



MINUTES

of the

Special Meeting of the Council

held in the

Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 29th June 2017

Commencing at 9:00am

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MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9:00am..

COUNCIL PRAYER

The Mayor led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Cr RW Marsh (Mayor), Crs FM Gaske (Deputy Mayor), RG Fuhrmeister, SC O'Toole, RI Paul, SS Scriven and ID Todd

Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Financial & Corporate Services), Mr Jamie Gorry (Director Community & Environmental Services), Mr Ross Drabble (Director Infrastructure Services) & Mrs Karen Searle (Manager Financial Sustainability).

Observer – Ms Julie Dries (Communications Officer).

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDANCE

Nil

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET 2017/2018 AND DRAFT FORWARD ESTIMATES FROM 2018/19 TO 2026/27

In accordance with 107A of the Local Government Act a local government must consider the budget presented by the Mayor and, by resolution, adopt the budget with or without amendment.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That the Draft Budget 2017/2018 and accompanying material be received and Council consider each section individually.

CARRIED

FCS2

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2017/2018

In accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must prepare and adopt an annual operational plan for each financial year.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2017/2018 Balonne Shire Council Operational Plan be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS3

REVENUE POLICY 2017/2018

In accordance with 169 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the budget must include the Revenue Policy. The policy is now submitted for Council's adoption.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That in accordance with Section 169 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2017/2018 Revenue Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS4

REVENUE STATEMENT 2017/2018

In accordance with 169 (2) (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the budget must include the Revenue Statement.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That in accordance with Section 169 (2) (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the 2017/2018 Revenue Statement be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS5

2017/2018 INVESTMENT POLICY

In accordance Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a local government must prepare and adopt an investment policy.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That in accordance with Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2017/2018 Investment Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS6

2017/2018 DEBT POLICY

Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to prepare and adopt a debt policy for a financial year.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the 2017/2018 Debt Policy be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS7

2017/2018 OVERALL PLAN - THALLON RURAL FIRE LEVY

In accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time the local government resolves to levy the special rates or charges.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2017/2018 Overall Plan – Thallon Rural Fire Levy be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS8 **2017/2018 OVERALL PLAN - MUNGINDI WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY**

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time the local government resolves to levy the special rates or charges.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2017/2018 Overall Plan – Mungindi Waste Management Levy be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS9 **2017/2018 OVERALL PLAN - FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LEVY**

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time the local government resolves to levy the special rates or charges.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2017/2018 Overall Plan – Feral Animal Management Levy be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS10 **2017/2018 OVERALL PLAN - URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LEVY**

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time the local government resolves to levy the special rates or charges.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2017/2018 Overall Plan – Urban Animal Management Levy be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS11 **2017/2018 OVERALL PLAN - ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY**

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must adopt the overall plan before, or at the same time the local government resolves to levy the special rates or charges.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the 2017/2018 Overall Plan – Environmental Levy be adopted.

CARRIED

2017/2018 DIFFERENTIAL RATING CATEGORIES

In accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, before Council levies differential general rates, it must decide the different categories of rateable land in the local government area.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That in accordance with Section 81 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the following differential rating categories be adopted:

Residential

Differential Category	Description	Criteria
1	Residential <1 Ha	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, is less than 1 Ha in size and to which the following primary land use codes apply: 01 & 02 – Vacant, Single Unit Dwelling 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 & 08 – Outbuildings & Buildings Units 72 – Section 25 Valn 98 – General Vacant
2	Large Residential >=1Ha and <20Ha	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, is between 1 Ha or greater and less than 20 Ha in size and to which the following primary land use codes apply: 01 & 02 – Vacant, Single Unit Dwelling 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 61 – 66 – Sheep and Cattle Grazing 72 – Section 25 Valn 73 – 81 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant
3	Multi Residential	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, which the following primary land use codes apply: 03 – Multi unit dwelling (flats) 07 – Guest House 21 – Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care) 98 – General Vacant

Commercial and Industrial

11	Commercial	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 10-20 & 22-27 – Retail Businesses /Commercial 41, 44 - 46 – Special Uses
12	Other Commercial	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 48 – Sports Clubs / Facilities 50 – 59 – Special Uses 96 – 97 – General
13	Transformers	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 91 – Transformers

