

REVENUE STATEMENT 2024-2025

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of a Revenue Statement is to outline and explain the revenue measures adopted in the budget and to meet the requirements of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* (LG Regulation).

This Revenue Statement is adopted as part of the Diamantina Shire Council's (council) budget and applies to the financial year ending 30 June 2025.

1.2 POLICY OBJECTIVES:

To ensure compliance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and LG Regulation and promote quality financial management.

1.3 COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY:

This Policy will commence on the date of adoption. This Policy replaces the Revenue Statement 2023-2024.

2. POLICY

2.1 CONTEXT

The context of this Policy aims to ensure a clear and concise approach is undertaken in respect to the intended principles and strategies for the raising of revenue.

2.2 POLICY STATEMENT

2.2.1 Introduction

The Diamantina Shire Council is categorised as a Rural Remote Extra Small (RTX) Council and is located in the far central west of Queensland. It is home to a significant cattle industry and growing tourism sector based around its towns of Bedourie, Birdsville and Betoota. The shire has approximately 290 permanent residents.

Birdsville is the venue for two iconic annual events, the Birdsville Races and Big Red Bash.

3. STANDARDS

3.1 KEY PRINCIPLES

3.1.1 Council's Revenue

The Council has a forecast revenue budget of \$25.7 million for the 2024-25 financial year, comprised mainly of rates and charges levied by the Council, Commonwealth and State Government grants and subsidies, sales and recoverable works, fees and charges, rental income, interest and other income.

Council's estimated revenue for the forthcoming year is:

- In accordance with its adopted Corporate Plan and Operational Plan;
- Set at a level which considers the current economic climate;
- Set at a level which considers the services which are to be provided to the community;
- Set at a level that is considered fair and equitable; and
- Set in accordance with Council's adopted Revenue Policy.

3.2 PERIOD

This statement applies from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2025.

3.3 RATING

3.3.1 Differential General Rates

General rates are levied to help fund Council's administration as well as services, facilities and activities that are supplied or undertaken for the benefit of the community in general (rather than a particular person).

The Council is required to raise an appropriate amount of revenue to maintain assets and provide services to the shire as a whole. In deciding how to best raise this revenue, Council considered numerous factors, including:

- The rateable value of the land;
- Relative valuations between different types of land;
- The approach to general rating adopted by the Diamantina Shire Council for the 2024-25 financial year;
- The demand that some land uses place on the services which Council is required to provide; and
- The ability of the land to generate revenue.

Council has determined to undertake differential general rating for the 2024-25 financial year.

Pursuant to section 81, subsections (1) and (3) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* categories into which rateable land is categorised, the description of those categories and, pursuant to section 81, subsections (4) (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 1CATEGORY	COLUMN 2DESCRIPTION	COLUMN 3IDENTIFICATION
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 00,01,02,03,04,05,07,08,48,50,72A, or 94
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 00,01,02,03,04,05,07,08,48,50,72A, or 94
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 00,01,02,03,04,05,07,08,48,50,72A,83 or 94
CATEGORY 4 Rural	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 04,05,60,61,64,65,66,72B, or 94
CATEGORY 5.1 Mining-Small	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 of material.	Land having the land use code of 40A,40B
CATEGORY 5.2 Mining-Medium	Those lands within the Shire used, or capable of being used for extractive or mining purposes with annual extraction of between 1,000 and 10,000 tonnes of material.	Land having the land use code of 40A,40B
CATEGORY 5.3 Mining-Large	Those lands within the Shire used, or capable of being used for extractive or mining purposes with annual extraction of more than 10,000 tonnes of material.	Land having the land use code of 40A,40B
CATEGORY 5.4 Mining-Other	All mining leases which are not otherwise categorised of greater than 50 hectares	Land having the land use code of 40A,40B
CATEGORY 6 Telecommunications	Those lands within the Shire used or capable of being used for telecommunications purposes.	Land having the land use code of 36A,36B, or 91

