational centre in Gayndah, questioning whether it would proceed. Through the Chair, Ms Scott suggested that given recent discussions about maintaining regional coverage there is still a need to centralise back-office staff which is where this project stems from.

Cr Vaughan questioned the necessity of counter upgrades in Mundubbera and Biggenden Customer Service and Library Centres, to which Ms Mahoney responded that these upgrades were required due to WH&S issues, enhancing staff safety and community accessibility, and were expected to be funded through grants.

Cr Payne raised concerns about the three (3) year staff housing project, suggesting an alternative and reallocating funds to infrastructure improvements for economic development, such as water infrastructure in Mundubbera, to encourage new housing to be provided by the private sector and then freeing up Council owned housing. Through the Chair, Mr Matheson responded that development of a future workforce plan needed to be progressed as a priority and in tandem with the 2025/26 budget development, to address key workforce shortages and gaps. Mr Matheson indicated that as part of this work, there would be a need to consider how Council is appropriately competitive in a tight labour market in order to attract and retain the skills and talent necessary to fill key roles. The provision of benefits like accommodation would need to be incorporated into this piece of work and that as such, it would be premature to reallocate the funds for this capital project. Ms Scott mentioned that the Works for Queensland Program project listing – with that funding deployed to support this project – needs to be submitted to the Department on Friday 12 July 2024 and as such, it would be difficult at this late stage to redirect this funding attribution.

Cr Jones suggested that the Local Housing Action Plan should include developing Council land, noting that the first 12 months was focused on planning and addressing staff housing and attraction issues. Through the Chair, Mr Habermann mentioned that Council must work within the Works for Queensland Program parameters, and that staff housing aimed at relieving pressure on the private market to open up community accommodation options, is an eligible and priority project under the program guidelines. Mr Johnston added that funding through other programs is anticipated to become available in the near future which would be better targeted at upgrades to water and wastewater infrastructure.

RESOLUTION 2024/173

Moved: Cr Renee McGilvery

Seconded: Cr Trina Vaughan

That Council note the Capital Projects that form the basis of capital expenditure in the annual Budget as detailed in Attachment 2.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

GM ACTION 29 QON - AIR CONDITIONER REPLACEMENT LOCATION ENQUIRY

Cr Vaughan enquired about the location for the air conditioner replacements. Ms Scott clarified that this was specifically regarding the replacement of existing units but noted that further information on the specific location(s) would need to be obtained, taking the question on notice.

GM ACTION 30 QON - WASHDOWN BAY UPGRADES IN MONTA AND EIDSVOLD

Cr Vaughan queried if the Washdown Bay upgrades in Monta and Eidsvold were going ahead. Through the Chair, Ms Mahoney clarified that funding had been identified for these specific locations, adjacent to cattle yards, and that a detailed report would be forthcoming to Council. Cr Payne expressed her understanding that this project was for Council's internal depots. Mr Johnston explained that the project may be incorrectly described, with further clarification needed and the question being taken on notice.

GM ACTION 31 QON - SPORTING FACILITIES PLANNING INQUIRY

Regarding planning for sporting facilities, Cr Vaughan enquired about the specific locations, particularly mentioning Eidsvold. Ms Mahoney noted that there is an identified opportunity in Eidsvold requiring co-contribution from Council, although the exact location was to be confirmed. The question would be taken on notice.

GM ACTION 32 FLEET REPLACEMENT PROGRAM APPROVAL

Cr Dingle asked if the Fleet Replacement Program would be coming back to Council for approval. Mr Matheson confirmed that a report on the fleet replacement proposals, including justifications, would be brought to a Councillor workshop in the future for further discussion.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF STAFF EFFORTS IN FY24/25 BUDGET FORMULATION

RESOLUTION 2024/174

Moved: Cr Melinda Jones

Seconded: Cr Susan Payne

That Council acknowledge the work and effort of all staff in formulating the FY24/25 budget and working with Council to deliver the budget for 24/25 and forecast end of year result for FY23/24 as presented today.

In Favour: Crs Leslie Hotz, Melinda Jones, Trina Vaughan, Susan Payne, Renee McGilvery, Michael Dingle and Moira Thompson

Against: Nil

CARRIED 7/0

7 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 12.07pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the General Meeting held on 31 July 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON