



SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPING THE OUTBACK

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Special Budget Meeting

Held at Bedourie Administration Centre

on

16 June 2026 at 9:00am

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1 OPENING OF MEETING

Mayor Francis Murray declared the Meeting open at 9:01am.

2 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mayor Francis Murray	Mayor/Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Damien Watson	Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chairperson
Cr Kerry Morton	Councillor
Cr Robert Dare	Councillor
Cr Damian Clarke	Councillor (Teams)

Officers in attendance:

Ms Julianne Meier	Chief Executive Officer
Ms Jade Nacario	Director Corporate Services
Ms Practice Brandenburg	Director Communities
Ms Dana Livne	Executive Assistant

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCE

3.1 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.2 Apologies

Cr Robert Dare. Brent Reeman, Director Infrastructure.

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Mayor Francis Murray acknowledged the Wangkamahdla People, Traditional Custodians of the land on which the meeting was held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present. He extended that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present at the meeting.

5 CONDOLENCES

Nil

6 DISCLOSURES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 OFFICER REPORTS

7.1 2026/2027 Operational Plan

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2026/2027 Operational Plan has been prepared to guide the delivery of Council's services, projects and strategic priorities for the 2026/2027 financial year. The Operational Plan aligns with Council's Corporate Plan and establishes the key actions, performance measures and responsibilities required to achieve Council's strategic objectives.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/006

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council adopt the 2026/2027 Operational Plan as presented.

4/0 CARRIED

7.2 2026-2027 Debt Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with s192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is required to prepare and adopt a Debt Policy each financial year. Council's borrowing activities are further governed by the *Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act 1982*.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/007

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

That Council adopts the Debt Policy 2026-2027.

4/0 CARRIED

7.3 2026-2027 Investment Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with s 191 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council is required to prepare and adopt an Investment Policy. S104(6) of the *Local Government Act 2009* required that Council regularly review and update the Investment Policy.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/008

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

That Council adopts the Investment Policy 2026-27.

4/0 CARRIED

7.4 2026/2027 Differential General Rates

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is presented to Council for the adoption of the differential general rating categories and minimum general rate for the financial year 2026/2027.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/009

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

1. That:

- (a) Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to adopt the categories in to which rateable land is categorised, and the description of those categories as follows:

Category	Description	Identification
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
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
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
4.1 Rural	≤\$10M <200,000 Ha Those lands within the shire located outside of a town area and used for grazing or agricultural purposes, that is less than 200,000Ha in area and is \$10,000,000 or less in valuation.	Land having a land use code of 04, 05, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 72B, or 94
4.2 Rural	≤\$10M & ≥200,000 Ha Those lands within the shire located outside of a town area and used for grazing or agricultural purposes, that is 200,000Ha or more in area and is \$10,000,000 or less in valuation.	Land having a land use code of 04, 05, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 72B, or 94
4.3 Rural	>\$10M <200,000 Ha Those lands within the shire located outside of a town area and used for grazing or agricultural purposes, that	Land having a land use code of 04, 05, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 72B, or 94

	is less than 200,000Ha and is greater than \$10,000,000 in valuation.	
4.4 Rural	>\$10M & ≥200,000 to 500,000 Ha Those lands within the shire located outside of a town area and used for grazing or agricultural purposes, that is between 200,000Ha and 500,000Ha (inclusive) in area and is greater than \$10,000,000 in valuation.	Land having a land use code of 04, 05, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 72B, or 94
4.5 Rural	>\$10M & ≥500,000 to 900,000 Ha Those lands within the shire located outside of a town area and used for grazing or agricultural purposes, that is between 500,000Ha and 900,000Ha (inclusive) in area and is greater than \$10,000,000 in valuation.	Land having a land use code of 04, 05, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 72B, or 94
4.6 Rural	>\$10M & ≥900,000 Ha Those lands within the shire located outside of a town area and used for grazing or agricultural purposes, that is more than 900,000Ha in area and is greater than \$10,000,000 in valuation.	Land having a land use code of 04, 05, 60, 61, 64, 65, 66, 72B, or 94
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
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
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
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
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
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, 34, 36A, 36B, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 91, 95, 97, or 99

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, 34, 36A, 36B, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 91, 95, 97, or 99
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, 34, 36A, 36B, 38, 41, 42, 43, 44, 47, 49, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 91, 95, 97, or 99
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.
9 Intensive Accommodation	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”, “single person’s quarters”, “work camps”, “accommodation village” or “barracks”.	Land having a land use code of 44
10 Petroleum Lease	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area.	Land having a land use code of 40C
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
12 Geothermal Lease	All geothermal leases issued within the Council area.	Land having a land use code of 40D
13 Geothermal Other	All land, used or capable of being used primarily for geothermal extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated	Land having a land use code of 40D

	with geothermal extraction /processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding Category 12 geothermal leases.	
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

- (b) Council resolves to delegate to the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to section 257 of the *Local Government Act 2009* 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*, Council resolves that 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:

