



MINUTES

of the

Special Meeting of the Council

held in the

Cultural Centre, 118 Victoria Street, St George

on

Thursday 25th June 2020

Commencing at 9.00am

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MEETING BUSINESS BY CORPORATE FUNCTION

OPENING

The Mayor declared the Meeting open at 9.09am.

COUNCIL PRAYER

The Mayor led the Council in the Opening Prayer.

ATTENDANCE

Crs SC O'Toole, RD Avery, RW Lomman, SS Scriven, ID Todd and WN Winks.

Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer), Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Financial & Corporate Services), Mr Digby Whyte (Director Environment and Regulatory Services) and Mr Andrew Boardman (Director Infrastructure Services) and Tracey Lee (Manager of Finance); Rebecca Lomman (Communications & Media Contractor) and Kahli Wilkinson (Administration Officer)

Cr RG Fuhrmeister joined the meeting by Teleconference at 9.09am

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDANCE

Nil

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Todd declared a Material Personal Interest in respect to matters contained in FCS13 and FCS14 and FCS15, on the grounds that:

He is a potential recipient of funds under the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rates Scheme.

Councillor Todd indicated he would leave the meeting in accordance with S175E(4) and not participate in discussion on these matters.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Winks declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in FCS13 and FCS14 and FCS15, on the grounds that:

His relatives, being two cousins, are involved in Round 2 of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rates Scheme.

Councillor Winks indicated he would request that he be able to participate in the meeting on the basis that setting the budget and rates is an ordinary business matter.

MAYORAL BUDGET STATEMENT

Cr Samantha O'Toole, Balonne Shire Council Mayor, delivered her 2020-2021 Mayoral Budget Statement.

(FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

FCS1

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21 AND DRAFT FORWARD ESTIMATES FROM 2021/22 TO 2029/30

Presentation of Draft Budget 2020/21 and Draft Forward Estimates from 2021/22 to 2029/30

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to receive the Budget 2020/21 and accompanying documents and Council consider each section individually.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS2

OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/2021

Operational Plan 2020/2021

Cr Todd moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the 2020/2021 Balonne Shire Council Operational Plan in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS3

REVENUE POLICY 2020/2021

Revenue Policy 2020/2021

Cr Winks moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Revenue Policy 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 169 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS4

REVENUE STATEMENT 2020/2021

Revenue Statement 2020/2021

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Revenue Statement 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 169 (2) (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS5

INVESTMENT POLICY 2020/2021

Investment Policy 2020/2021

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Investment Policy 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS6

DEBT POLICY 2020/2021

Debt Policy 2020/2021

Cr Todd moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Debt Policy 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS7

OVERALL PLAN - THALLON RURAL FIRE LEVY 2020/2021

Overall Plan - Thallon Rural Fire Levy 2020/2021

Cr Winks moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan – Thallon Rural Fire Levy 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS8

THALLON RURAL FIRE LEVY

Thallon Rural Fire Levy

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council resolves that:

1. Council levy a special rate on all rateable assessments in the township of Thallon within the Balonne Shire Council boundary, in accordance with Sections 92 and 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 128A of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*; the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2020/2021, Revenue Statement 2020/2021 and Overall Plan – Thallon Rural Fire Levy 2020/2021, and;
2. The Thallon Rural Fire Levy Rate for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$1.60 per charging unit:

Queensland Emergency Levy Property Classification	Charging Units
Group 1	10
Group 2	37
Group 3	90
Group 4	180
Group 5	295
Group 6	531
Group 7	867
Group 8	1327
Group 9	2355

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS9 **OVERALL PLAN - FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL RATE 2020/2021**

Overall Plan - Feral Animal Management Special Rate 2020/2021

Cr Avery moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan – Feral Animal Management Special Rate 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED 5-2

Cr Scriven requested his name be recorded against the motion.

