



Whitsunday
Regional Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 22 July 2016



Council's Guiding Principles:

- To act in the best interests of the whole community
- To manage the Shire's finances prudently and effectively
- To provide for the community quality services on a day to day basis
- To initiate sustainable capital works programs to enhance the local economy
- To provide excellent customer service for both citizens and visitors
- To support Council's workforce with appropriate training and safe working practices
- To act in the best interests of the natural environment at all times



**Minutes of the Special Meeting held at
Proserpine Council Chambers, 83 – 85 Main Street, Proserpine
on 22 July 2016 commencing at 9.00am**

Councillors Present:

A Willcox, J Clifford, R Petterson, J Collins, P Ramage, D Clark, M Brunker

Council Officers Present:

B Omundson (Acting Chief Executive Officer); M McGoldrick (Chief Financial Officer); J Moller (Senior Financial Officer), B Davis (Governance Officer); A Felix (Administration Officer); G Jarvis (Director Corporate Services); J Wright (Director Community & Environment); J Raiteri (Director Engineering Services); G Martin (Communications & Marketing Manager); N Hore (Personal Assistant to the Mayor); A Gonzalez (Projects Officer OMCEO); K Lavering (Acting People & Culture Manager); P Fendley (Executive Officer Strategy & Governance)

Other Details:

The meeting commenced at 9.00am

The meeting closed at 9.33am

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO

10.1 2016/07/22.01 BUDGET 2016/17 – REVENUE POLICY

Moved by: M BRUNKER
Seconded by: J COLLINS

That Council adopt the Whitsunday Regional Council 2016/17 Revenue Policy as presented in accordance with Sections 169 and 193 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**10. Office of the Mayor and CEO**

**10.2 2016/07/22.02 CURRENT BUDGET PLUS TWO YEARS FORWARD ESTIMATES**

**Moved by: J CLIFFORD**  
**Seconded by: R PETTERSON**

**That Council adopt the Whitsunday Regional Council 2016/17 Budget including forward estimates for two years after 2016/17 as presented in accordance with Section 12 (4)(b) of the Local Government Act and Section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.**

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO
 10.3 2016/07/22.03 LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Moved by: M BRUNKER
 Seconded by: J COLLINS

That Council adopt the Whitsunday Regional Council 2016/17 Budget – long-term financial forecasts incorporating forward estimates for nine years after 2016/17 and sustainability measures and ratios as presented in accordance with Sections 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
 10.4 2016/07/22.04 RATING CATEGORIES

Moved by: J CLIFFORD  
 Seconded by: P RAMAGE

That Council:

- (1) Categorise all land for the purposes of establishing a differential rating system in accordance with Section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and
- (2) In accordance with Section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, make and levy differential general rates for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017 with the description and identification set out in this reports and for the reasons identified in this report and
- (3) Make rating categories, descriptions and identification of the rating categories as follows:

| Column 1–Category<br>(Section 81)  | Column 2–Description<br>(Section 81)                                                                                    | Column 3–<br>Identification<br>(Sections 81<br>(4)&(5)) |
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| 1. Residential Owner Occupied<br>A | Land used for an Owner Occupied single residential dwelling having a Rateable Value between \$0 to \$300,000 inclusive. | Land Use codes<br>02, 05                                |

| <b>Column 1–Category</b><br><b>(Section 81)</b> | <b>Column 2–Description</b><br><b>(Section 81)</b>                                                                                                                             | <b>Column 3–</b><br><b>Identification</b><br><b>(Sections 81</b><br><b>(4)&amp;(5))</b> |
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| <b>2. Residential Owner Occupied B</b>          | <b>Land used for an Owner Occupied single residential dwelling having a Rateable Value equal to or greater than \$300,001.</b>                                                 | <b>Land Use codes 02, 05</b>                                                            |
| <b>3. Residential A</b>                         | <b>Land used for, or capable of being used for a single residential dwelling having a Rateable Value between \$0 to \$300,000 inclusive.</b>                                   | <b>Land Use codes 01,02, 04, 05, 06</b>                                                 |
| <b>4. Residential B</b>                         | <b>Land used for, or capable of being used for a single residential dwelling having a Rateable Value equal to or greater than \$300,001.</b>                                   | <b>Land Use codes 01,02, 04, 05, 06</b>                                                 |
| <b>5. Owner/Occupied Flat or Unit</b>           | <b>Land used for a single Owner Occupied Community Title Unit dwelling having a Rateable Value between \$0 to \$150,000 inclusive.</b>                                         | <b>Land use codes 08, 09</b>                                                            |
| <b>6. Owner/Occupied Flat or Unit</b>           | <b>Land used for a single Owner Occupied Community Title Unit dwelling having a Rateable Value equal to or greater than \$150,001.</b>                                         | <b>Land use codes 08, 09</b>                                                            |
| <b>7. Multi Dwellings A</b>                     | <b>Land used or capable of use for a Community Title Units, multiple dwellings, Bed &amp; Breakfasts, or flats having a Rateable Value between \$0 to \$150,000 inclusive.</b> | <b>Land use codes 02, 03, 05, 08, 09</b>                                                |

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| <p><b>8. Multi Dwellings B</b></p>                                     | <p>Land used or capable of use for a Community Title Units, multiple dwellings, Bed &amp; Breakfasts, or flats having a Rateable Value equal to or greater than \$150,001</p>                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Land use codes<br/>02, 03, 05, 08, 09</p>                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>9. Commercial Water Supply</b></p>                               | <p>Land used for the purposes of and incidental to commercial water delivery and drainage associated with the Burdekin River Irrigation Project, Eungella – Collinsville Water Supply Scheme and Peter Faust Dam water supply.</p>                                                                                                                                     | <p>Including Assessments<br/>1207007,<br/>1205392,<br/>1205997,<br/>1300169,<br/>1209279,<br/>1107257,<br/>1300170,<br/>1209209, 1206324</p> |
| <p><b>10. Commercial Power Generation</b></p>                          | <p>Land used for the purposes of and incidental to the generation and distribution of energy.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                              |
| <p><b>11. Bulk Port</b></p>                                            | <p>Land contained within the area prescribed by the Port of Abbot Point Land Use Plan (gazetted 15 April 2011) presently used, or capable of being used, for the purposes of and incidental to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the bulk handling, storage and distribution of coal; and</li> <li>b. any other major port industry activity.</li> </ul> | <p>Including Assessments<br/>1300407</p>                                                                                                     |

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| <b>12. Coking Coal Manufacturing</b>            | <b>Land used for the purposes of and incidental to the making of coking coal.</b>                                                                                                     | <b>Including Assessments 1203018, 1203020</b>                                           |
| <b>13. Salt Manufacturing</b>                   | <b>Land used for the purposes of and incidental to the making and extraction of salt.</b>                                                                                             | <b>Including Assessment 1205049, 1301318</b>                                            |
| <b>14. Sugar Mill</b>                           | <b>Land used for sugar manufacture and associated processes</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>Including Assessment 1103980</b>                                                     |
| <b>15. Commercial Centres A</b> <b>Shopping</b> | <b>Land used as a shopping centre or retail warehouse with a gross floor area between 1,500 and 8,000 square metres and more than 30 on-site car parks</b>                            | <b>Including Assessments 1103889, 1203527, 1100029, 1300777</b>                         |
| <b>16. Commercial Centres B</b> <b>Shopping</b> | <b>Land used as a shopping centre or retail warehouse with a gross floor area greater than 8,000 square metres and 150 on-site car parks or more.</b>                                 | <b>Including Assessments 1100080, 1108987</b>                                           |
| <b>17. Commercial &amp; Industry A</b>          | <b>Land used for, or capable of being used for commercial or industrial purposes not included in categories 9 to 16 having a Rateable Value between \$1 to \$1,500,000 inclusive.</b> | <b>Land use codes 01, 04, 06 07 to 50, 56 and 91</b>                                    |



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| <b>18. Commercial &amp; Industry B</b>               | <b>Land used for, or capable of being used for commercial or industrial purposes not included in categories 9 to 16 having a Rateable Value equal to or greater than \$1,500,001</b>                                          | <b>Land use codes 01, 04, 06, 07 to 50, 56 and 91</b>                                   |
| <b>19. Sugar Cane</b>                                | <b>Land used primarily for sugar cane farming</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Land use code 75</b>                                                                 |
| <b>20. Rural Grazing</b>                             | <b>Land used for grazing and incidental purposes and vacant rural land</b>                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Land use codes 60 to 70 and 94</b>                                                   |
| <b>21. Rural Agricultural &amp; other Rural Uses</b> | <b>Land used for agricultural and other rural uses including aquaculture and incidental purposes not included in categories 19 and 20</b>                                                                                     | <b>Land use codes 71 to 89</b>                                                          |
| <b>22. Coal Mining A</b>                             | <b>Land used for the purposes of and incidental to the extraction of coal outside a radius of 50 kilometres of a major township in the Whitsunday Regional Council area</b>                                                   | <b>Including Assessments 1300400, 1209565, 1205316, 1205317, 1301186</b>                |
| <b>23. Coal Mining B</b>                             | <b>Land used for the purposes of and incidental to the extraction of coal within a radius of 50 kilometres of a major township in the Whitsunday Regional Council area having a Rateable Value between \$1 to \$1,000,000</b> | <b>Including Assessments 1300347, 1207236, 1205182, 1208877, 1300146, 1301013</b>       |