CATEGORY 7.1 Commercial Birdsville Operating	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 10,11,13,17,18,19,21,22,23,24,25,27,30,3 4,36A,36B,38,41,42,43,44,47,49,51,52,55,56,57,58,91,95,97, or 99
CATEGORY 7.2 Commercial Bedourie Operating	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 10,11,13,17,18,19,21,22,23,24,25,27,30,3 4,36A,36B,38,41,42,43,44,47,49,51,52,55,56,57,58,91,95,97, or 99
CATEGORY 7.3 Commercial Birdsville Non-Operating	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 10,11,13,17,18,19,21,22,23,24,25,27,30,3 4,36A,36B,38,41,42,43,44,47,49,51,52,55,56,57,58,91,95,97, or 99
CATEGORY 8 Industrial	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 01,28,29,31,33,35,36A,36B,37A.
CATEGORY 9 Intensive Accommodation	<p>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.</p> <p>Land within this category is commonly known as “workers accommodation”, “single person’s quarters”, “work camps”, “accommodation village” or “barracks”.</p>	Land having a land use code of 44
CATEGORY 10 Petroleum Lease	All Petroleum leases issued within the Council Area.	Land having a land use code of 40C
CATEGORY 11 Petroleum Other	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 Category 10 petroleum leases.	Land having a land use code of 40C

CATEGORY 12 Geothermal Lease	All geothermal leases issued within the Council area.	Land having a land use code of 40D
CATEGORY 13 Geothermal Other	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 Category 12 geothermal leases.	Land having a land use code of 40D
CATEGORY 14 Power Station	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 or 91

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 80 of the LG Regulation, 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 \$	
		2023/24	2024/25	2023/24	2024/25
1	Bedourie	2.2234	5.4473	\$561.30	\$687.59
2	Betoota	4.3710	5.2933	\$413.59	\$500.86
3	Birdsville	2.2234	5.4473	\$561.30	\$687.59
4	Rural	2.1224	0.9530	\$560.98	\$589.03
5.1	Mining - Small	39.4770	40.8587	\$1,677.98	\$,736.71
5.2	Mining - Medium	50.4207	52.1854	\$16,389.80	\$16,963.44
5.3	Mining - Large	59.3739	61.4520	\$85,600.37	\$88,596.38
5.4	Mining - Other	59.3739	61.4520	\$85,600.37	\$88,596.38

6	Telecommunications	3.3603	8.5352	\$691.28	\$871.01
7.1	Commercial Birdsville Operating	6.3920	15.5773	\$677.73	\$784.13
7.2	Commercial Bedourie Operating	3.2022	7.8038	\$677.73	\$784.81
7.3	Commercial Birdsville Non-Operating	2.4931	6.0757	\$691.28	\$800.50
8	Industrial	2.4024	2.5417	\$691.28	\$857.19
9	Intensive Accommodation	46.8643	48.5046	\$36,230.10	\$37,498.15
10	Petroleum Lease	51.2468	53.0404	\$19,776.48	\$20,468.66
11	Petroleum Other	51.2468	53.0404	\$9,903.60	\$10,250.23
12	Geothermal Lease	51.2468	53.0404	\$19,775.29	\$20,467.43
13	Geothermal Other	51.2468	53.0404	\$5,296.25	\$5,481.62
14	Power Station	51.6311	65.0552	\$6,581.92	\$9,346.33

3.4 OBJECTION TO CATEGORISATION

Pursuant to section 90 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the owners of rateable land will be informed that they have the right of objection to the category their land is included in. All objections shall be to the Chief Executive Officer of the Diamantina Shire Council and the only basis for objection shall be that at the date of issue of the rate notice, the land should belong to a different rating category.

3.5 LIMITING OF RATES INCREASE

Pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the amount of the differential general rate to be levied for the 2024-2025 financial year on the categories of land identified in Column 1 of the table below, be limited to an amount no more than an amount equal to the amount of general rate levied on that land in the previous financial year increased by the percentage identified in column 2 of the table below:

Column 1 – Category	Column 2 – Percentage Increase (i.e. “the cap”)
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Category 1 - Bedourie	3.50%
Category 3 - Birdsville	3.50%
Category 4 - Rural	3.50%
Category 6 - Telecommunications	7.50%
Category 14 – Power Station	7.50%

3.1.6 Separate Charge

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 \$122.30 per rateable assessment, to be levied equally on all rateable land in the shire, for environmental and waste management purposes.