FCS10 **FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL RATE**

Feral Animal Management Special Rate

Cr Avery moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

That Council resolves that:

1. Council levy a special rate on all rateable assessments in Rating Categories 100, 79,80,81 and all properties > or = 1000 hectares in Cat 200 and Cat 300 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 2020/2021, Revenue Statement 2020/2021 and Overall Plan – Feral Animal Management Special Rate 2020/2021, and
2. the Feral Animal Management Special Rate for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$0.0004263 cents in the dollar on the land valuation.

CARRIED 5-2

Cr Scriven requested his name be recorded against the motion.

Cr O'Toole requested her name be recorded against the motion.

FCS11 **OVERALL PLAN - URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL CHARGE 2020/2021**

Overall Plan – Urban Animal Management Special Charge 2020/2021

Cr Avery moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan- Urban Animal Management Special Charge 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS12 **URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL CHARGE**

Urban Animal Management Special Charge

Cr Winks moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves 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 2020/2021, Revenue Statement 2020/2021 and Overall Plan – Urban Animal Management Special Charge 2020/2021, and

2. the Urban Animal Management Special Charge for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$21.00 per assessment in the Differential Rating Categories 1-3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

FCS13 BALONNE WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING SCHEME SPECIAL CHARGE

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Todd declared a Material Personal Interest in respect to matters contained in FCS13, on the grounds that:

He is a potential recipient of funds under the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rate Scheme.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Winks declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in FCS13 on the grounds that:

Cr Winks relatives, being two cousins, are involved in Round 2 of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rate Scheme.

Having given due consideration to his position, Cr Winks stated that he would vote on this matter in the public interest and requested that he be granted approval to remain in the meeting on the basis that setting the budget and rates is an ordinary business matter.

FCS14 OVERALL PLAN - BALONNE WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING SPECIAL RATE SCHEME

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Todd declared a Material Personal Interest in respect to matters contained in IFS14, on the grounds that:

He is a potential recipient of funds under the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rate Scheme.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Winks declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in FCS14 on the grounds that:

Cr Winks relatives, being two cousins, are involved in Round 2 of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rate Scheme.

Having given due consideration to his position, Cr Winks stated that he would vote on this matter in the public interest and requested that he be granted approval to remain in the meeting on the basis that setting the budget and rates is an ordinary business matter.

FCS15 ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING SPECIAL RATE SCHEME

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Todd declared a Material Personal Interest in respect to matters contained in FCS15, on the grounds that:

He is a potential recipient of funds under the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rate Scheme.

In accordance with s175E(2) of the Local Government Act 2009 Councillor Winks declared a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in FCS15 on the grounds that:

Cr Winks relatives, being two cousins, are involved in Round 2 of the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing, Special Rate Scheme.

Having given due consideration to his position, Cr Winks stated that he would vote on this matter in the public interest and requested that he be granted approval to remain in the meeting on the basis that setting the budget and rates is an ordinary business matter.

Councillor Todd voluntarily left the meeting, in accordance with s175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009 at 9.39am.

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council resolves that Cr Winks has a Perceived Conflict of Interest in respect to matters contained in Report FCS13 and FCS14 and FCS15 and that he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter and vote on the matter as the Budget and Rates are ordinary business matters.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS13

BALONNE WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING SCHEME SPECIAL CHARGE

Balonne Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme - Special Charge.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