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| <p><b>24. Coal Mining C</b></p>                                        | <p>Land used for the purposes of and incidental to the extraction of coal within a radius of 50 kilometres of a major township in the Whitsunday Regional Council area having a Rateable Value equal to or greater than \$1,000,001.</p>                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Including Assessment 1205409, 1300147</p>                                                                          |
| <p><b>25. Gold Mining</b></p>                                          | <p>Land used or intended to be used for the purpose of and incidental to a large scale gold or other metal mining operation capable of accommodating 100 or more employees and/or contractors.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Including Assessment 1300401</p>                                                                                   |
| <p><b>26. Mining/Extractive Other</b></p>                              | <p>Land used or capable of being used for the purposes of and incidental to mining or extractive activities and not included in Categories 22 to 25</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Land use code 40</p>                                                                                               |
| <p><b>27. Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters A</b></p>        | <p>Land used for providing intensive accommodation (other than for the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category contains between 50 and 200 such rooms, suites or caravan sites and is commonly known as “workers accommodation”, “single person’s quarters”, “work camps”, “accommodation village” or “barracks”.</p> | <p>Including Assessment 1206035</p>                                                                                   |

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| <p><b>28. Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters B</b></p>        | <p>Land used for providing intensive accommodation (other than for the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category contains between 201 and 450 such rooms, suites or caravan sites and is commonly known as “workers accommodation”, “single person’s quarters”, “work camps”, “accommodation village” or “barracks”.</p> | <p>Including Assessment 1206310</p>                                                                     |
| <p><b>29. Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters C</b></p>        | <p>Land used for providing intensive accommodation (other than for the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category contains between 451 and 800 such rooms, suites or caravan sites and is commonly known as “workers accommodation”, “single person’s quarters”, “work camps”, “accommodation village” or “barracks”.</p> | <p>Including Assessment 1209277</p>                                                                     |
| <p><b>30. Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters D</b></p>        | <p>Land used for providing intensive accommodation (other than for the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category contains more than 800 such rooms, suites or caravan sites and is commonly</p>                                                                                                                          | <p>Land use code 21</p>                                                                                 |

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|                                                 | <b>known as “workers accommodation”, “single person’s quarters”, “work camps”, “accommodation village” or “barracks”.</b> |                                                                                         |
| <b>31. Island Resort A</b>                      | <b>A Resort Island with fewer than 100 accommodation units.</b>                                                           | <b>Including Assessments 1105674, 1105670, 1105673</b>                                  |
| <b>32. Island Resort B</b>                      | <b>A Resort Island with 101 to 250 accommodation units.</b>                                                               | <b>Including Assessments 1105689, 1105671</b>                                           |
| <b>33. Island Resort C</b>                      | <b>A Resort Island with 251 to 600 accommodation units</b>                                                                | <b>Including Assessments 1105658, 1105668</b>                                           |
| <b>34. Island Resort D</b>                      | <b>A Resort Island with more than 600 accommodation units.</b>                                                            | <b>Including Assessment 1105667</b>                                                     |
| <b>35. Marina A</b>                             | <b>A Marina with 75 to 150 berths.</b>                                                                                    | <b>Land use code 20</b>                                                                 |
| <b>36. Marina B</b>                             | <b>A Marina with more than 150 berths</b>                                                                                 | <b>Including Assessments 1102455, 1105666, 1102454</b>                                  |

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| 37. Other properties not elsewhere included | All other properties not otherwise categorised                                                                                                                                             |                                                         |
| 38. Maritime Terminal                       | Land used for a mainland maritime terminal to transfer people to and from islands and resorts in the Whitsunday Region and catering for an average of more than 100,000 passengers a year. | Including Assessment 1111564                            |

And furthermore

- (4) If there is some doubt about the primary use of the property an inspection and determination of primary use will be made by categorisation officers of Council. The planning areas in the Whitsunday Shire Council Planning Scheme and the Bowen Shire Council Planning Scheme may be a factor in determining the applicable rating category for land, and
- (5) Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the power to determine, in any way the CEO considers appropriate, the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO

10.5 2016/07/22.05 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

Moved by: D CLARK
Seconded by: M BRUNKER

That in accordance with Sections 93 and 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 77, 80, 81 and 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and in adopting the Budget and Ten Year Financial Plan for the 2016/17 year Council makes the following differential general rates and sets the following minimums, rates in the dollar and limitations (capping) on rates for each of the rating categories:

Cat No.	Category Description	Rate in the \$	Minimum Rate	Cap	Capping %
1	Residential Owner Occupied A	0.01150	\$ 948.00	Y	30%
2	Residential Owner Occupied B	0.00770	\$ 3,450.00	Y	30%
3	Residential A	0.01333	\$ 1,089.00	Y	30%
4	Residential B	0.01135	\$ 3,999.00	Y	30%
5	Owner/Occupied Flats/Units A	0.01796	\$ 1,070.00	Y	30%
6	Owner/Occupied Flats/Units B	0.01063	\$ 2,694.00	Y	30%
7	Multiple Dwellings A	0.01899	\$ 1,177.00	Y	30%
8	Multiple Dwellings B	0.01211	\$ 2,849.00	Y	30%
9	Commercial Water Supply	0.11813	\$ 1,242.00	N	
10	Commercial Power Generation	0.60161	\$ 10,626.00	N	
11	Bulk Port	0.12502	\$ 17,054.00	N	
12	Coking Coal Manufacturing	0.06298	\$ 5,834.00	N	
13	Salt Manufacturing	0.07305	\$ 5,569.00	N	
14	Sugar Mill	0.18416	\$ 128,357.00	N	
15	Commercial Shopping Centres A	0.02432	\$ 8,169.00	N	
16	Commercial Shopping Centres B	0.01867	\$ 87,516.00	N	
17	Commercial and Industry A	0.01223	\$ 1,211.00	N	
18	Commercial and Industry B	0.01326	\$ 18,345.00	N	
19	Sugar Cane	0.02622	\$ 1,250.00	Y	15%
20	Rural Grazing	0.01136	\$ 1,275.00	N	
21	Rural Agricultural & other Rural Uses	0.02514	\$ 1,275.00	Y	15%
22	Coal Mining A	0.43295	\$ 11,351.00	N	
23	Coal Mining B	0.78286	\$ 22,705.00	N	
24	Coal Mining C	0.28028	\$ 782,862.00	N	
25	Gold Mining	0.6762	\$ 53,040.00	N	
26	Mining/Extractive Other	0.04118	\$ 1,126.00	N	
27	Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters A	0.37222	\$ 20,328.00	N	
28	Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters B	0.45	\$ 147,027.00	N	
29	Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters C	0.72	\$ 166,690.00	N	
30	Workers Accommodation, Barracks or Quarters D	0.03071	\$ 325,242.00	N	
31	Island Resort A	0.02516	\$ 9,335.00	N	
32	Island Resort B	0.03811	\$ 37,574.00	N	
33	Island Resort C	0.06165	\$ 87,516.00	N	
34	Island Resort D	0.0355	\$ 140,026.00	N	
35	Marina A	0.01157	\$ 17,264.00	N	
36	Marina B	0.00909	\$ 33,946.00	N	
37	Other properties not elsewhere included	0.01306	\$ 1,089.00	N	
38	Maritime terminal	0.1035	\$ 35,000.00	N	

And

That Rates and Charges are levied by a single rate in the dollar for each category and with a set minimum for each rating category.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
10.6 2016/07/22.06 SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

Moved by: J COLLINS  
Seconded by: P RAMAGE

In accordance with Section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and Section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* Council adopts the Overall Plan for Rural Fire Brigades in the Whitsunday Region and will levy a special charge for the Rural Fire Brigades of Gloucester, Conway, Cannon Valley, Delta and Heronvale and that the Special Charge set for each of these areas is as follows:

**(1) Gloucester**

- (a) Council is of the opinion that in implementing the Overall Plan for Rural Fire Brigades in the Whitsunday Region, that each assessment in the Gloucester area will specially benefit from the purchase of fire fighting equipment and the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Gloucester Rural Fire Brigade in the current or next financial years because each assessment is within the area that the brigade is in charge of fire fighting and fire prevention under the *Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990*;
- (b) For the 2016/17 year for the Gloucester area Council makes a charge of \$15 per assessment to be levied on each rateable assessment identified on the map for the purpose of raising revenue for the Gloucester Rural Fire Brigade to assist with the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the Brigade and for ongoing operation and maintenance of the service in the current or next financial years.

**(2) Conway**

- (c) Council is of the opinion that in implementing the Overall Plan for Rural Fire Brigades in the Whitsunday Region, that each assessment in the Conway area will specially benefit from the purchase of fire fighting equipment and the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Conway Rural Fire Brigade in the current or next financial years because each assessment is within the area that the brigade is in charge of fire fighting and fire prevention under the *Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990*;
- (d) For the 2016/17 year for the Conway area Council makes a charge of \$20 per assessment to be levied on each rateable assessment identified on the map for the purpose of raising revenue for the Conway Rural Fire Brigade to assist with the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the Brigade and for ongoing operation and maintenance of the service in the current or next financial years.

**(3) Cannon Valley**

- (e) Council is of the opinion that in implementing the Overall Plan for Rural Fire Brigades in the Whitsunday Region, that each assessment in the Cannon Valley area will specially benefit from the purchase of fire fighting equipment and the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Cannon Valley Rural Fire Brigade in the current or next financial years because each assessment is within the area that the brigade is in charge of fire fighting and fire prevention under the *Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990*;
- (f) For the 2016/17 year for the Cannon Valley area Council makes a charge of \$25 per assessment to be levied on each rateable assessment identified on the map for the purpose of raising revenue for the Cannon Valley Rural Fire Brigade to assist with the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the Brigade and for ongoing operation and maintenance of the service in the current or next financial years.