14	Industrial	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 28 – 34 – Transport & Storage 35 – 37 – Industrial
15	Commercial – Hotels, accommodation, etc	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 42 & 43 – Hotel / tavern, Motel 47 & 49 – Licenced Club, Caravan Park

Intensive Industry

21	Commercial Bulk Grain Depots	All land approved for use as a commercial bulk grain depot or land that forms part of a commercial bulk grain depot which is a lawful nonconforming use. This category excludes land used for on farm bulk grain storage. This category includes but is not limited to assessments 1726/5,1762, 1763, 2075, 2076, 2078, 2382, 1567/3, 2381/5, 2382/1, 2384/1.
22	Cotton Gins	All land approved for use as for Cotton Ginning and associated purposes. This category includes but is not limited to assessments 2304-8, 1840 and 1706-2.
25	Extractive Industry < 5,000 tonnes	All 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 (other than mining) classified under Schedule 2 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 for less than 5,000 tonnes production
26	Extractive Industry >5,000 & <100,000 Tonnes	All 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 (other than mining) classified under Schedule 2 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 for greater than 5,000 to 100,000 tonnes production.
27	Extractive Industry > 100,000 tonnes	All 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 classified under Schedule 2 of the Environmental Protection Regulation 2008 for greater than 100,000 tonnes production
31	Petroleum Leases < 1,000 Ha	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of less than 1,000 hectares.
32	Petroleum Leases >=1,000Ha < 10,000 Ha	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of equal to and greater than 1,000 hectares but less than 10,000 hectares.
33	Petroleum Leases => 10,000 Ha	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of 10,000 hectares or more.
34	Petroleum Other < 400Ha	All land, within the Council, 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 hectares.
35	Petroleum Other => 400Ha	All land, within the Council, 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 hectares or more.
41	Mining Leases < 50 FTE	All Mining Leases issued within the Council area that have less than 50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees and/or contractors.
42	Mining Leases => 50 FTE	All Mining Leases issued within the Council area that have 50 or more Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees and/or contractors.

45	Intensive Accommodation 100+person	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers based 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"
46	Noxious Industry - Abattoirs	Land used whole or part, within the Council area, for Noxious Industry, primarily used as an Abattoir.

Rural

60	Rural – 20 Ha – 1,000Ha	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised is 20 ha or greater and less than 1,000 Ha in size and has the following primary land use codes apply: 01 & 72 – Vacant Urban Land, Section 25 Valn 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 61 – 66 – Sheep and Cattle Grazing 73 – 81 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant
61	Small Crops <100Ha	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, is less than 100 Ha and has the following primary land use codes apply: 82 – Vineyards 83 – Small Crops & Fodder Irrigation 84 – Small Crops & Fodder Non – Irrigation 98 – General Vacant
62	Small Crops >100Ha	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, is 100 Ha or greater and has the following primary land use codes apply: 82 – Vineyards 83 – Small Crops & Fodder Irrigation 84 – Small Crops & Fodder Non - Irrigation
63	Grain Properties/ Grazing Properties	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, is 1,000 Hectares or greater and has the following primary land use codes apply: 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 60 – 62 – Sheep Grazing 64 – 66 – Cattle Grazing 73 – Grain 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant
65	Cotton Properties <250Ha, <\$500,000 ucw	All Land that is less than 250 hectares and has an un-improved capital value (ucv) of less than \$500,000 and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
66	Cotton Properties <250Ha, >\$500,000 ucw	All Land that is less than 250 hectares and has an un-improved capital value (ucv) of \$500,000 or more and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
67	Cotton Properties >=250Ha <500Ha, <\$240,000 ucw	All Land that is 250 hectares or more but less than 500 Hectares in size and has an un-improved capital value (ucv) of less than \$240,000 and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
68	Cotton Properties >=250Ha <500Ha, >\$240,000 ucw	All Land that is 250 hectares or more but less than 500 Hectares in size and has an un-improved capital value (ucv) of \$240,000 or more and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton

69	Cotton Properties >=500Ha <1,000Ha, <\$400,000 ucw	All Land that is 500 hectares or more but less than 1,000 Hectares in size and has an un-improved capital value (ucv) of less than \$400,000 and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
70	Cotton Properties >=500Ha <1,000Ha, >\$400,000 ucw	All Land that is 500 hectares or more but less than 1,000 Hectares in size and has an un-improved capital value (ucv) of \$400,000 or more and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
71	Cotton Properties >= 1,000Ha <5,000Ha	All Land, that is 1,000 Hectares or more but less than 5,000 Hectares in size and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
72	Cotton Properties >=5,000Ha <10,000Ha	All Land, that is 5,000 Hectares or more but less than 10,000 Hectares in size and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
73	Cotton Properties >=10,000Ha <20,000Ha	All Land, that is 10,000 Hectares or more but less than 20,000 Hectares in size and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
74	Cotton Properties >=20,000Ha <30,000Ha	All Land, that is 20,000 Hectares or more but less than 30,000 Hectares in size and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
75	Cotton Properties >30,000Ha	All Land, that is 30,000 Hectares or more in size and has or should have a primary or secondary land use code of: 77 – Cotton
76	Reservoirs	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary or secondary land use code: 95 – Reservoir, dam, bores
79	Intensive Animal Industry Cattle Feedlot 1,001 – 5,000 SCU	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle Feedlot with an approved capacity of 1,001 – 5,000 Single Cattle Units (SCU)
80	Intensive Animal Industry Cattle Feedlot 5,001 - 10,000 SCU	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle Feedlot with an approved capacity of 5,001 - 10,000 Single Cattle Units (SCU)
81	Intensive Animal Industry Cattle Feedlot > 10,000 SCU	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle Feedlot with an approved capacity of > 10,000 Single Cattle Units (SCU)
85	Intensive Animal Industry Piggery > 400 SPU	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry - Piggery with an approved capacity of greater than 400 Standard Pig Units (SPU)

CARRIED

FCS13 **2017/2018 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES**

In accordance with Section 77 and 81 of the Local Government Regulation, Council may fix a minimum amount of general rates and may levy general rates that differ for different categories of rateable land in the local government area. In accordance with Section 116 of the Regulations, Council may resolve to limit the increase in the rates and charges.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That in accordance with Sections 77, 80 and 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that Council make and levy the following differential general rates and minimum general rates and limitations for the year ending 30 June 2018.

Description	2017/18 Proposed Min General	2017/18 Proposed Rate (c/\$)	Limitation
Category 1 - Residential <1 Ha	664.50	1.2380368	
Category 2 - Large Residential >=1HA and <20Ha	686.60	1.0350886	
Category 3 - Multi Residential	756.60	1.4046942	
Category 11 - Commercial	783.90	1.1999442	
Category 12 - Commercial - Other	648.80	1.0349976	
Category 13 - Transformers	783.90	2.0475182	
Category 14 - Industrial	862.20	1.3075517	
Category 15 - Commercial - Hotel, Accommodation, etc	783.90	1.2208924	
Category 21 - Commercial Bulk Grain Depots	6,043.70	5.7139992	
Category 22 - Cotton Gins	24,174.00	13.104	
Category 25 - Extractive Industry <5,000 tonnes	1,374.10	1.3808795	
Category 26 - Extractive Industry >5,000 & <100,000 tonnes	2,747.20	1.7909619	
Category 27 - Extractive Industry > 100,000 tonnes	5,494.20	1.7909619	
Category 31 - Petroleum Leases <1,000 Ha	3,022.40	69.044157	
Category 32 - Petroleum Leases >1,000 Ha <10,000	6,043.70	4.7988031	
Category 33 - Petroleum Leases >10,000 Ha	12,087.30	1.8039476	
Category 34 - Petroleum Other <400Ha	3,022.40	371.4103302	
Category 35 - Petroleum Other >400Ha	6,044.00	371.4103302	
Category 41 - Mining Leases <50 FTE	1,374.10	11.4283806	
Category 42 - Mining Leases >50 FTE	10,988.50	11.4283806	
Category 45 - Intensive Accommodation 100 +person	10,988.50	4.7989214	
Category 46 - Noxious Industry	24,174.60	13.103727	
Category 60 - Rural - 20 Ha - 1,000 Ha	675.00	1.2066054	30%
Category 61 - Small Crops <100Ha	811.10	1.7235309	30%
Category 62 - Small Crops >100Ha	2,702.10	2.2370348	
Category 63 - Grain Properties/Grazing Properties	1,316.80	1.1365809	30%
Category 65 - Cotton Properties <250Ha, <\$500,00ucv	2,633.60	3.5884212	
Category 66 - Cotton Properties <250Ha, >\$500,000ucv	2,633.60	1.1611782	
Category 67 - Cotton Properties >=250Ha, <500Ha, <\$2400,000ucv	2,725.90	1.4257152	
Category 68 - Cotton Properties >=250Ha, <500Ha, >\$2400,000ucv	2,633.60	3.3953556	
Category 69 - Cotton Properties >=500Ha, <1000Ha, <\$400,000ucv	2,725.90	2.1497112	30%
Category 70 - Cotton Properties >=500Ha, <1000Ha, >\$400,000ucv	2,633.60	3.5104524	30%
Category 71 - Cotton Properties >=1,000Ha,	5,268.30	1.9137664	30%

