



# **MINUTES**

**of the**

**Special Meeting of the Council**

**held in the**

**Council Chambers, 118 Victoria Street, St George**

**on**

**Thursday 29th June 2023**

**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

Crs RD Avery, RG Fuhrmeister, WN Winks, SS Scriven, AC Benn and AO Osborne

Mr Matthew Magin (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Chris Whitaker (Director Infrastructure Services), Mrs Michelle Clarke (Director Finance Corporate Services), Mr Digby Whyte (Director Community and Environmental Services) and Nori Luff (Manager Finance Services).

Joined via teleconference: Cr SC O'Toole (Chair)

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

## RECEPTION AND CONSIDERATION OF CORRESPONDANCE

Nil

# (FCS) FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

## MAYORAL BUDGET STATEMENT

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to receive the Mayor's statement, read out and tabled at the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS1

## PRESENTATION OF BUDGET 2023/2024 AND FORWARD ESTIMATES FROM 2023/2024 TO 2033/2034

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to receive the Budget 2023/2024 and accompanying documents and Council consider each section individually.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS2

## BUDGET 2023/2024 AND STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Osborne seconded:

That Council resolves that:

1. Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 financial year (the Statement of Estimated Financial Position) be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS3

### **OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023/2024**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the 2023/2024 Balonne Shire Council Operational Plan in accordance with Section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS4

### **REVENUE POLICY 2023/2024**

Cr Winks moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Revenue Policy 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 169 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS5

### **REVENUE STATEMENT 2023/2024**

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Revenue Statement 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 169 (2) (b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS6

### **INVESTMENT POLICY 2023/2024**

Cr Osborne moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Investment Policy 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS7

### **DEBT POLICY 2023/2024**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Debt Policy 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS8

**RATING STRATEGY 2019-2026 - REVISED 2023/2024**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves to endorse and adopt the Rating Strategy 2019-2026, as attached.

5:2

CARRIED

Cr Winks requested his name be recorded as against the motion, reason being that I am not in favour of the Single Rural Rate Strategy, being implemented over a seven year period. In my judgement I believe there are inconsistencies and variations that are difficult to justify in some of the land valuations and given the rating system relies solely on land valuations to do the work I believe the system is not balanced, fair and reasonable to all. If landholders believe there are possible errors in their Valuation, Country Classification's and Associated Mapping, I encourage them to have this rectified by the due processes available to them through the Valuation Department.

Cr Scriven requested his name be recorded as against the motion, reason being while I agree with the rate increase consistent with CPI, I disagree with the seven year strategy and the transition to the single rural rate.

FCS9

**PROCUREMENT POLICY 2023/2024**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Scriven seconded:

That Council resolves to confirm its adopted Procurement Policy in accordance with S198(3) of the Local Government Regulations 2012, as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS10

**DIFFERENTIAL RATING CATEGORIES 2023/2024**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves:

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

<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>		
<b>Differential Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Identification</b>
4A - Residential Large Residential Multi Residential Less than \$15000	Residential Less than \$15,000	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 03 – Multi unit dwelling (flats) 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 07 – Guest House 08 – Outbuildings & Buildings Units 21 – Residential Institutions (Non Medical Care) 61 – 67– Sheep and Cattle Grazing 72 – Section 25 Valn 73 – 84 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant
4B - Residential Large Residential Multi Residential Grater than \$15000	Residential Greater than \$15,000	01 & 02 – Vacant, Single Unit Dwelling 03 – Multi unit dwelling (flats) 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 07 – Guest House 08 – Outbuildings & Buildings Units 21 – Residential Institutions (Non Medical Care) 61 – 67– Sheep and Cattle Grazing 72 – Section 25 Valn 73 – 84 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant
<b>COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL</b>		
<b>Differential Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Identification</b>
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
<b>INTENSIVE INDUSTRY</b>		
<b>Differential Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Identification</b>
16 Intensive Rural Industry	Land used for high intensity rural - industrial purposes	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has development approval for a high intensity rural - industrial purpose over any land use code.
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 at less 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.