That Council resolves that

1. Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will levy in future budget meetings, a special charge to be known as the Balonne Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge for the cost of material and the construction of exclusion fencing that controls pest animals for certain rural properties in Balonne Shire Council, as amended.
2. The overall plan for the Balonne Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge includes:
 - a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is Council borrowing the necessary funds to implement the project, purchase of materials and construction of exclusion fencing that controls pest animals for the rateable land to which the special charge shall apply;
 - b) The rateable land to which the special charge shall apply are the properties listed in the Schedule of Rates Charges;
 - c) The estimated cost of carry out the overall plan for Round 1 is \$3.293m and estimated for Round 2 is \$4.899m with no more than borrowings approved up to \$8,540,987 (including capitalised interest);
 - d) The estimated time for carryout the overall plan is twenty (21) years in total;
3. The Annual Implementation Plan for 2020-21 financial year for:
 - a) Round 1 will be inspecting construction and issuing notices of practical completion, where applicable and
 - b) Round 2 meeting with landholders to arrange signing of the landholder and adjoining landholder agreements; the procurement of fencing materials and engaging of fencing contractors to commence installation of exclusion fencing on each property involved in the scheme.
4. The assessment numbers for Round 1 (01/07/2019 – 30/06/2041) that the special charge will apply to and the estimated special charge expected in years 3 to 5 and years 6 to 20, after being given a 2 year no repayment and no interest period for are:

Assessment	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
01896-00000-000	\$1,936.68	\$35,069.65
02388-00000-000	\$10,494.55	\$207,707.62
02398-00000-000	\$5,664.87	\$112,118.73
02617-00000-000	\$19,703.27	\$389,966.11
01885-00000-000	\$4,569.26	\$90,434.67
01839-40000-000	\$14,758.56	\$292,055.71
02323-00000-000	\$10,752.74	\$212,817.58
02650-00000-000	\$12,089.09	\$239,266.69
02149-00000-000	\$22,576.07	\$446,824.48
02513-00000-000	\$8,494.15	\$168,115.72
02492-00000-000	\$7,878.07	\$151,893.94
02471-00000-000	\$4,624.70	\$91,531.84
02410-00000-000	\$7,378.70	\$146,038.77
02484-50000-000	\$6,216.05	\$119,849.23
02486-00000-000	\$18,385.26	\$354,478.93
02267-00000-000	\$18,512.11	\$335,219.87
01825-00000-000	\$8,486.41	\$153,673.20
01849-00000-000	\$3,454.66	\$68,374.56
01900-00000-000	\$4,324.86	\$85,597.52
01854-00000-000	\$5,769.07	\$114,181.09

5. The assessment numbers for Round 2 (01/07/2020 – 30/06/2042) that the special charge will apply to and the estimated special charge expected in years 3 to 5 and years 6 to 20, after being given a 2 year no repayment and no interest period for are:

Assessment Number	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
02616-00000-000	\$12,448.78	\$240,053.81
02105-00000-000	\$17,902.00	\$345,210.13
01896-00000-000	\$1,877.83	\$36,210.85
02307-40000-000	\$12,669.11	\$244,302.55
02258-00000-000	\$30,498.82	\$588,118.56
02520-00000-000	\$8,110.99	\$156,406.74
01737-50000-000	\$11,743.03	\$226,444.57
02288-00000-000	\$6,165.86	\$118,898.33
01734-00000-000	\$24,973.30	\$481,568.13
02254-00000-000	\$23,093.59	\$445,321.06
02156-00000-000	\$34,495.79	\$665,193.36
02097-00000-000	\$31,459.33	\$606,640.41
02274-00000-000	\$17,010.35	\$328,016.01
02240-00000-000	\$18,332.34	\$353,508.45

6. The following assessment numbers will be included in **Round 2** subject to funding being available subject to the same conditions.

Assessment Number	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
02552-00000-000	\$24,425.91	\$471,012.66
02214-00000-000	\$6,506.69	\$124,470.60
02217-00000-000	\$9,832.33	\$189,600.02
02648-20000-000	\$3,304.99	\$63,731.10

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS14

OVERALL PLAN - BALONNE WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING SPECIAL RATE SCHEME

Overall Plan - Balonne Wild dog Exclusion Fencing Special Rate Scheme.