<5,000Ha			
Category 72 - Cotton Properties >=5,000Ha, <10,000Ha	10,536.60	1.5814708	30%
Category 73 - Cotton Properties >=10,000Ha, <20,000Ha	21,073.20	1.42961	30%
Category 74 - Cotton Properties >=20,000Ha, <30,000Ha	31,609.80	1.6529422	
Category 75 - Cotton Properties >30,000Ha	42,146.40	2.1976045	
Category 76 - Reservoirs	676.10	1.9252142	30%
Category 79 - Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle Feedlot 1,001-5,000 SCU	2,633.60	1.1947754	30%
Category 80 - Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle Feedlot 5,001-10,000 SCU	4,372.90	3.471468	
Category 81 - Intensive Animal Industry - Cattle Feedlot>10,000 SCU	6,043.70	5.7139992	
Category 85 - Intensive Animal Industry - Piggery >400 SPU	2,702.10	1.2258428	

CARRIED

FCS14

WATER UTILITY CHARGES

In accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.

Cr Todd moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Water Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$9.16 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.4265 per kilolitre for the Rural Residential Bore Water Supply.

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Water Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$9.16 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.1144 per kilolitre for the untreated river/creek water supplies to various premises in the towns of Dirranbandi, Thallon and Bollon and designated Rural Residential water supply schemes.

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Water Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$10.07 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.4577 per kilolitre for the St George Bore Water Supply.

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Water Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$10.07 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$1.144 per kilolitre for treated water supplies in Dirranbandi.

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Water Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$9.16 per charging unit bore water supplies in Thallon, Hebel and Bollon.

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Water Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$320.00 access charge per rateable property plus water consumption charges of: up to 750kl \$1.74 per kl and 751kl and above \$2.25 for water supplies in Mungindi.

CARRIED

FCS15

WASTE WATER UTILITY CHARGES

In accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation, a local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Waste Water Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at:

Waste Water – Connected Charge	\$544.50
Waste Water – Unconnected Charge	\$183.60
Waste Water – Additional non-residential 1-10 pedestal	\$381.10
Waste Water – Additional non-residential 11-20 pedestal	\$293.60
Waste Water – Additional non-residential 21-30 pedestal	\$240.20

CARRIED

FCS16

CLEANSING UTILITY CHARGES

In accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation, a local government may levy utility charges on any basis the local government considers appropriate.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Cleansing Utility Charges for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at:

Base Cleansing Charge – (<i>weekly general & fortnightly recycle</i>) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	429.00
General Cleansing Charge – (<i>weekly general waste</i>) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	334.00
Recycle Cleansing Charge – (<i>fortnightly recycle</i>) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	95.50
Cleansing Charge - Hebel	104.00
Domestic Waste Charge – (<i>general, recycle & green</i>) - Mungindi	484.00
Upgrade – Domestic Waste (240l) - Mungindi	79.20
Upgrade – Recycle (360l) - Mungindi	27.50
Additional Service – Green Bin (240l) - Mungindi	27.50
Additional Service – Recycle (240l)	110.00
Additional Service – Recycle (360l)	154.00
Commercial Waste Collection - Mungindi	473.00
Additional Commercial General Waste (240l) - Mungindi	165.00

CARRIED

FCS17

THALLON RURAL FIRE LEVY

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in the township of Thallon.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That:

1. Council levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in the township of Thallon within the Balonne Shire Council boundary, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2017/2018, Revenue Statement 2017/2018 and Overall Plan – Thallon Rural Fire Levy, and
2. the Thallon Rural Fire Levy Charge for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$1.58 per charging unit.