**(4) Delta**

- (g) Council is of the opinion that in implementing the Overall Plan for Rural Fire Brigades in the Whitsunday Region, that each assessment in the Delta area will specially benefit from the purchase of fire fighting equipment and the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Delta Rural Fire Brigade in the current or next financial years because each assessment is within the area that the brigade is in charge of fire fighting and fire prevention under the *Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990*;
- (h) For the 2016/17 year for the Delta area Council makes a charge of \$20 per assessment to be levied on each rateable assessment identified on the map for the purpose of raising revenue for the Delta Rural Fire Brigade to assist with the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the Brigade and for ongoing operation and maintenance of the service in the current or next financial years.

**(5) Heronvale**

- (i) Council is of the opinion that in implementing the Overall Plan for Rural Fire Brigades in the Whitsunday Region, that each assessment in the Heronvale area will specially benefit from the purchase of fire fighting equipment and the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Heronvale Rural Fire Brigade in the current or next financial years because each assessment is within the area that the brigade is in charge of fire fighting and fire prevention under the *Fire and Rescue Authority Act 1990*;
- (j) For the 2016/17 year for the Heronvale area Council makes a charge of \$20 per assessment to be levied on each rateable assessment identified on the map for the purpose of raising revenue for the Heronvale Rural Fire Brigade to assist with the purchase of fire fighting equipment for the Brigade and for ongoing operation and maintenance of the service in the current or next financial years and

**(6) Whitsunday Refuse Facility Special Charge**

- (k) a Whitsunday Refuse Facility Charge of \$106 per rateable assessment in the Whitsunday Region for those assessments outside the declared serviced area map "Whitsunday Regional - Garbage Collection Areas 2016/17" except where a ratepayer has facilities for refuse on their property, and the ratepayer can identify amount paid for the refuse removal. The Whitsunday Refuse Facility Charge will help fund the provision of Council's refuse facilities outside the Garbage Collection areas.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO
10.7 2016/07/22.07 UTILITY CHARGES – WASTE

Moved by: D CLARK
Seconded by: R PETTERSON

In accordance with Subsection 92(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will charge the following utility charges:

A Domestic Garbage/Refuse Charge of \$230.00 per service per property levied on all assessments in the areas identified on the declared serviced area map “Whitsunday Area Garbage Collection Areas 2016/17” and this utility charge is intended to cover the full cost of collection and disposal of household refuse, as well as for the operation, maintenance and upkeep of the waste management facilities and a portion of the charges shall be associated with capital works in the refuse disposal area and the future cost of restoration of the refuse disposal area.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
10.8 2016/07/22.08 UTILITY CHARGES – WATER

Moved by: J CLIFFORD  
Seconded by: D CLARK

In accordance with Subsection 92(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 99 and 100 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy Water Utility charges, as follows:

- (a) Charges are to be levied on all land within the Whitsunday Regional Council area whether vacant or occupied that Council is prepared and able to supply water, together with any land connected to the Whitsunday Regional Council Water Supply System;
- (b) The charges are to be made on the specified bases in respect of any class of land or other structure, or a particular parcel of land to which water is supplied that is not rateable under Section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*;
- (c) All charges shall be used to defray the cost of constructing the water supply facilities including the payment of interest and redemption, depreciation and the costs associated with the operation, maintenance and management of the water supply system;
- (d) The basis for the water access charges in accordance with Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* will be as follows:

**WATER ACCESS CHARGE - WHITSUNDAY REGION 2016/17**

| <b>Definition</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Rate of Charge</b>                                                 | <b>Amount</b>            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Residential (User pays) - being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 &amp; including vacant land within the serviced area and non-rateable properties, not including Flats and Multi self-contained residential units</b> | <b>Per separate domicile/lot</b>                                      | <b>536.00</b>            |
| <b>Residential (Allocation) – being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 excluding vacant land within the serviced area and non-rateable properties, not including Flats and Multi self-contained residential units</b>      | <b>Per separate domicile/lot</b>                                      | <b>850.00</b>            |
| <b>Residential (User Pays) - Flats &amp; Multi self-contained residential units in differential general rate categories 7-8</b>                                                                                                                                             | <b>Per separate domicile and one multi charge for each extra flat</b> | <b>536.00<br/>402.00</b> |
| <b>Residential (Allocation) - Flats &amp; Multi self-contained residential units in differential general rate categories 7-8</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Per separate domicile and one multi charge for each extra flat</b> | <b>850.00<br/>637.50</b> |
| <b>Rural Land - being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 19,20,21</b>                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Per meter</b>                                                      | <b>839.00</b>            |
| <b>Commercial /Industrial 1 - being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 17,18 (caravan parks only), 38</b>                                                                                                                                  | <b>Per meter</b>                                                      | <b>1,375.00</b>          |
| <b>Commercial/Industrial 2 - being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 13 - Salt Manufacturing</b>                                                                                                                                          | <b>Per meter</b>                                                      | <b>2,149.00</b>          |
| <b>Commercial/Industrial 3 - being those rate assessment with a differential general rate category of 9,12,14,15,16,22,23,25,26,31,32,35</b>                                                                                                                                | <b>Per meter</b>                                                      | <b>3,358.00</b>          |
| <b>Commercial/Industrial 4- being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 10,11,18(excluding caravan parks),24,36,37</b>                                                                                                                        | <b>Per meter</b>                                                      | <b>8,595.00</b>          |
| <b>Commercial/Industrial 5 - being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 27,33</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Per meter</b>                                                      | <b>13,430.00</b>         |
| <b>Commercial/Industrial 6 - being those rate assessments with a differential general rate category of 28,29,30,34</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Per meter</b>                                                      | <b>30,217.00</b>         |