<b>RURAL</b>		
<b>Differential Category</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Identification</b>
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	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:  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  And  All Land, regardless of size and has the following primary land use codes apply:  82 – Vineyards 83 – Small Crops & Fodder Irrigation 84 – Small Crops & Fodder Non – Irrigation
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	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 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	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)  All land within the Council area, which has a state registered license to operate a feedlot or development approval. Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU
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	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)  All land within the Council area, which has a state registered license to operate a feedlot or development approval. Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU
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)  All land within the Council area, which has a state registered license to operate a feedlot or development 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)  All land within the Council area, which has a Primary Land Use Code of 85

#### Other

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

95 – Carbon Farming	Land for activities upon which its owner has received Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU)	Land for activities upon which its owner has received Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU)
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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS11

### **2023/2024 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Osborne seconded:

That Council resolves in accordance with Sections 77, 80 and 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 to make and levy the following differential general rates and minimum general rates and limitations for the year ending 30 June 2024.

<b>Description</b>	<b>2023/2024 Rate in the Dollar (cents in \$) full year</b>	<b>2023/2024 Minimum General Rate full year</b>	<b>Limitation</b>
Category 4A - Residential <\$15,000 valuation	\$4.91	\$342.88	30%
Category 4B - Residential = to \$15,001 and greater valuation	\$1.08	\$727.67	30%
Category 11 - Commercial	\$1.46	\$869.04	30%
Category 12 - Commercial - Other	\$1.54	\$709.06	30%
Category 13 - Transformers	\$2.25	\$840.75	30%
Category 14 - Industrial	\$1.41	\$958.80	30%
Category 15 – Commercial – Hotel, Accommodation etc.	\$1.35	\$869.04	30%
Category 21 - Commercial Bulk Grain Depots	\$18.59	\$8,975.00	30%
Category 22 - Cotton Gins	\$12.41	\$25,020.00	30%
Category 25 - Extractive Industry <5,000 tonnes	\$1.12	\$1,097.09	30%
Category 26 - Extractive Industry >5,000 & <100,000 tonnes	\$1.98	\$2,985.84	30%
Category 27 - Extractive Industry > 100,000 tonnes	\$2.15	\$2,999.86	30%
Category 31 - Petroleum Leases <1,000 Ha	\$238.00	\$7,140.00	30%
Category 32 - Petroleum Leases >1,000 Ha <10,000	\$48.46	\$16,973.60	30%
Category 33 - Petroleum Leases >10,000 Ha	\$22.47	\$33,700.80	30%
Category 34 - Petroleum Other <400Ha	\$411.66	\$8,608.80	30%
Category 35 - Petroleum Other >400Ha	\$390.20	\$16,320.00	30%

Category 41 - Mining Leases <50 FTE	\$12.01	\$1,415.60	30%
Category 42 - Mining Leases >50 FTE	\$12.01	\$11,320.38	30%
Category 45 - Intensive Accommodation 100 +person	\$5.04	\$11,320.38	30%
Category 46 - Noxious Industry	\$13.77	\$5,660.19	30%
Category 76 - Reservoirs	\$1.07	\$405.45	30%
Category 79 - Intensive Animal Industry - Feedlot 1,001-5,000 SCU	\$0.45	\$4,200.00	
Category 80 - Intensive Animal Industry - Feedlot 5,001-10,000 SCU	\$1.04	\$7,637.96	
Category 81 - Intensive Animal Industry - Feedlot>10,000 SCU	\$3.73	\$22,948.44	
Category 85 - Intensive Animal Industry - Piggery >400 SPU	\$0.80	\$10,260.12	
Category 90 - Solar Farm <50 MW	\$1.33	\$30,600.00	30%
Category 91 - Solar Farm >= 50 MW	\$1.28	\$71,400.00	30%
Category 100 – Grain and Grazing > 1000 Ha	\$0.41	\$816.75	30%
Category 200 - Combined land use including cotton	\$0.50	\$2,100.00	30%
Category 300 – Sole land use cotton	\$0.54	\$2,550.00	30%
Category 500 Rural > 20 Ha and small crops	\$0.45	\$768.32	30%
Category 16 Intensive Rural Industrial	\$1.00	\$3,355.00	30%
Category 95 Carbon Farming	\$0.60	\$7,000.00	30%

#### CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Winks voted for this motion but would like to leave reasoning – Whilst I voted for this motion I did so as Categories 100/ 200/300 and 500 cannot be separated. All of the Categories are voted on as a whole. I am not in favour of the Single Rural Rating Strategy that is being implemented over seven years involving Categories 100,200,300 and 500.