CARRIED

FCS18

MUNGINDI WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in the township of Mungindi.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That:

1. Council levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in the township of Mungindi within the Balonne Shire Council boundary, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2017/2018, Revenue Statement 2017/2018 and Overall Plan – Mungindi Waste Management Levy, and
2. the Mungindi Waste Management Levy Charge for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$165.00 per assessment.

CARRIED

FCS19

FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LEVY

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in Rating Categories 63, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 79, 80 and 81.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That

1. Council levy a special charge on all rating assessments in Rating Categories 63, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 79, 80 and 81, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2017/2018, Revenue Statement 2017/2018 and Overall Plan – Feral Animal Management Levy, and
2. the Feral Animal Management Levy Charge for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$0.0004263 cents in the dollar on the land valuation.

CARRIED

FCS20

URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT LEVY

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in Differential Rating Categories 1-3.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That

1. Council levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in the Differential Rating Categories 1-3, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2017/2018, Revenue Statement 2017/2018 and Overall Plan – Urban Animal Management Levy, and
2. the Urban Animal Management Levy Charge for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$21.00 per assessment.

CARRIED

FCS21

ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY

In accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will levy a special charge on all rateable assessments as per the maps in the Revenue Statement 2017/2018..

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr O'Toole seconded:

That:

1. Council levy a special charge on all rateable assessments as per the maps in the Revenue Statement 2017/2018, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2017/2018, Revenue Statement 2017/2018 and Overall Plan – Environmental Levy, and
2. the Environmental Levy Charge for the 2017/2018 financial year be set at \$50.00 per assessment.

CARRIED

FCS22

INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

In accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, interest is payable on overdue rates and charges at the percentage, or not more than 11% a year, decided by the local government; and from the day the rates or charges become overdue or a later day decided by the local government.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That in accordance with Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a charge of 11 percent compounding interest calculated on daily is made on all rates and charges that remain outstanding for sixty (60) days after the date of issue.

CARRIED

FCS23

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT

In accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a local government may decide to allow a discount for payment of rates or charges before the end of the discount period.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That in accordance with Section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a discount of 10% be allowed for all current Council rates and charges (excluding QESL, Environmental Levy, Feral Animal Management Levy and Urban Animal Management Levy) if paid within 30 days of the Rate Notice being issued, and that such discount be calculated as a percentage of the gross rates and charges levied and only be granted if all current and outstanding rates have been paid in full.

CARRIED

FCS24

PENSIONER RATE CONCESSION

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council may grant a concession of rates or charges to a ratepayer who is a member of a stated class of ratepayers.

Cr Todd moved and Cr Paul seconded:

That in accordance with Section 132 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a Concession of Rates for properties owned or occupied by Pensioners, equal to 100% of the General Rate up to a maximum of \$150.00 per annum, plus an additional \$20.00 per annum for cleansing, be granted to owners of qualifying premises. This concession is in addition to the 20% subsidy offered by the State Government (capped at \$200.00 per annum).

CARRIED

FCS25

CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

In accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act 2009, Council must decide each financial year, by resolution, whether or not to apply the code of competitive conduct to a business activity prescribed under a regulation.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That in accordance with Section 47 of the Local Government Act 2009, the Code of Competitive Conduct shall not apply the following identified business activities in the 2017/2018 financial year, as the council is of the opinion that there is no net financial or operational benefit to its' ratepayers and customers in doing so:

- Water Program;
- Waste Water Program;
- Other Roads.

CARRIED

FCS26

BUDGET 2017/2018

In accordance with Section 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council must adopt its budget for the financial year after 31 May in the year before the financial year, but before 1 August in the financial year.

Cr Paul moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That in accordance with Section 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Budget for the year ended 30 June 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS27

INDICATIVE BUDGETS 2018/2019 AND 2019/2020

In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's budget for each financial year must be prepared on an accrual basis and include statements for the financial year for which it is prepared and the next 2 financial years.

Cr Gaske moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That in accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Indicative Budgets for the 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 financial years be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS28

LONG TERM FINANCIAL FORECAST

In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's budget must include a long term financial forecast.

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Gaske seconded:

That in accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the Long Term Financial Forecast be adopted.

CARRIED

FCS29

FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY RATIOS

In accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's budget must include the relevant measures of financial sustainability for the financial year and the next 9 financial years.

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That in accordance with Section 169 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the financial sustainability ratios for 2017/2018 and the following nine financial years be adopted.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 9:30am.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of Council held on 20 July 2017.

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MAYOR