And

- (e) In accordance with Section 101 (1)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will charge a two part tariff made up of an access charge as set out above and a consumption charge that will be charged for all water consumed as follows:

(i) **First Block Charge** – for each kilolitre consumed, the per kilolitre consumption charge will be 92 cents per kilolitre (for consumption up to one kilolitre per day per billing period),

(ii) **Second Block Charge** – for each kilolitre consumed, the per kilolitre consumption charge will be \$1.60 per kilolitre (for consumption in excess of one kilolitre per day per billing period); or

(f) In accordance with Section 101 (1)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will charge a two part charge made up of an access charge as set out above and a consumption charge that will be charged for all water consumed as follows:

- (i) For consumption up to and including 700 kilolitres no charge (700 kilolitres per annum and 350 kilolitres for the 2016/17 billing period),
- (ii) For consumption in excess of 700 kilolitres, the per kilolitre consumption charge will be \$2.50 per kilolitre (for consumption in excess of one kilolitre above 700 kilolitres per annum and 350 kilolitres for the 2016/17 billing period).

#### **MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO

10.9 2016/07/22.09 WATER UTILITY CHARGES – OPT IN

Moved by: J CLIFFORD
Seconded by: R PETERSON

That Council introduce the second option for Water Utility Charges by permitting residential and Flats & Multi self-contained residential unit owners the option to Opt In to the Allocation system, by:

- (a) Initially users indicating their option to opt in during the Opt in period which for the 2016/17 year will be between 1st September 2016 to the 31st October, 2016;
- (b) That the Opt In option will come into force on the 1st of January 2017 with a different rate of charge for the base or access charge included on the rate notice, and an allocation for the first six months of 350 kilolitres for single residential use property, and for multiple residential use property an allocation for the first six months of 350 kilolitres for the first flat/unit and 263 kilolitres for each additional flat/unit;
- (c) Annually there will be an “Opt In” period in April for a period of three weeks, and this period will be open for:

- new residential or multi units or
- properties that have sold during the year; and
- all existing residential property owners

and users will be permitted during this time to “Opt In” to the Water Allocation system if they want to, if the property is purchased from a previous owner and that owner has already Opted In there is no need for the new owner to exercise this option;

- (d) Allowing residential and Flats & Multi self-contained residential unit owners to exercise this option by way of a notice that is signed and returned to Council, by the due date;
- (e) Users who own the property exercising the option not the lessees or tenants. It is up to owners and agents to liaise between owners and tenants regarding which system best suits their needs;
- (f) Allowing residential and Flats & Multi self-contained residential unit owners who have new created or newly purchased properties the option to Opt In in April of 2017;
- (g) Annually the allocation will be 700 kilolitres (or 75% of the allocation for the additional flat/unit) billed in two billing periods, with no amount owing from the user until the cumulative water consumption exceeds the annual allocation;
- (h) Any Allocated usage remaining at 30 June in each year will not accumulate to future years; and
- (i) Where the land use changes from a residential use, the water charging system will revert back to the two part water tariff.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO

10.10 2016/07/22.10 UTILITY CHARGES – WASTE WATER

Moved by: D CLARK  
 Seconded by: J CLIFFORD

In accordance with Subsection 92(4) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 99 and 100 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will charge the following utility charges:

(1) Council will levy Waste Water utility charges on each rateable property, both vacant and occupied, that Council has or is able to provide with sewerage services,

(2) Waste Water Utility Charges – all schemes except Regatta Waters and Shute Harbour

The Waste Water utility charges are to apply to all lands and/or premises within the following declared sewerage areas:

- (a) Bowen Sewerage Scheme Area – being the area delineated on the map entitled “Sewered Area – Bowen 2016/17” including the Queens Beach Sewerage Extension area (which includes Rose Bay),
- (b) Whitsunday Shores Sewerage Scheme Area – being the area delineated on the map entitled “Sewered Area – Whitsunday Shores 2016/17”,
- (c) Collinsville Sewerage Scheme area – being the area delineated on the map entitled “Sewered Area – Collinsville 2016/17”,
- (d) Beach Sewerage Scheme Area – being the area delineated on the attached map entitled “Sewered Area – Whitsunday 2016/17” which includes Airlie Beach, Cannonvale, Jubilee Pocket, Shute Harbour and environs (excluding Regatta Waters); and
- (e) Proserpine Sewerage Scheme Area – being the area delineated on the map entitled “Sewered Area – Proserpine 2016/17”