FCS12

#### **DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT**

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Benn 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 excess water consumption charges, 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 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; and
- b) a discount of 10% be allowed for all current Council rates and charges (excluding excess water consumption charges, 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

FCS13

**INTEREST OF OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES**

Cr Winks moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the Revenue Statement 2023/2024, a charge of 11.64% per annum compounding interest calculated on daily is made on all rates and charges that remain outstanding for:

- a) sixty (60) days after the date of issue effective from 1 July 2023 (August Levy); and
- b) sixty (60) days after date of issue effective 1 January 2024 (February Levy).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS14

**PENSIONER RATE CONCESSION**

Cr Winks moved and Cr Osborne seconded:

That Council resolves for the 2023/2024 financial year, 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

FCS15

**OVERALL PLAN - THALLON RURAL FIRE LEVY 2023/2024**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan – Thallon Rural Fire Levy 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS16

**THALLON RURAL FIRE LEVY**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves:

1. to 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 2023/2024, Revenue Statement 2022/2023 and Overall Plan – Thallon Rural Fire Levy 2023/2024 (Appendix A); and
2. The Thallon Rural Fire Levy Rate for the 2023/2024 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

FCS17

**OVERALL PLAN - FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL RATE 2023/2024**

Cr Osborne moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan – Feral Animal Management Special Rate 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS18

**FERAL ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL RATE**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Fuhrmeister 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 2023/2024, Revenue Statement 2023/2024 and Overall Plan – Feral Animal Management Special Rate 2023/2024, and
2. the Feral Animal Management Special Rate for the 2023/2024 financial year be set at \$0.0000872611095 cents in the dollar on the land valuation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS19

**OVERALL PLAN - URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL CHARGE 2023/2024**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan- Urban Animal Management Special Charge 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS20

**URBAN ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SPECIAL CHARGE**

Cr Benn moved and Cr Osborne seconded:

That Council resolves that:

1. Council levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in the Differential Rating Categories 4A and 4B, in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation*

- 2012, and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2023/2024, Revenue Statement 2023/2024 and Overall Plan – Urban Animal Management Special Charge 2023/2024, and
2. the Urban Animal Management Special Charge for the 2023/2024 financial year be set at \$23.00 per assessment in the Differential Rating Categories 4A and 4B.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS21

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

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the amended Overall Plan for the Balonne Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Special Rate Scheme for 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012, as attached*.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS22

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

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery 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 2023/2024 be adopted for:

- a) Round 1 (01/07/2019 to 30/06/2041):

Old Assessment Number	New Assessment Number
01896-00000-000	A1976
02388-00000-000	A2314
02398-00000-000	A2320
02617-00000-000	A2488
01885-00000-000	A1962
01839-40000-000	A2558
02323-00000-000	A2278
02650-00000-000	A2521
02149-00000-000	A2153
02513-00000-000	A2405
02492-00000-000	A2389
02471-00000-000	A2377
02410-00000-000	A2330
02484-50000-000	A2950
02486-00000-000	A4014
02267-00000-000	A2233
01825-00000-000	A1910
01849-00000-000	A1930
01900-00000-000	A2442
01854-00000-000	A1935

and

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

Old Assessment Number	New Assessment Number
02616-00000-000	A2487
02105-00000-000	A2126
01896-00000-000	A1976
02307-40000-000	A2268
02258-00000-000	A2228
02520-00000-000	A2964
01737-50000-000	A1815
02288-00000-000	A2250
02214-00000-000	A2199
02254-00000-000	A2224
02156-00000-000	A2156
02552-00000-000	A2436
02217-00000-000	A2201
02240-00000-000	A2213
02210-00000-000	A3159

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS23

### **BALONNE WILD DOG EXCLUSION FENCING SCHEME SPECIAL CHARGE**

Cr Scriven moved and Cr Osborne 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 actual cost of carry out the overall plan for Round 1 is \$3.174m and actual for Round 2 is \$1.511m – total \$4.685m;
  - d) The time for carrying out the overall plan is twenty (21) years in total for both rounds;
3. The Annual Implementation Plan for 2023/2024 financial year for:
  - a) Round 1 will be finalising notices of practical completion and inspections, where applicable; and
  - b) Round 2 completing all inspections for construction and where possible issuing notices of practical completion.
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:

New Assessment	Old Assessment	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
A1976	01896-00000-000	\$1,936.68	\$35,069.65
A2314	02388-00000-000	\$10,494.55	\$207,707.62
A2320	02398-00000-000	\$5,664.87	\$112,118.73
A2488	02617-00000-000	\$19,703.27	\$389,966.11
A1962	01885-00000-000	\$4,569.26	\$90,434.67
A2558	01839-40000-000	\$14,758.56	\$292,055.71
A2278	02323-00000-000	\$10,752.74	\$212,817.58
A2521	02650-00000-000	\$12,089.09	\$239,266.69
A2153	02149-00000-000	\$22,576.07	\$446,824.48
A2405	02513-00000-000	\$8,494.15	\$168,115.72
A2389	02492-00000-000	\$7,878.07	\$151,893.94
A2377	02471-00000-000	\$4,624.70	\$91,531.84
A2330	02410-00000-000	\$7,378.70	\$146,038.77
A2950	02484-50000-000	\$6,216.05	\$119,849.23
A4014	02486-00000-000	\$18,385.26	\$354,478.93
A2233	02267-00000-000	\$18,512.11	\$335,219.87
A1910	01825-00000-000	\$8,486.41	\$125,893.88
A1930	01849-00000-000	\$3,454.66	\$68,374.56
A2442	01900-00000-000	\$4,324.86	\$85,597.52
A1935	01854-00000-000	\$5,769.07	\$114,181.09

5. The assessment numbers for Round 2 (01/07/2020 – 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:

Old Assessment Number	New Assessment Number	Special Charge Calculation Year 3 to 5	Special Charge Calculation Year 6 to 20
02616-00000-000	A2487	\$8,369.11	\$168,552.61
02105-00000-000	A2126	\$3,456.19	\$69,607.02
01896-00000-000	A1976	\$1,226.46	\$24,700.63
02307-40000-000	A2268	\$7,564.07	\$149,793.77
02258-00000-000	A2228	\$17,644.25	\$355,352.37
02520-00000-000	A2964	\$4,944.65	\$99,584.47
01737-50000-000	A1815	\$3,814.71	\$59,387.33
02288-00000-000	A2250	\$2,225.28	\$44,816.87
02214-00000-000	A2199	\$1,313.13	\$20,616.61
02254-00000-000	A2224	\$8,525.03	\$170,062.63
02156-00000-000	A2156	\$18,032.17	\$363,165.09
02552-00000-000	A2436	\$10,623.06	\$169,314.05
02217-00000-000	A2201	\$1,172.01	\$18,400.77
02240-00000-000	A2213	\$6,256.10	\$98,229.81
02210-00000-000	A3159	\$999.89	\$15,701.30

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS24

**OVERALL PLAN - ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL CHARGE 2023/2024**

Cr Winks moved and Cr Benn seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Overall Plan for the Environmental Special Charge 2023/2024 in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS25

**ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL CHARGE**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Osborne 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 2023/2024, in accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and the provisions of Council's Revenue Policy 2023/2024, Revenue Statement 2023/2024 and Environmental Special Charge Overall Plan 2023/2024, and
2. the Environmental Special Charge for the 2023/2024 financial year be set at \$65.50 per all rateable assessment (without a waste collection service) as shown in Appendix F of the Revenue Statement 2023/2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS26

**CLEANSING UTILITY CHARGES**

Cr Avery 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 2023/2024 financial year be set at:

Base Cleansing Charge – ( <i>weekly general &amp; fortnightly recycle</i> ) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	\$603.06
General Cleansing Charge – ( <i>weekly general waste</i> ) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	\$406.06
Recycle Cleansing Charge – ( <i>fortnightly recycle</i> ) – St George, Dirranbandi, Thallon, Nindigully, Bollon, Rural Residential	\$115.66
Extra Cleansing Charge - St George, Thallon, Nindigully, Rural	\$521.72
Cleansing Charge - Hebel	\$144.20
Domestic Waste Charge – ( <i>general, recycle &amp; green</i> ) - Mungindi	\$362.00
Upgrade – Domestic Waste (240l) - Mungindi	\$78.80
Upgrade – Recycle (360l) - Mungindi	\$21.00
Additional Service – Green Bin (240l) - Mungindi	\$21.00
Additional Service – Recycle (240l) - Mungindi	\$94.50
Additional Service – Recycle (360l) - Mungindi	\$115.50
Commercial Waste Collection - Mungindi	\$330.80
Additional Commercial General Waste (240l) - Mungindi	\$160.70
Upgrade Recycle Bin (360) Mungindi	\$21.00
Request Organic Bin (240) Mungindi	\$21.00
Mungindi Urban Waste Management Levy	\$292.00
Mungindi Rural Waste Management Levy	\$160.80
Mungindi Vacant Waste Management Levy	\$101.60

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS27

## **WATER UTILITY CHARGES**

Cr Osborne moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

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

1. The Rural Residential Bore Water Supply Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year be set at \$12.14 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.51360992 per kilolitre.
2. The untreated river/creek water supplies to various premises in the towns of Dirranbandi, Thallon and Bollon and designated Rural Residential water supply schemes, Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year, be set at \$11.12 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$0.137797814 per kilolitre.
3. The St George Bore Water Supply Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year be set up to \$12.14 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable bore water allocation be charged at \$0.551191255 per kilolitre.
4. The St George Residential and Rural Residential river water supply area for 2023/2024 financial year be set up to \$12.14 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable river water allocation be charged as follows for:

<b>Excess Water – St George River Water</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
Excess river water consumption per kilolitre >1501KL <2000KL	0.50
Excess river water consumption per kilolitre >2001KL <2500KL	0.75
Excess river water consumption per kilolitre >2500KL	1.00

5. The St George Rural Residential river water charging area (as shown in Appendix B map 2 of the Revenue Statement) Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year be set up to \$11.12 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable river water allocation be charged as follows for:

<b>St George River Water (rural residential charging area)*</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>
Excess river water consumption per kilolitre >1794KL <2294KL	0.50
Excess river water consumption per kilolitre >2295KL <2794KL	0.75
Excess river water consumption per kilolitre >3294KL	1.00

6. The treated water supplied in Dirranbandi, Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year, be set at \$12.14 per charging unit and further that water usage in excess of the applicable water allocation be charged at \$1.377978138 per kilolitre.
7. The bore water supplied in Thallon, Hebel and Bollon, Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year, be set at \$11.12 per charging unit.

8. The water supplied in Mungindi, Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 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.

9. An Unconnected Water Access Charge for Mungindi be set at \$120.00.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS28

**WASTE WATER UTILITY CHARGE**

Cr Fuhrmeister moved and Cr Avery seconded:

That Council resolves that in accordance with Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Wastewater Utility Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year be set at:

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	Urban Waste Water	Unconnected Sewer	Urban Non Res Waste Water (per pedestal)
Rural			
<b>2023/2024</b>			
St George	\$656.14	\$221.32	\$286.40
Thallon			
Nindigully			
Dirranbandi	\$656.14	\$221.32	\$286.40
Hebel			
Bollon	\$656.14	\$221.32	\$286.40
Rural			

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS29

**FEES & CHARGES SCHEDULE 2023/2024**

Cr Benn moved and Cr Winks seconded:

That Council resolves to adopt the Register of Cost Recovery Fees and Commercial Charges for the 2023/2024 financial year in accordance with Section 97 and Section 262(3)(c) of the *Local Government Act 2009*, as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

FCS30

**CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT**

Cr Avery moved and Cr Fuhrmeister 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 2021/22 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;
- Wastewater Program;
- Other Roads

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **RECOGNITION OF THANKS**

Cr O'Toole moved and Cr Fuhrmeister seconded:

Councillor O'Toole and fellow Councillors would like to thank Michelle Clarke (Director Finance & Corporate Services), the finance team and all the staff who contributed to the wonderful work towards the Budget for 2023-2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

There being no further business, the Meeting closed, the time being 10:07am.

Confirmed at a General Meeting of Council held on 20 July 2023.

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**MAYOR**