

**Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of the Diamantina Shire Council  
held at the Bedourie Administration Centre  
on Monday, July 15, 2019 commencing at 9:14am.**

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## 2 ATTENDANCE

Councillors: Geoff Morton (Mayor), Steve Cramer, Don Rayment, Doug Cooms and Bev Maunsell with Chief Executive Officer, Leon Love, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Cassie White, Executive Assistant, Amanda Schnitzerling.

## 3 APOLOGIES

Nil

## 4 A (I) ADOPTION OF THE REVENUE STATEMENT AND BUDGET FOR THE 2019/2020 FINANCIAL YEAR

### Executive Summary

Section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires that a local government must adopt its budget for a financial year after 31 May in the year before the financial year but before 1 August in the financial year. Council's Budget and Revenue Statement for the 2019/20 financial year has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and are presented for Council's consideration and adoption.

### Recommendation

**That Council individually adopt the following resolutions:**

### 4.1 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-01**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Rayment**

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

COLUMN 1 CATEGORY	COLUMN 2 DESCRIPTION	COLUMN 3 IDENTIFICATION
CATEGORY 1 Bedourie	Those lands situated within the boundaries of the Town Reserve of Bedourie and not otherwise categorised.	Land identified as area A of map 'Bedourie - Map 1' and having a land use code of 00,01,02,02A,03,04,05,06A,07,08,50 or 72A
CATEGORY 2 Betoota	Those lands situated within the boundaries of the Town Reserve of Betoota and not otherwise categorised.	Land identified within area A of map 'Betoota - Map 2' having a land use code of 00,01,02,02A,03,04,05,06A,07,08,50 or 72A
CATEGORY 3 Birdsville	Those lands situated within boundaries of the Town Reserve of Birdsville and not otherwise categorised.	Land identified within area A of map 'Birdsville - Map 3' having a land use code of 00,01,02,02A,03,04,05,06A,07,08,50 or 72A

<b>COLUMN 1 CATEGORY</b>	<b>COLUMN 2 DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COLUMN 3 IDENTIFICATION</b>
<b>CATEGORY 4 Rural</b>	Those lands within the shire located outside of a town area and used for grazing or agricultural purposes.	Land having a land use code of 04,05,60,61,64,65, or 66
<b>CATEGORY 5.1 Mining-Small</b>	Those lands within the Shire used, or capable of being used for extractive or mining purposes with annual extraction of less than 1,000 tonnes.	Land having the land use code of 40A
<b>CATEGORY 5.2 Mining-Medium</b>	Those lands within the Shire used, or capable of being used for extractive (mining) purposes with annual extraction of between 1,000 and 10,000 tonnes.	Land having the land use code of 40A
<b>CATEGORY 5.3 Mining-Large</b>	Those lands within the Shire used, or capable of being used for extractive (mining) purposes with annual extraction of more than 10,000 tonnes.	Land having the land use code of 40A
<b>CATEGORY 5.4 Mining-Other</b>	All mining leases which are not otherwise categorised, issued within the council area of greater than 50 hectares	Land having the land use code of 40A
<b>CATEGORY 6 Telecommunications</b>	Those lands within the Shire used or capable of being used for telecommunications purposes.	Land having the land use code of 91
<b>CATEGORY 7.1 Commercial Birdsville Operating</b>	Those lands within Birdsville used or capable of being used for commercial purposes and/or which in full or part provides goods and/or services to visitors/travellers.	Land identified as area A on Birdsville Map 3 and having a land use code of 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 34, 36A, 36B, 38, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 91, 95, or 99
<b>CATEGORY 7.2 Commercial Bedourie Operating</b>	Those lands within Bedourie used or capable of being used for commercial purposes and/or which in full or part provides goods and/or services to visitors/travellers.	Land identified as area A on Bedourie Map 1 and having a land use code of 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 34, 36A, 36B, 38, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 91, 95, or 99
<b>CATEGORY 7.3 Commercial Birdsville Non-Operating</b>	Those lands within Birdsville capable of being used for commercial purposes but do not provide services to tourists/travellers.	Land identified as area A on Birdsville Map 3 and having a land use code of 10, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 34, 36A, 36B, 38, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 91, 95, or 99
<b>CATEGORY 8 Industrial</b>	Those lands within the Shire used or capable of being used for industrial purposes.	Land identified as area A on Bedourie Map 1 or area A on Birdsville Map 3 having a land use code of 28, 29, 31, 33, 35.
<b>CATEGORY 9 Intensive Accommodation</b>	All land predominately used or capable of being used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 50 people (other than the ordinary travelling public) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose.  Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation",	Land having a land use code of 44