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves to:

1. adopt the Balonne Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Special Rate Scheme for 2020/2021 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*; and
2. The assessment numbers that the special charge **Round 1** (01/07/2019-30/06/2041) will apply to and the estimated special charge expected in years 3 to 5 and years 6 to 20, after being given a 2 year no repayment and no interest period, are shown below:

Assessment	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
01896-00000-000	\$1,936.68	\$35,069.65
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01900-00000-000	\$4,324.86	\$85,597.52
01854-00000-000	\$5,769.07	\$114,181.09

3. The assessment numbers that the special charge **Round 2** (01/07/2020 – 30/06/2042) will apply to and the estimated special charge expected in years 3 to 5 and years 6 to 20, after being given a 2 year no repayment and no interest period, are shown below:

Assessment Number	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
02616-00000-000	\$12,448.78	\$240,053.81
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4. The following assessment numbers will be included in **Round 2** subject to funding being available subject to the same conditions.

Assessment Number	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
02552-00000-000	\$24,425.91	\$471,012.66
02214-00000-000	\$6,506.69	\$125,470.60
02217-00000-000	\$9,832.33	\$189,600.02
02648-20000-000	\$3,304.99	\$63,731.10

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS15

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING SPECIAL RATE SCHEME

Annual Implementation Plan - Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Special Rate Scheme

Cr Winks moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

1. That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* the Annual Implementation Plan for the Wild Dog Exclusion Special Rate Scheme for 2020/2021 be adopted for:
 - a) Round 1 (01/07/2019 to 30/06/2041):

Assessment

01896-00000-000

02388-00000-000

02398-00000-000

02617-00000-000

01885-00000-000

01839-40000-000

02323-00000-000

02650-00000-000

02149-00000-000

02513-00000-000

02492-00000-000

02471-00000-000

02410-00000-000

02429-00000-000

02484-50000-000

02486-00000-000

02267-00000-000

01825-00000-000

01849-00000-000

01900-00000-000

01854-00000-000

b) Round 2 (01/07/2020 to 30/06/2042):

Assessment

02616-00000-000

02105-00000-000

01896-00000-000

02307-40000-000

02258-00000-000

02520-00000-000

01737-50000-000

02288-00000-000

01734-00000-000

01734-00000-000

02254-00000-000

02156-00000-000

02097-00000-000

02274-00000-000

02240-00000-000

c) Round 2, subject to funding (01/07/2020 to 30/06/2042):

Assessment

02552-00000-000

02214-00000-000

02217-00000-000

02648-20000-000

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Todd returned to the meeting the time being 9.50am

FCS16 **OVERALL PLAN - ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL CHARGE 2020-21**

Overall Plan – Environmental Special Charge

Cr Avery moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan for the Environmental Special Charge 2020-21 in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS17 **ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL CHARGE**

Environmental Special Charges

Cr Winks moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

That Council resolves to:

1. levy a special charge on all rateable assessments as per the maps in Appendix F of the Revenue Statement 2019/20, in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2020/2021, Revenue Statement 2020/2021 and Environmental Special Charge Plan 2020/2021, and
2. the Environmental Utility Charge for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$50.00 per all rateable assessment as per maps in Appendix F of the Revenue Statement 2020/2021.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS18 **DIFFERENTIAL RATING CATEGORIES 2020/2021**

Differential Rating Categories 2020/2021

Cr Todd moved and Cr Lomman seconded:

That Council resolves that:

1. That in accordance with section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories in to which rateable land is categorised, the description of those categories and, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category is as follows:

Residential

Differential Category	Description	Identification
1 - Residential <1 Ha	Land used for residential purposes having an area of less than one hectare	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	Land used for residential purposes having an area of one hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares.	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 – 67– Sheep and Cattle Grazing 72 – Section 25 Valn 73 – 84 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant
3 - Multi Residential	Land used for multi residential purposes such as flats, guest houses and residential institutions.	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

Differential Category	Description	Identification
11 –Retail Business and Commercial	Land used for retail business, commercial purposes and other similar purposes	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	Land used for other commercial purposes, excluding category 11 land, such as, for example sports clubs and similar facilities	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	Land use for the housing of transformers	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 91 – Transformers
14 - Industrial	Land used for industrial purposes	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 28 – 34 – Transport & Storage 35 – 37 – Industrial