3.6 UTILITY CHARGES

3.6.1 Water Utility Charge

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)	BIRDSVILLE WATER SUPPLY (WATER UNIT)
Vacant Unconnected Land	9	9
Vacant Connected Land	10	10
Detached Dwelling	10	10
Attached Dwelling Unit -each	8	8
Motels – per accommodation unit	4	4
Hotels	15	15
Health Clinic	15	15
School	20	20
Caravan Parks per shower	6	6
Commercial or Industrial Premises	10	10
Intensive Accommodation per shower	4	4
Geothermal Power Station	0	500
Stock Trough	15	15
Council Outdoor Sports	20	20

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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. E.g. 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 \$51.55

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.

3.6.2 Sewerage Utility Charge

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 sewered area or outside the declared sewered 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

Connected Sewerage Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each single residential dwelling. • Each unit in a multi-unit dwelling. • Each WC pedestal or urinal in non-residential premises. • 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. 	100% of Charge
Un-connected Sewerage Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Properties which are either contained wholly or partly within the declared CED sewer area but which are not connected to Council CED sewerage system 	95% of Charge
5+ Pedestals Sewerage Charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	40% of Charge

The CED sewerage connected charge is \$171.21

3.6.3 Waste Collection Utility Charge

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
 - a) 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.
 - b) 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.

- c) 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.
- d) 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.
- e) Arrangements can be made to collect bin/s on days other than the normal bin collection day on a cost recovery basis.

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

The Waste Management charge is \$122.30 per 240 litre bin.

3.7 DISCOUNT

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 rates 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.

3.8 PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

Council accepts payments in advance by lump sum or by instalments. Interest is not payable on any credit balances held.

3.9 INTEREST

Pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of four percent (4%) per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges.

The Department of State Development, Local Government and Planning advises that from **1 July 2024**, the new maximum interest rate of 11 per cent will apply for the 2024-25 financial year and a resolution setting the actual rate to be charged by a council will be required to be made at the budget meeting for the 2024-25 financial year.

3.10 LEVY AND PAYMENT

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 2024 to 30 June 2025.

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 on the day that is 31 days after the date of the issue of the rate notice.

3.11 COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES

Council requires payment of rates and charges within the specified period and it is Council's policy to pursue the collection of outstanding rates and charges diligently but with due concern for the financial hardship faced by some members of the community.

To this end Council has established administrative processes which allow for the payment of rates and charges by instalments and for the selection of various options (including legal action) for the recovery of debt.

3.12 REBATES AND CONCESSIONS

3.12.1 Concessions

Other than pursuant to section 3.12.2 below, Council does not plan to fund any rebates and concessions for the 2024-25 financial year.

3.12.2 Pensioners

Council will grant assistance by way of remission of rates and charges to approved pensioners under the State Government Pensioner Subsidy Scheme provided they:

- a) hold a valid Blue Centrelink Pension Card, a Gold Veteran Affairs Card or a Blue Veteran Affairs Card; and
- b) are the registered owner or life tenant of the property; and
- c) are solely or jointly with a co-owner, legally responsible for the payment of the rates/charges; and
- d) reside on the property for which the remission is claimed; and
- e) Make a claim on the appropriate application form, for an initial application.

3.13 COST RECOVERY FEES

Council administers regulatory fees and other general fees and charges. Generally the Council will set these fees and charges at a level which reflects the underlying costs and charges including allocated overheads and administration costs.

For cost recovery fees the expected revenue from fees and other sources for each regulatory scheme will not exceed the costs of the scheme.

The criteria used to determine an amount of a cost recovery fee may include:

- a) Administrative costs including:
 - (i) acceptance and receipt of monies;
 - (ii) provision of relevant documentation; and
 - (iii) administrative support for all correspondence and advice both written and oral including wages, building overheads, stationery, and information technology time;
- b) Inspection of completed and uncompleted works;
- c) Assessment and report writing by Council staff members; and
- d) Council meeting time.