<b>COLUMN 1 CATEGORY</b>	<b>COLUMN 2 DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COLUMN 3 IDENTIFICATION</b>
	"single person's quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks".	
<b>CATEGORY 10 Petroleum Lease</b>	All Petroleum leases issued within the Council Area.	Land having a land use code of 40C
<b>CATEGORY 11 Petroleum Other</b>	All land, used or capable of being 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.	Land having a land use code of 40C
<b>CATEGORY 12 Geothermal Lease</b>	All geothermal leases issued within the Council area.	Land having a land use code of 40D
<b>CATEGORY 13 Geothermal Other</b>	All land, used or capable of being used primarily for geothermal extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with geothermal extraction /processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding geothermal leases.	Land having a land use code of 40D
<b>CATEGORY 14 Power Station</b>	All land, within the Council area, used or capable of be used for or ancillary to the generation and transmission of electricity.	Land having a land use code of 90

***Definitions for words used in this table:***

**“Mining”**

Land that was used, is used, or intended to be used:

- as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, stockpiling and loading, haulage, water storage, buffering and rehabilitation); or
- in conjunction with other land as part of an integrated mining operation.

For the purposes of the definition of mining, “integrated mining operation” means land contained in more than one rateable assessment which land was used, is used, or intended to be used in an integrated manner for the purposes of mining or purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, stockpiling and loading, haulage, water storage, buffering and rehabilitation.

**“Land Use Code”**

The land use codes referred to in column 3 above are prepared and adopted by the Diamantina Shire Council for use in conjunction with the differential rating categorisation, description and identification table appearing above. Similarly, the definitions of these land use codes are prepared and adopted by the Diamantina

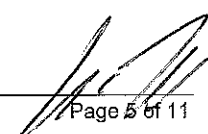
Shire Council for use in conjunction with the differential rating categorisation, description and identification table appearing above. A full list of the land use codes and their definitions are attached to Council's 2018/2019 Revenue Statement.

**“Bedourie - Map 1”, “Betoota - Map 2” and “Birdsville - Map 3”**

These are the three maps that have been specifically prepared for the purposes of identifying the location of particular rating categories. Copies of these three maps are attached to Council's 2019/2020 Revenue Statement. The originals of the three maps are retained by the Chief Executive Officer.

- (b) Council delegates 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.
- (c) Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category and, pursuant to section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the minimum general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, is as follows:

Category		Rate in the Dollar (cents)	Minimum Differential General Rate \$
1	Bedourie	1.938	\$489.25
2	Betoota	3.810	\$360.50
3	Birdsville	1.938	\$489.25
4	Rural	1.851	\$489.25
5.1	Mining - Small	34.410	\$1,462.60
5.2	Mining - Medium	43.677	\$14,286.10
5.3	Mining - Large	51.753	\$74,613.20
5.4	Mining - Other	51.753	\$74,613.20
6	Telecommunications	2.929	\$602.55
7.1	Commercial Birdsville Operating	5.683	\$602.55
7.2	Commercial Bedourie Operating	2.847	\$602.55
7.3	Commercial Birdsville Non-Operating	2.173	\$602.55
8	Industrial	2.094	\$602.55
9	Intensive Accommodation	40.849	\$31,579.80
10	Petroleum Lease	44.669	\$17,238.08
11	Petroleum Other	44.669	\$8,632.43



Category		Rate in the Dollar (cents)	Minimum Differential General Rate \$
12	Geothermal Lease	44.669	\$17,237.05
13	Geothermal Other	44.669	\$4,616.46
14	Power Station	45.004	\$5,737.10

**Carried 5/0.**

## 4.2 SEPARATE CHARGE

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-02**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Maunsell**

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the "Environmental Levy Separate Charge"), in the sum of \$103.00 per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the shire, for environmental and waste management purposes.

**Carried 5/0.**

## 4.3 SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-03**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

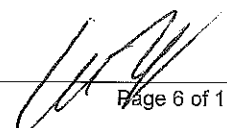
Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy sewerage utility charges, for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as follows:-

Sewerage charges apply to all properties that are contained either wholly or partly within the declared sewerage area or outside the declared sewerage area but connected or may be connected to Council's sewerage system.