The waste water charge and the unit basis of the Waste Water Utility charges in the 2016/17 financial year are to be in accordance with the following schedule:

| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Multiple of Unit Charge | Amount     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Residential –<br>(a) On each area capable of separate occupation, except in the case of twin key units and granny flats<br>(b) For twin key units and granny flats, as those terms are defined, each area identified in the building plans as being capable of separate occupation | 10                      | \$764.00   |
| All other buildings or structures including commercial, industrial, accommodation units, motels – for each pedestal*                                                                                                                                                               | 10                      | \$764.00   |
| Urinals – Non Residential For each 600mm stall or part thereof                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10                      | \$764.00   |
| Vacant Land – For each Separate Parcel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10                      | \$573.00   |
| Community title – Industry Storage – for each pedestal apportioned in accordance with the registered schedule of entitlement                                                                                                                                                       | 10                      | \$764.00   |
| Hotels, Hostels, Boarding Houses up to and including 5 beds or part thereof – one pedestal (each pedestal whether installed or not equals 2 charges)                                                                                                                               | 20                      | \$1,528.00 |
| All other land built upon – per pedestal*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10                      | \$764.00   |

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|------------------------------------|--|--|
| Unit of Charge – connected \$76.40 |  |  |
| Unit of Charge – vacant \$57.30    |  |  |

*\*The minimum requirement for Sanitary facilities will be assessed as per Section F “Health and Amenity” Table F2.3 “Facilities in Class 3 to 9 buildings” of the Building Code of Australia. Building owners seeking to review rateable charges for sewerage, may engage a private certifier to undertake an assessment in line with Section F of the Building Code of Australia.*

### **(3) Waste Water Utility Charges – Regatta Waters**

The Waste Water Charges and the unit basis of the Regatta Waters Sewered Area in the 2016/17 financial year are to be in accordance with the following schedule:

| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Multiple of Unit Charge | Amount    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Residential –<br>(a) On each area capable of separate occupation, except in the case of twin key units and granny flats<br>(b) For twin key units and granny flats, as those terms are defined, each area identified in the building plans as being capable of separate occupation | 10                      | \$504.00  |
| All other buildings or structures including commercial, industrial, accommodation units, motels – for each pedestal*                                                                                                                                                               | 10                      | \$504.00  |
| Urinals – Non Residential For each 600mm stall or part thereof                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10                      | \$504.00  |
| Vacant Land – For each Separate Parcel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10                      | \$327.50  |
| Community title – Industry Storage – for each pedestal apportioned in accordance with the registered schedule of entitlement                                                                                                                                                       | 10                      | \$504.00  |
| Hotels, Hostels, Boarding Houses up to and including 5 beds or part thereof – one pedestal (each pedestal whether installed or not equals 2 charges)                                                                                                                               | 20                      | \$1260.00 |
| All other land built upon – per pedestal*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10                      | \$504.00  |
| Unit of Charge – \$50.40 Vacant \$32.75                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                         |           |

*\*The minimum requirement for Sanitary facilities will be assessed as per Section F “Health and Amenity” Table F2.3 “Facilities in Class 3 to 9 buildings” of the*

***Building Code of Australia. Building owners seeking to review rateable charges for sewerage, may engage a private certifier to undertake an assessment in line with Section F of the Building Code of Australia.***

**(4) Waste Water Charges – Shute Harbour**

The Waste Water Utility Charges and the unit basis for the Shute Harbour Sewered Area for the 2016/17 financial year are to be in accordance with the following schedule:

| Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Multiple of Unit Charge | Amount    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| Residential –<br>(a) On each area capable of separate occupation, except in the case of twin key units and granny flats<br>(b) For twin key units and granny flats, as those terms are defined, each area identified in the building plans as being capable of separate occupation | 10                      | \$808.00  |
| All other buildings or structures including commercial, industrial, accommodation units, motels – for each pedestal*                                                                                                                                                               | 10                      | \$808.00  |
| Urinals – Non Residential For each 600mm stall or part thereof                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 10                      | \$808.00  |
| Vacant Land – For each Separate Parcel                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 10                      | \$606.00  |
| Community title – Industry Storage – for each pedestal apportioned in accordance with the registered schedule of entitlement                                                                                                                                                       | 10                      | \$808.00  |
| Hotels, Hostels, Boarding Houses up to and including 5 beds or part thereof – one pedestal (each pedestal whether installed or not equals 2 charges)                                                                                                                               | 20                      | \$1615.50 |
| All other land built upon – per pedestal*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 10                      | \$808.00  |
| Unit of Charge – \$80.80 Vacant \$60.60                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                         |           |

*\*The minimum requirement for Sanitary facilities will be assessed as per Section F “Health and Amenity” Table F2.3 “Facilities in Class 3 to 9 buildings” of the Building Code of Australia. Building owners seeking to review rateable charges for sewerage, may engage a private certifier to undertake an assessment in line with Section F of the Building Code of Australia.*