Not all cost recovery fees are set at a level of full cost recovery at this time. Some regulatory fees are set at a level that encourages public access rather than full cost recovery.

For other fees and charges, where they relate to an operation which has private sector competitors, the fees will reflect the full cost.

The Council's Fees and Charges Schedule for 2024-25 contains all general fees and charges and cost recovery fees and charges made by the Council and are open to inspection at the Council's public offices or on Council's website.

3.14 COMMERCIAL FEES AND CHARGES

One of the Council's aims in its Corporate Services program is to maintain a revenue base which emphasises a user pays principle where appropriate. Council's policy is also to structure some general charges so that the costs of each service, facility or activity provided are recovered.

Council operates business activities such as the Birdsville Tourist Park, Birdsville Lodge and Bedourie Tourist Park which provide accommodation services on a commercial basis. The fees and charges at each location is set at a level which, when the full cost of each operation is consolidated, provides an overall positive return to Council which is used to offset expenditure associated with tourism services and event support. Whether Council continues to operate Birdsville Lodge, is subject to the outcome of a current tender for management of same.

Council also undertakes private works for various parties associated with civil works or the supply of batched concrete. Charges are set at a level which takes into account the full cost of providing these works at the location requested including a return to Council.

At Council's Visitor Centres merchandise is sold with an appropriate mark-up which takes into account the full cost of the item being sold at that location and a return to Council.

Attachment 1 - Land Use Codes

Primary Land Use Codes 2024/25		
Land Use Code No.	Description	Explanation
00	Unspecified Land not categorised by any other land use code.	
01	Vacant Urban Land	Vacant land being put to no use in an urban area (irrespective of zoning) and generally less than 5,000 square metres.
02	Single Unit Dwelling	Land used primarily as a site for a dwelling in an urban area and generally less than 5,000 square metres.
03	Multi Dwellings or Flats	The use of a parcel of land for two or more self-contained residential dwellings or flats but not group or strata title and in an urban area.
04	Large Home Site Vacant	Vacant land being put to no use (irrespective of zoning), generally between 5,000 square metres and 10 hectares (inclusive) and not used for a bonafide rural activity
05	Large Home Site Dwelling	Land used primarily as a site for a dwelling, generally between 5,000 square metres and 10 hectares (inclusive) and not used for a bonafide rural activity.
06	Outbuildings Urban	A parcel of land with a relatively minor shed or garage as the main structural improvement in an urban area. The improvement would be a gross underdevelopment of the site.
07	Guest House/Private Hotel	An accommodation building where room only or room and meals are provided and have shared facilities (not a motel) in an urban area.
08	Building Format Plan Primary Use Only	A residential parcel of land surveyed on a Building Format Plan which may include Common Property and which has attached to it a Community Management Statement in an urban area.

10	Combined Dwelling and Shops	Combined dwelling/multi dwelling and shops i.e. residential flats with shops but not registered on a Building Unit Plan or Group Title Plan.
11	Shop	Single Shop with or without attached accommodation and may include provision for car parking.
13	Shopping Group (2 - 6 Shops)	Two to six shops and may include provision for car parking.
17	Restaurant/Function Centre	Restaurant including fast food outlet e.g. Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonalds or function centre.
18	Special Tourist Attraction	Any development with special recreation, historical or residential features which attracts a large number of people (includes tourist village).
19	Walkway	Stratum as walkway.
21	Residential Institution (Non-Medical Care)	Aged People's Homes not predominantly medical care.
22	Car Park	An area of land which has been prepared to accommodate vehicles either below or at ground level or on suspended concrete floors.
23	Retail Warehouse	Isolated large showroom, warehouse used for retail purposes.
24	Sales Area Outdoors (Dealers, Boats, Cars etc.)	Dealers, Boats, Cars, etc.
25	Professional Offices	Building with professional offices, finance, banks, lending agents and brokers which are predominantly offices.
27	Hospital, Convalescent, Home (Medical Care) (Private)	Hospital, aged peoples home, nursing home, convalescent home. Predominantly medical care.