Revenue from these charges is used for the purpose of defraying the cost of planning and constructing sewerage infrastructure including any interest and redemption charges incurred by Council, and the cost of operating, maintaining and managing the sewerage system. The charge is set to recover these costs. A charge is applied to each W.C. pedestal installed on each property (exceptions apply).

Pursuant to Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* sewerage charges as set out hereunder, be made and levied in accordance with the several bases set out hereunder for the supply of a common effluent drainage system (CED) by the Council.

- (i) A CED sewerage charge will apply to all improved rateable properties and non-rateable properties which are connected to the Council's CED systems, as per schedule 1.



Schedule 1		
CED Scheme	Charge applies to:	% of CED Sewerage Connected Charge
<b>Connected Sewerage Charge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each single residential dwelling.</li> <li>Each unit in a multi-unit dwelling.</li> <li>Each WC pedestal or urinal in non-residential premises.</li> <li>Each of the first five (5) WC pedestal or urinal in an assessment with a land use of Hotel, Motel, Caravan Park and other approved Council commercial lodgings.</li> </ul>	100% of Charge
<b>Un-connected Sewerage Charge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Properties which are either contained wholly or partly within the declared CED sewer area but which are not connected to Council CED sewerage system</li> </ul>	60% of Charge
<b>5+ Pedestals Sewerage Charge</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The sixth and each additional WC Pedestal or urinal on an assessment with a land use of Hotel, Motel, Caravan Park and other approved Council commercial lodgings.</li> </ul>	40% of Charge

The CED sewerage connected charge is \$144.20.

**Carried 5/0.**

## 4.4 WATER UTILITY CHARGES

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-04**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Rayment**

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy water utility charges, for the supply of water services by the Council, as follows:-

Water charges are determined, collected and used for the purpose of defraying the cost of planning, water demand management and constructing water infrastructure including interest and redemption charges incurred by Council and the cost of operating, maintaining and managing the water supply systems in Bedourie and Birdsville.

As such, the utility charge for water services shall be charged as a 2-part charge in accordance with section 101(1)(b) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, comprising:-

- (a) an access charge; and
- (b) a charge for the amount of water used (a consumption charge).

The access charge shall be levied on every parcel of rateable land in Council's water service area. Council believes that it is logical and equitable for all ratepayers who have access, or may have access, to Council's water supply infrastructure to contribute to the fixed costs of the water supply operation.

The consumption charge shall be calculated:-

- (a) where water used by land is measured by a water meter, having regard to the actual metered consumption.
- (b) Where water used by land is not measured by a water meter, in accordance with Table A, where Council considers the relativity between each land use type in determining the number of units allocated.

**Table A**

DESCRIPTION OF LAND	BEDOURIE WATER SUPPLY (WATER UNITS)	BIRDSDVILLE WATER SUPPLY (WATER UNIT)
Vacant unconnected Land	5	10
Vacant Connected Land	8	16
Detached Dwelling	10	20
Attached Dwelling Unit -each	8	16
Motels – per accommodation unit	4	8
Hotels	15	30
Health Clinic	15	30
School	20	40
Caravan Parks per shower	6	8
Commercial or Industrial Premises	10	20
Intensive Accommodation per shower	4	6
Geothermal Power Station	0	500
Stock Trough	15	15
Council Outdoor Sports Facility	20	40

Bedourie and Birdsville are supplied with water from the Artesian Basin as their potable water supply. In addition, Birdsville is supplied with an untreated water supply from the Diamantina River for gardening purposes. An equivalent number of units is charged for a potable supply and untreated supply in Birdsville.

Each use on the land is aggregated to determine the total water units to be charged to the land. Eg. Where a Hotel and a detached dwelling are on the same lot in Bedourie, a total of 25 units of water would be charged (15 for hotel and 10 for dwelling).

The charge per water unit is \$43.41.

Pursuant to section 102(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, a water meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts 2 weeks before, and ends 2 weeks after, the day on which the meter is actually read.