15 – Hotels and other Accommodation	Land used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, licensed clubs and other similar commercial and accommodation uses	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
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Intensive Industry

Differential Category	Description	Identification
21 - Commercial Bulk Grain Depots	Land used as a commercial bulk grain depot, excluding where such storage occurs as part of farm bulk storage.	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, 2078, 2382, 1567/3, 2381/5, 2382/1, 2384/1.
22 – Cotton Gins	Land used as a Cotton Gin	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	Land used for the purpose of conducting an industry involving the 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	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	Land used for the purpose of conducting an industry involving 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.	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	Land used for the purpose of conducting an industry involving 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	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	Land the subject of a Petroleum Lease having an area of less than 1000 hectares	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of less than 1,000 hectares.
32 -Petroleum Leases >=1,000Ha < 10,000 Ha	Land the subject of a Petroleum Lease having area of 1000 hectares or more, but less than 10,000 hectares	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	Land the subject of a Petroleum Lease having area of 10,000 hectares or more	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of 10,000 hectares or more.

34 - Petroleum Other < 400Ha	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 hectares.	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	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 hectares or more.	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	Land the subject of a Mining Lease at which there are least than 50 full-time equivalent employees and/or contractors	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	Land the subject of a Mining Lease at which there are 50 or more full-time equivalent employees and/or contractors	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+persons	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers based on farms) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose.	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 in whole or in part for an abattoir or other similar noxious industry	Land used whole or part, within the Council area, for Noxious Industry, primarily used as an Abattoir.

Rural

Differential Category	Description	Identification
100 – Grain & Grazing	Rural land having an area of 1000 Hectares or more used for growing of grain, sheep grazing, cattle grazing or other similar activities	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, is 1000Ha or greater and has the following primary land use codes apply: 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 60 – 63 – Sheep Grazing 64 –70– Cattle Grazing 73 – Grain 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98– General Vacant
200 – Combined land use including cotton	Rural land used for mixed use cropping including Cotton	All Land that has or should have a land use code with a primary and secondary combination including: 77 – Cotton
300 – Sole land use Cotton	Rural land used for the growing of cotton, regardless of size	All Land that has or should have a primary land use code and no secondary combination of: 77 – Cotton

500 – Rural and small crops	Rural land regardless of size having an area > 20 Hectares but less than 1000 Hectares used for sheep grazing, cattle grazing or similar activities and rural land used as vineyards or for small cropping	<p>All Land, regardless of size, which is not otherwise categorised is 20Ha or greater and less than 1000Ha in size and has the following primary land use codes apply:</p> <p>01 & 72 – Vacant Urban Land, Section 25 Valn 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 61 –70– Sheep and Cattle Grazing 73 – 84 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant</p> <p>And</p> <p>All Land, regardless of size and has the following primary land use codes apply:</p> <p>82 – Vineyards 83 – Small Crops & Fodder Irrigation 84 – Small Crops & Fodder Non – Irrigation</p>
76 – Reservoirs	Land use for storage of water in reservoirs or dams, or the extraction of water via bores, or for other similar storage and/or extraction purposes	<p>All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary or secondary land use code:</p> <p>95 – Reservoir, dam, bores</p>
79 - Intensive Animal Industry Feedlot 1,001 – 5,000 SCU	Land used in whole or part for feed lotting of animals with an approved capacity of between 1,001 and 5,000 equivalent to standard cattle units	<p>Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry – Feedlot requiring approval by Council, or requiring licensing as an Environmental Relevant Activity with an approved capacity of 1,001 – 5,000 equivalent Standard Cattle Units (SCU)</p> <p>Land having the land use code of 64, 65 or 66, or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval.</p> <p>Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU</p>
80 - Intensive Animal Industry Feedlot 5,001 - 10,000 SCU	Land used in whole or part for feed lotting of animals with an approved capacity of between 5,001 and 10,000 equivalent to standard cattle units	<p>Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry – Feedlot requiring approval by Council, or requiring licensing as an Environmental Relevant Activity with an approved capacity of 5,001 - 10,000 equivalent Standard Cattle Units (SCU)</p> <p>Land having the land use code of 64, 65 or 66, or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval.</p> <p>Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU</p>