Primary Land Use Codes 2024-25		
Land Use Code No.	Description	Explanation
28	Warehouse and Bulk Stores	Warehouse and Bulk Stores not used for retail purposes.
29	Transport Terminal	Freight and/or passengers.
30	Service Station	Predominantly used for fuel retailing which includes fuelling area, associated fuel storage area, associated retail shop and associated parking area. If predominantly servicing repairs see Land Use Code 36A.
31	Oil Depot and Refinery	Fuel dumps or storage and oil refineries.
33	Outdoor Storage Area/Contractors Yard	Builders/contractors yard, outdoor storage area (not retail or hardware) or area for parking heavy equipment/materials.
34	Cold Stores - Ice works	Cold Stores - Ice works.
35	General Industry or Medium Industry	Industrial premises that are not Light Industry A – Land Use Code 36A, or Light Industry B – Land Use Code 36B, Heavy Industry – Land Use Code 37A
36A	Light Industry A	Light/service industries e.g. vehicle workshops, bicycle repairs, furniture assembly/repairs/restoration, electrical goods repairs/maintenance, locksmiths, lawn mower repairs or upholstery or car washes.
36B	Light Industry B	Light manufacturing industries e.g. bread making, clothing manufacturing, dry cleaning, glass cutting or implement/machinery assembly.
37A	Heavy Industry	Industry from where a deal of offensive noise, odour, dust, etc. emanates that is not Abattoir – Land Use Code 37B.
38	Advertising - Hoarding	Advertising - Hoarding. Predominantly used for advertising.

40A	Extractive (Quarry)	Any industry which extracts quarry material from the ground.
40B	Extractive (Mining)	Any industry which extracts mining material from the ground.
40C	Gas or Oil Extraction	Any industry which extracts gas or oil from the ground.
40D	Geothermal	Any geothermal industry
41	Child Care excluding Kindergarten	Facility for safe keeping of below school age children.
42	Hotel/Tavern	Premises licensed by Licensing Commission as hotel or tavern for the sale of liquor including casino.
43	Motel	Building predominantly used for overnight accommodation of persons plus vehicle.
44	Intensive Accommodation	<p>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.</p> <p>Land within this category is commonly known as “workers accommodation”, “single person’s quarters”, “work camps”, “accommodation village” or “barracks”.</p>
47	Licensed Club	Any club with liquor licence/non-sporting e.g. R.S.L. (Not including clubs with attached sporting/recreation facilities).
48	Sports Club/Dance Facility	All sporting/dance/fitness/health/bowling clubs with or without a liquor licence run as a business.
49	Caravan Park	Caravan Park

Primary Land Use Codes 2024-25		
Land Use Code No.	Description	Explanation
50	Other Club Non-Business Boy Scouts/Girl Guides etc. not run as a business.	Memorial Halls, Q.C.W.A., School of Arts etc. Sporting Clubs not run as business including sports fields/area tennis courts etc.
51	Church/Facilities	Churches, places of worship, church hall etc.
52	Cemetery (Include Crematoria)	Cemetery (Include Crematoria).
53	Special Use Commonwealth Government	Secondary Code Only
54	Special Use State Government	Secondary Code Only
55	Library	Library
56	Show Ground, Race Course, Airfield	Airfield parking, no maintenance. If maintenance see Code 36A or Code 36B.
57	Parks, Gardens	Parks, Gardens - including undeveloped parkland.
58	Educational	Include Kindergarten, University, Tertiary, State and Private, residential colleges/school and non-residential school, kindergarten.
59	Special Use Local Government	Secondary Code Only
60	Sheep Grazing	Dry poorer country associated with running wethers.
61	Sheep Breeding	Better class country used for lamb breeding.
64	Cattle Grazing Breeding	Concentration of the growing and selling of young stock – includes stud breeding.