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO
10.11 2016/07/22.11 ADMINISTRATION POLICIES

Moved by: R PETERSON
Seconded by: J CLIFFORD

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will administer the system of rates and charges, as follows:

- (1) That in accordance with Section 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will grant a pensioner concession/remission at an amount of 30% of the rates levied to a maximum of \$350, with the eligibility requirements set out in Council's Revenue Statement 2016/17;
- (2) That in accordance with Section 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will grant a concession to persons who subdivide land by way of a 40% discount on the valuation of the subject land used to levy rates;
- (3) That Council will levy rates and charges in the Whitsunday Region in two(2) levies in accordance with Section 104 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*,
- (4) That in accordance with Sections 130 and 133 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* Council will require all rates and charges to be paid within thirty (30) days following the date of issues of the rates notice;
- (5) That in accordance with Section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will allow a five per centum (5%) discount on rates and charges levied in 2016/17 as follows:

<u>Charge</u>	<u>Applicable Discount</u>
General Rates and Charges	5%
General Rates Equivalent	nil%
Water Access Charge (User Pays)	5%
Water Access Charge (Allocation)	5%
Water Consumption Charge	nil %
Waste Water (Sewerage) Charge	5%
Domestic Garbage/Refuse Charge	5%
Whitsunday Infrastructure Charge	5%
Whitsunday Refuse Facility Charge	5%
Rural Fire Brigade Charge	nil%
State Fire Levy	nil%

- (6) That in accordance with Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council levy interest at the rate of seven per centum (7%) per annum compounding daily;
- (7) That Council adopts the following Policies:
 - Rates Recovery Policy
 - Deferral of Liability – Paying Rates by Arrangement Policy
 - General Debtors - Debt Recovery Policy, and
 - Applying for Rate Relief due to Financial Hardship

in accordance with Section 132 and 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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**10. Office of the Mayor and CEO**

**10.12 2016/07/22.12 REVENUE STATEMENT**

**Moved by: M BRUNKER**

**Seconded by: D CLARK**

In accordance with Sections 104 (5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Sections 169 and 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopts the Whitsunday Regional Council 2016-2017 Revenue Statement incorporating the resolutions adopted by Council regarding Rating Categories, Making Rates and Charges, Separate Charges, Special Charges, Utility Charges and Administration of the Rating system as well as other matters required by the Local Government Act and Regulations.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO

10.13 2016/07/22.13 DEBT POLICY

Moved by: R PETTERSON

Seconded by: J CLIFFORD

That in accordance with Section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopts the Debt Policy 2016/17 for the Whitsunday Regional Council.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
10.14 2016/07/22.14 INVESTMENT POLICY

Moved by: D CLARK  
Seconded by: J COLLINS

That in accordance with Section 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council adopts the Investment Policy 2016/17 for the Whitsunday Regional Council.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO
10.15 2016/07/22.15 REVIEW OF POLICIES - RATES

Moved by: J COLLINS
Seconded by: J CLIFFORD

That Council adopt the following Policies:

- a) Interest on Overdue Rates;
- b) Water Charges to Community Title Properties;
- c) Delegated Authority Waiving of Rates and Charges Generally;
- d) Owner Occupier Status for Rating; and
- e) Concealed Water Leakage Policy.

MEETING DETAILS:

The motion was Carried 7/0

CARRIED

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
10.16 2016/07/22.16 REVIEW OF POLICIES - PENSIONERS CONCESSION

Moved by: J CLIFFORD  
Seconded by: R PETERSON

That Council adopts the following reviewed Policies: (1) Pensioner Rates Subsidy, (2) Rating Concessions Granny Flats and (3) Rates Assistance for Eligible Pensioners.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
10.17 2016/07/22.17 LIMITATION OF INCREASE IN THE DIFFERENTIAL  
GENERAL RATE

Moved by: J CLIFFORD  
Seconded by: A WILLCOX

The policy for Limitation of Increase in the Differential General Rates, be adopted for the 2016/17 financial year.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
10.18 2016/07/22.18 PERFORMANCE PLAN – WATER AND  
WASTEWATER 2016/2017

Moved by: R PETERSON  
Seconded by: D CLARK

That Council adopt the Whitsunday Regional Council 2016/17 Annual Performance Plan and Estimated Activity Statement for Whitsunday Water and Wastewater Services as presented in accordance *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulations 2012* for Commercialised Businesses.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

10. Office of the Mayor and CEO  
10.19 2016/07/22.19 VOTE OF THANKS

Moved by: J CLIFFORD  
Seconded by: R PETERSON

That a vote of thanks be provided to the Whitsunday Regional Staff that have been involved in the preparation of the 2016/2017 Budget.

**MEETING DETAILS:**

The motion was Carried 7/0

**CARRIED**

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The meeting closed at 9.33am

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Confirmed as a true and correct recording this 26 July 2016

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**Cr Andrew Willcox  
MAYOR**