81 - Intensive Animal Industry Feedlot > 10,000 SCU	Land used in whole or part for feed lotting of animals with an approved capacity of between more than 10,000 equivalent standard cattle units	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry – Feedlot requiring approval by Council, or requiring licensing as an Environmental Relevant Activity with an approved capacity of > 10,000 equivalent Standard Cattle Units (SCU) Land having the land use code of 64, 65 or 66, or has an alternative land use with an intensive animal industry approval. Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU
85 - Intensive Animal Industry Piggery > 400 SPU	Land used in whole or part for a piggery with an approved capacity of greater than 400 standard pig units	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry - Piggery with an approved capacity of greater than 400 Standard Pig Units (SPU)
90 - Solar Farm <50 MW	Land used in whole or in part for as a Solar Farm with an output capacity of less than 50 megawatts.	Land used for solar power generation and transfer to the grid of <50 MW
91 - Solar Farm >= 50 MW	Land used in whole or in part for as a Solar Farm with an output capacity of 50 megawatts or more	Land used for solar power generation and transfer to the grid of => 50 MW

2. That Council delegates, under Section 257(b) of the *Local Government Act, 2009*, to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.

CARRIED 6-1

Cr Winks requested his name be recorded as against the motion and his reason for voting against the motion be recorded. Cr Winks does not believe the differential rating category system is balanced and fair to all and that valuations cannot do all the work all of the time based on “historical relativity”.

Cr Scriven stated he supports the differential rating category system and agreed with a reduction in the rural categories but does not support the seven year strategy based solely on valuations. Cr Scriven requested his statement be recorded.

DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES 2020/2021

Differential General Rates 2020/2021

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council resolves 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 2021.

Description	2020/21 Proposed Min General NC	2020/21 Proposed Rate (c/\$) NC	Limitation
Category 1 - Residential <1 Ha	684.58	1.300682	
Category 2 - Large Residential >=1HA and <20Ha	707.36	1.087465	
Category 3 - Multi Residential	779.46	1.475773	
Category 11 - Commercial	807.58	1.260663	
Category 12 - Commercial - Other	668.42	1.087369	
Category 13 - Transformers	807.58	2.151123	
Category 14 - Industrial	888.24	1.373716	
Category 15 – Commercial – Hotel, Accommodation etc.	807.58	1.282670	
Category 21 - Commercial Bulk Grain Depots	8160.00	6.003128	
Category 22 - Cotton Gins	30600.00	13.767062	
Category 25 - Extractive Industry <5,000 tonnes	1415.60	1.450752	
Category 26 - Extractive Industry >5,000 & <100,000 tonnes	2830.18	1.881586	
Category 27 - Extractive Industry > 100,000 tonnes	5660.12	1.881586	
Category 31 - Petroleum Leases <1,000 Ha	8160.00	72.537792	
Category 32 - Petroleum Leases >1,000 Ha <10,000	16320.00	5.041623	
Category 33 - Petroleum Leases >10,000 Ha	32640.00	1.895229	
Category 34 - Petroleum Other <400Ha	8160.00	390.203693	
Category 35 - Petroleum Other >400Ha	16320.00	390.203693	
Category 41 - Mining Leases <50 FTE	1415.60	12.006657	
Category 42 - Mining Leases >50 FTE	11320.38	12.006657	
Category 45 - Intensive Accommodation 100 +person	11320.38	5.041748	
Category 46 - Noxious Industry	24904.70	13.766777	
Category 76 - Reservoirs	696.52	2.022631	
Category 79 - Intensive Animal Industry - Feedlot 1,001-5,000 SCU	6903.78	1.255232	30%
Category 80 - Intensive Animal Industry - Feedlot 5,001-10,000 SCU	11463.22	3.647126	
Category 81 - Intensive Animal Industry - Feedlot>10,000 SCU	15843.10	6.003128	
Category 85 - Intensive Animal Industry - Piggery >400 SPU	7083.36	1.287872	
Category 90 - Solar Farm <50 MW	30600.00	1.326000	
Category 91 - Solar Farm >= 50 MW	71400.00	1.275000	
Category 100 – Grain and Grazing > 1000 Ha	1350.00	1.201608	20%
Category 200 - Combined land use including cotton	2546.00	1.697811	20%
Category 300 – Sole land use cotton	2552.00	1.993296	20%
Category 500 Rural > 20Ha and small crops	695.00	1.293013	