65	Cattle Grazing Breeding and Fattening	Mixture of growing and/or selling young and mature stock – includes associated studs.
66	Cattle Grazing Fattening	Concentration of feeding and grazing mature stock for sale (includes feedlots).
72A	Section 49 Valuation Vacant Urban Land	Vacant land subdivided under Sections 49 and 50 of the <i>Land Valuation Act 2010</i> in an urban area.
72B	Section 49 Valuation Vacant Other Land	Vacant land subdivided under Sections 49 and 50 of the <i>Land Valuation Act 2010</i> in a rural area.
83	Small Crops & Fodder – Non Irrigation	
89	Animal Special	
90	Power Station	Production of electricity
91	Transformer	Transformer, substation, tv/radio transmission towers, telecommunication towers
94	Vacant Rural Land (Excl 01 & 04)	
95	Reservoir, Dam, Bore, Pipeline	Reservoir, Dam, Bore, Pipeline - includes permanent pump site.
97	Welfare home/institution	
98	General (if exclusive use is single dwelling or farming)	Secondary Code Only
99	Community Protection Centre	Ambulance, Police Station, SES, Fire Station, Council Office

4.0 SERVICE STANDARDS

The Revenue Statement will be developed and presented to Council each financial year, prior to the adoption of the next financial year's budget.

5. REFERENCE AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

5.1 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation, the following definitions shall apply:

WORD / TERM	DEFINITION
“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. The originals of the three maps are retained by the Chief Executive Officer.
Council	Means Diamantina Shire Council.
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 in Attachment 1.
Mining	<p>Land that was used, is used, or intended to be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>

5.2 RELATED POLICIES, LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS:

LINKS TO SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION
<i>Land Valuation Act 2010</i>
<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
<i>Local Government Regulation 2012</i>

5.3 VERSION CONTROL:

PREVIOUS VERSION NUMBER	ADOPTED/APPROVED DATE
Revenue Statement 2015-16	May 18 2015; Minute No. 2015.07.31-OM-02
Revenue Statement 2016-17	July 18 2016; Minute No. 2016.07.18-OM-1
Revenue Statement 2017-18	June 26 2017; Minute No. 2017.06.26-SM-01
Revenue Policy 2018-19	July 16 2018; Minute No. 2018.07.16-SM-01
Revenue Policy 2019-20	July 15 2019; Minute No. 2019.07.15-SM-01
Revenue Policy 2020-21	July 15 2020; Minute No. 2020.07.15-SM-01
Revenue Policy 2021-22	July 26 2021, Minute No. 2021.07.26-SM-01
Revenue Policy 2022-23	July 29, 2022, Minute No. 2022.07.29-SM-04
Revenue Policy 2023-24	July 20, 2023, Minute No. 2037.07.20-SM-02