**Carried 5/0.**

## **4.5 WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES**

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-05**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy waste collection utility charges, for the supply of waste collection services by the Council, as follows:-

Waste collection charges are determined on a user pays basis and collected and used for the purpose of defraying the cost of supplying a waste collection service for the removal and disposal of waste in Bedourie and Birdsville. The charges are set so as to recover waste collection costs including:

- Waste service administration
- Waste collection
- Provision of a suitable mobile garbage bin (and its replacement due to fair wear and tear)
- Waste minimisation and reduction education



- (i) The waste collection charges will apply to all improved rateable and non-rateable properties which are either contained wholly or partly within the declared water or sewer areas in Bedourie or Birdsville, as per schedule 2.
- (ii) No adjustment shall be made for non-occupancy or use of premises less than 6 months in duration. No adjustment shall be made for non-occupancy or use of premises until written advice is given to Council and only from the date of receipt of that advice and the return of the relevant bins provided to Council.
- (iii) Charges for waste collection service will commence upon the premises being considered to be occupied and the delivery of the 240-litre bin to the premises by Council.
- (iv) Arrangements can be made to collect additional mobile garbage bins on the normal bin collection day on a temporary basis upon payment of the relevant charge.
- (v) Arrangements can be made to collect bin/s on days other than the normal bin collection day on a cost recovery user pays basis.

Schedule 2	
Waste Collection Charges	Charge applies to:
Collection Charge - Residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each premises' is allocated one (1) 240-litre mobile garbage bin and is serviced weekly.</li> <li>• If requested, each additional 240-litre weekly mobile garbage bin serviced on the normal bin collection day</li> </ul>
Collection Charge – Non-residential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each property with a structure is allocated one (1) 240-litre mobile garbage bin and is serviced weekly.</li> <li>• If requested, each additional 240-litre weekly mobile garbage bin service.</li> <li>• Council's Environmental Health Officer will determine minimum bin numbers for any premise that is regulated by government legislation.</li> </ul>

The Waste Management charge is \$103.00 per 240 litre bin.

**Carried 5/0.**

## 4.6 DISCOUNT

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-06**

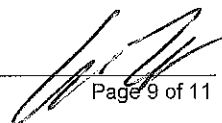
**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

Pursuant to section 130 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the differential general rates made and levied shall be subject to a discount of 15% if paid within the discount period of 60 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:

- (a) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 60 days of the date of issue of the rate notice;
- (b) all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid within 60 days after the date of issue of the rate notice; and
- (c) all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid within 60 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.

It is considered that the provision of a discount encourages prompt payment of rates and the extended period of the discount period allows for the extended time taken for postal services to and from Bedourie.

**Carried 5/0.**



## 4.7 INTEREST

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-07**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

Pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges from 1 July 2019.

**Carried 5/0.**

## 4.8 LEVY AND PAYMENT

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-08**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

Pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 114 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied for the full year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020.

Pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 60 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

**Carried 5/0.**

## 4.9 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-9**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

Pursuant to section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the previous financial year ("the Statement of Estimated Financial Position") be received and its contents noted.

**Carried 5/0.**

## 4.10 COMPETITIVE NEUTRALITY

Pursuant to section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, Council will not apply the Code of Competitive Conduct to its prescribed business activity, Birdsville Caravan Park for the 2019/20 financial year for the following reason:

The Birdsville Caravan Park is the only caravan park in the Birdsville area and in peak periods all other potential commercial accommodation providers are at maximum occupancy. Council provides this facility to enhance the business opportunities for tourism and other business operators in Birdsville. Therefore, Council sees no benefit to the community in the application of the code of competitive conduct to this business activity. (adopted by Council resolution on March 25 2018 Minute No 2018.03.25-OM-8)

## 4.11 ADOPTION OF BUDGET

**Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-10**

**Moved by Cr Morton and Seconded by Cr Cramer**

Pursuant to section 170A of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 169 and 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council's Budget for the 2019/2020 financial year, incorporating:

- i. The statements of financial position;
- ii. The statements of cash flow;
- iii. The statements of income and expenditure;
- iv. The statements of changes in equity;
- v. The long-term financial forecast;
- vi. The revenue statement;
- vii. The revenue policy (adopted by Council resolution on June 24 2019 Minute No. 2019.06.24-OM-5)
- viii. The relevant measures of financial sustainability; and
- ix. 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,

as tabled, be adopted.

**Carried 5/0.**

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10:17am

Minutes confirmed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

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Cr Geoff Morton  
**MAYOR**