CARRIED 6-1

Cr Winks requested his name be recorded as against the motion and his reason for voting against the motion be recorded. Cr Winks does not believe the differential rating category system is balanced and fair to all and that valuations cannot do all the work all of the time based on "historical relativity". Cr Winks does support the zero differential rate increase for 2020-2021.

The following Councillors requested their reasons for voting for the FCS19 Differential Rates 2020/2021 be recorded in the minutes.

Cr Scriven stated he supports the zero differential rate increase for 2020-2021 and agreed with a reduction in the rural rate categories but does not support the seven year rating strategy for the rural rating categories based solely on valuations.

Cr Lomman stated he supports the seven year rating strategy for the rural rating categories and believes it is necessary, however, would have preferred to have an affordable option by a marginal rate increase to give targeted relief to those businesses and ratepayers seriously impacted by the current pandemic.

Cr Todd stated he wanted a marginal rate increase over all categories to be spent on targeted relief for the most affected Balonne Shire businesses (pandemic related).

FCS20

WATER UTILITY CHARGES

Water Utility Charges

Cr Avery moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012:

1. The Water Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$9.70 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.4481 per kilolitre for the Rural Residential Bore Water Supply.
2. The Water Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$9.70 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.1202 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.
3. The Water Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$10.60 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.4809 per kilolitre for the St George Bore Water Supply.
4. The Water Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$10.60 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$1.2023 per kilolitre for treated water supplies in Dirranbandi.
5. The Water Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$9.70 per charging unit bore water supplies in Thallon, Hebel and Bollon.
6. The Water Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at \$320.00 access charge per rateable property plus water consumption charges of: up to 750kl \$1.74 per kl, 751-8000kl \$2.25 and above 8000kl \$1.58 for water supplies in Mungindi.
7. An Unconnected Water Access Charge for Mungindi be set at \$120.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Lomman stated he would have preferred to have an affordable option by a marginal rate increase to give targeted relief to those businesses and ratepayers seriously impacted by the current pandemic. Cr Lomman requested his statement be recorded.

FCS21

CLEANSING UTILITY CHARGES

Cleansing Utility Charges

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Cleansing Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at

Base Cleansing Charge – (<i>weekly general & fortnightly recycle</i>) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	\$450.72
General Cleansing Charge – (<i>weekly general waste</i>) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	\$350.90
Recycle Cleansing Charge – (<i>fortnightly recycle</i>) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	\$100.34
Extra Cleansing Charge - St George, Thallon, Nindigully, Rural	\$450.72
Cleansing Charge - Hebel	\$109.26
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) - Mungindi	110.00
Additional Service – Recycle (360l) - Mungindi	154.00
Commercial Waste Collection - Mungindi	473.00
Additional Commercial General Waste (240l) - Mungindi	165.00
Mungindi Waste Management Utility Charge	165.00
Mungindi Vacant Waste Management Levy	95.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Lomman stated he would have preferred to have an affordable option by a marginal rate increase to give targeted relief to those businesses and ratepayers seriously impacted by the current pandemic. Cr Lomman requested his statement be recorded.