Attachment 2 – Bedourie Map

Bedourie – Map 1



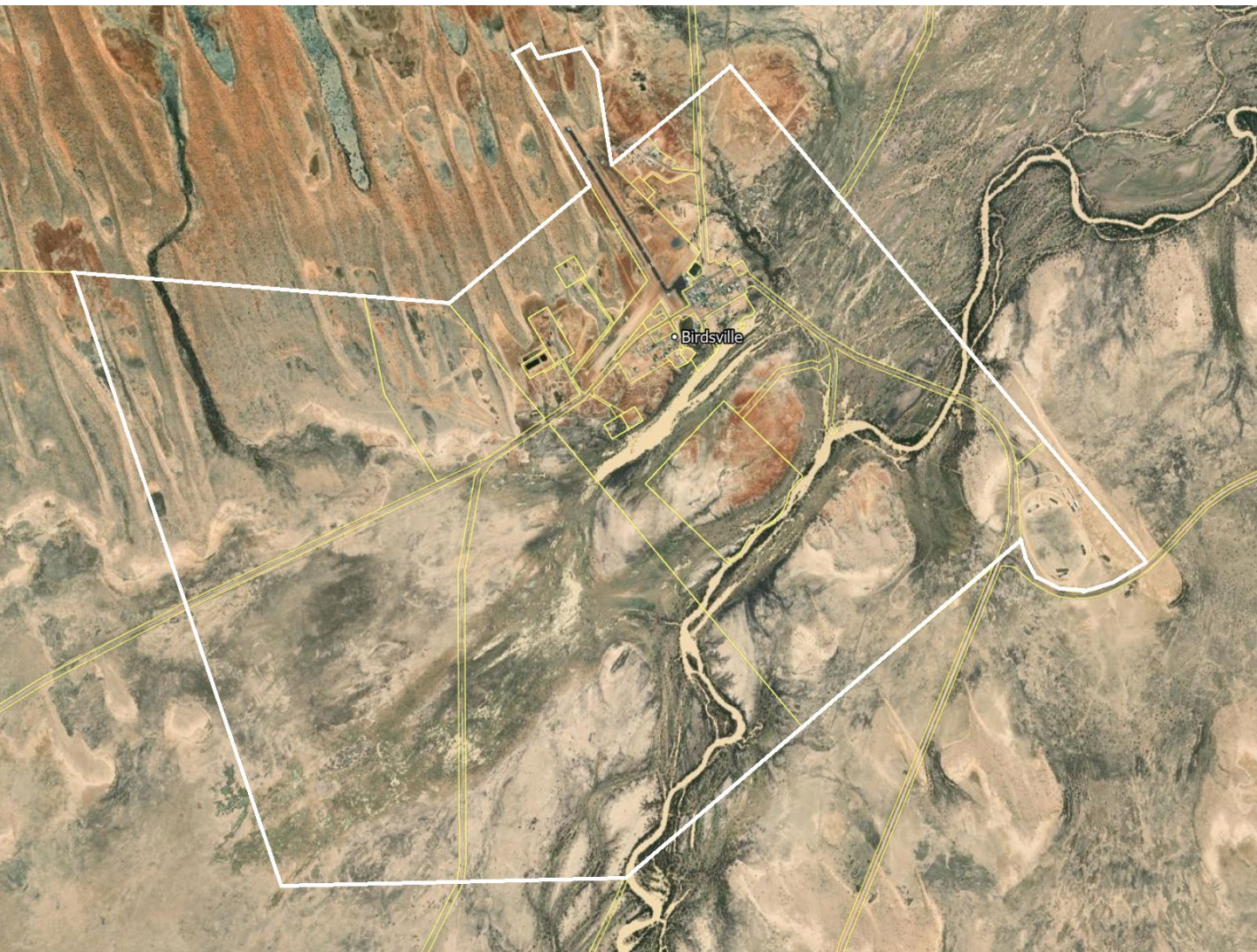
Attachment 3 – Betoota Map

Betoota – Map 2



Attachment 3 – Birdsville Map

Birdsville – Map 3



Comparison of Differential General Rates

		2023/24		2024/25		Movement		Movement
		ACTUAL		BUDGET		\$		%
Differential General Rates								
1	Bedourie	\$ 10,498	\$	10,866	\$	367		3.50%
2	Betoota	\$ 827	\$	850	\$	23		2.76%
3	Birdsville	\$ 42,802	\$	44,300	\$	1,498		3.50%
4	Rural	\$ 1,280,663	\$	1,325,487	\$	44,823		3.50%
5.1	Mining-Small	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
5.2	Mining-Medium	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
5.3	Mining-Large	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
5.4	Mining-Other	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
6	Telecommunications	\$ 10,573	\$	11,366	\$	793		7.50%
7.1	Commercial Birdsville Operating	\$ 18,163	\$	18,802	\$	639		3.52%
7.2	Commercial Bedourie Operating	\$ 6,885	\$	7,123	\$	238		3.46%
7.3	Commercial Birdsville Non-Operating	\$ 1,720	\$	1,785	\$	65		3.76%
8	Industrial	\$ 12,021	\$	12,436	\$	414		3.44%
9	Intensive Accommodation	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
10	Petroleum Lease	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
11	Petroleum Other	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
12	Geothermal Lease	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
13	Geothermal Other	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-		-
14	Power Station	\$ 26,072	\$	28,027	\$	1,955		7.50%
Separate Charges and Utilities								
	Environmental Levy	\$ 16,070	\$	16,750	\$	680		4.23%
	Water Charges	\$ 183,849	\$	196,980	\$	13,131		7.14%
	CED Sewerage Charges	\$ 63,555	\$	69,990	\$	6,435		10.13%
	Waste Collection	\$ 37,457	\$	38,760	\$	1,303		3.48%
Total Net Rates and Charges		\$ 1,711,155	\$	1,783,521	\$	72,366		4.23%