FCS22

WASTE WATER UTILITY CHARGE

Waste Water Utility Charge

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Waste Water Utility Charges for the 2020/2021 financial year be set at:

Waste Water – Connected Charge	\$572.10
Waste Water – Unconnected Charge	\$192.90
Waste Water – Additional non residential	\$250.00

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS23

INTEREST OF OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES

Interest of Overdue Rates and Charges

Cr Avery moved and Cr Todd seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Revenue Statement 2020/2021, a charge of 8.53 percent compounding interest calculated on daily is made on all rates and charges that remain outstanding for:

- a) ninety (90) days after the date of issue effective from 1 July 2020 (August Levy); and
- b) sixty (60) days after date of issue effective 1 January 2021 (February Levy).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS24

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT

Discount for Prompt payment

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*:

- a) a discount of 10% be allowed for all current Council rates and charges (excluding Queensland Emergency Service Levy, Environmental Special Charge, Feral Animal Management Special Rate, Urban Animal Management Special Charge and the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Special Rate) if paid within 60 clear days of the August 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;
- b) a discount of 10% be allowed for all current Council rates and charges (excluding Queensland Emergency Service Levy, Environmental Special Charge, Feral Animal Management Special Rate, Urban Animal Management Special Charge and the Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Special Rate) if paid within 30 clear days of the February 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 UNANIMOUSLY

FCS25

PENSIONER RATE CONCESSION

Pensioner Rate Concession

Cr Todd moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 122 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 \$170.00 per annum for qualifying premises. This concession is in addition to the 20% subsidy offered by the State Government (capped at \$200.00 per annum).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS26

CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT

Code of Competitive Conduct

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Code of Competitive Conduct shall not apply to the following identified business activities in the 2020/21 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:

- Building Certification;
- Water Program;
- Waste Water Program;
- Other Roads

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Cr Fuhrmeister left the meeting at 10.22am

FCS27

BUDGET 2020/2021 AND STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

Budget 2020/2021 and Statement of Estimated Financial Position

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves that:

1. Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2020/2021 financial year, be adopted, incorporating:
 - a) The statements of financial position;
 - b) The statements of cash flow;
 - c) The statements of income and expenditure;
 - d) The statements of changes in equity;
 - e) The long-term financial forecast;
 - f) The revenue statement;
 - g) The revenue policy;
 - h) The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
 - i) The total value of the change, expressed as a percentage, in the rates and utility charges levied for the financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget, and

2. Pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the Estimated financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2020/21

financial year (the Statement of Estimated Financial Position) be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS28

FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE 2020/21

Fees and Charges Schedule 2020-21

Cr Lomman moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves to:

1. Adopt the Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for the 2020/21 financial year in accordance with Section 97 and Section 262(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009* with no increase from 2019/20 fees, as attached; and
2. That Council waive the following fees for food shop licences for 2020/21 as part of its COVID-19 economic relief strategies:

FOOD BUSINESS				
Application - retail food shop, retail food vehicle, bed and breakfast, water carrier or manufacturer of low risk foods., Assessment of plans and inspections	640-1202	Cost Recovery	Food Act 2006	\$175.00
Application - minor alterations. Assessment of application and plans.	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$175.00
Application (High Risk/Manufacturer)	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$405.00
Licence	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$165.00
Licence (High Risk/Manufacturer)	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$270.00
Application and licence (temporary facility)	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$115.00
Alteration to licence	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$93.00
Approval of Third Party Certified Food Safety Program	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$175.00
Approval of Food Safety Program	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$425.00
Review of Decision	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$220.00
Replacement of Food Business Licence (Lost or Damaged)	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$40.50
Food Business - additional Inspection	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$115.00
Search includes inspection of premises	640-1202	Cost Recovery		\$155.00
Liquor Licence Endorsement - Food Licence and Planning Approval for Council endorsement of application	640-1202	Cost Recovery		Liquor Act 1992 s105

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor O'Toole thanked all the Councillors and Staff for their hard work and contribution in the development of the 2020-2021 Budget.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 10.27am

Confirmed at a General Meeting of Council held on 16 July 2020.

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MAYOR