Differential General Rate Category		2026/2027 Minimum general rate per year	2026/2027 % Rate in \$UCV per year
1	Bedourie	\$755	5.0954
2	Betoota	\$551	5.0954
3	Birdsville	\$755	5.0954
4.1	≤\$10M <200,000 Ha	\$2,960	0.2462
4.2	≤\$10M & ≥200,000 Ha	\$2,960	0.3464
4.3	>\$10M <200,000 Ha	\$2,960	0.3575
4.4	>\$10M & ≥200,000 to 500,000 Ha	\$2,960	0.2305
4.5	>\$10M & ≥500,000 to 900,000 Ha	\$2,960	0.3698
4.6	>\$10M & ≥900,000 Ha	\$2,960	0.3060
5.1	Mining Small	\$1,888	44.4032
5.2	Mining Medium	\$18,436	56.7125
5.3	Mining Large	\$96,283	66.7830
5.4	Mining Other	\$96,283	66.7830
6	Telecommunications	\$948	7.7899
7.1	Commercial Birdsville Operating	\$853	16.9286
7.2	Commercial Bedourie Operating	\$853	8.4808
7.3	Commercial Birdsville Non-Operating	\$871	6.6028
8	Industrial	\$933	2.7622
9	Intensive Accommodation	\$40,752	52.7124
10	Petroleum Lease	\$22,246	57.6417
11	Petroleum Other	\$11.140	57.6417

12	Geothermal Lease	\$22,246	57.6417
13	Geothermal Other	\$5,985	57.6417
14	Power Station	\$10,158	70.6935

4/0 CARRIED

7.5 2026/2027 Utility Charges - Water

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the details of the Water Utility charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/010

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

1. That:

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

I. 2026/2027 Fixed Rate Water Charge

Water Charges for the land use descriptions in the table below will be charged as an annual fixed rate lump sum for access and consumption.

Description of Land	2025/2026 Fixed Rate Water Charge
Vacant Unconnected Land	\$570
Vacant Connected Land	\$633
Detached Dwelling	\$633
Attached Dwelling Unit -each	\$506

II. 2026/2027 Water Supply Unit Charge

Water charges for the land use descriptions in the table below will be based on the following:

- Each unit is equivalent to a water entitlement of 200kL.
- Water charges will be based on the number of units by an amount (\$62.45) per unit per annum.

Water Charge	Amount
Per Unit	\$62.45

Description of Land	Bedourie Water Supply (No of water Units)	\$ No of units x water unit charge \$62.45	Birdsville Water Supply (No of water Units)	\$ No of units x water unit charge \$62.45
Motels – per accommodation Unit	4	\$249.80	4	\$249.80
Hotels	15	\$936.75	15	\$936.75
Health Clinic	15	\$936.75	15	\$936.75
School	20	\$1,249.00	20	\$1,249.00
Caravan Parks per shower	6	\$374.70	6	\$374.70
Commercial or Industrial Premises	10	\$624.50	10	\$624.50
Intensive Accommodation per shower	4	\$249.80	4	\$249.80
Geothermal Power Station	0	\$0.00	500	\$31,225.00
Stock Trough	15	\$936.75	15	\$936.75
Council Outdoor Sports Facility	20	\$1,249.00	20	\$1,249.00
Where more than one (1) class of building is on the same parcel of land.	Each use on the land is aggregated to determine the total water units to be charged to the land. Example: 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)			

- (b) Apply the above levied water utility charges in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026/2027.

4/0 CARRIED

7.6 2026/2027 Utility Charges - Waste Management

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report on the waste management utility charges to be levied for the financial year 2026/2027 is presented for adoption.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/011

Moved: Cr Damian Clarke

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

1. That:

- (a) Pursuant to sections 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

Waste Collection Charges	Charge applied to:
Collection Charge - Residential	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	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.
Waste Management Charge	Amount
Per 240 litre bin	\$150.00

- (b) Council apply the above levied waste management charges in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026/2027.

4/0 CARRIED

7.7 2026/2027 Utility Charges - Sewerage

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year, as part of the adoption of the Annual Budget, Council is required to adopt the Sewerage Utility charges. This report provides the details of the CED Sewerage Utility Charges for the 2026/2027 financial year.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/012

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

1. That:

- (a) Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to make and levy sewerage utility charges for the supply of sewerage services by the Council, as follows:
 - (i) Common Effluent Disposal (CED) is a sewage collection system that consists of septic tanks on each property. Each tank may be connected to the reticulation sewerage system, which conveys the sewage to either a centralised wastewater treatment plant or to a lagoon sewage treatment facility.
 - (ii) 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.
 - (iii) Sewerage charges as set out hereunder in Schedule below, 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.
 - (iv) A CED sewerage utility charge will 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, will apply to all improved rateable properties and non-rateable properties which are connected to the Council's CED systems.

CED Connected Sewerage Charge	Amount
Connected Sewerage Charge	\$220.00

CED Scheme	Charge applies to:	% of CED Sewerage Connected Charge	\$ - % of CED Sewerage Connected Charge
Connected Sewerage Charge	- Each single residential dwelling. - Each unit in a multi-unit dwelling.	100% of Connected Sewerage Charge	\$220

	- Each WC pedestal or urinal in non-residential premises. - The first WC pedestal or urinal in an assessment with a land use of Hotel, Motel, Caravan Park and other approved Council commercial lodgings.		
2+ Pedestals Sewerage Charge	The second 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 Connected Sewerage Charge	\$88
Unconnected Sewerage Charge	Vacant land that is able to be connected to Council's CED sewerage system.	95% of Connected Sewerage Charge	\$209

4/0 CARRIED

7.8 2026/2027 Discount for Prompt Payment on Rates and Utility Charges

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the discount on rates and charges and the period within which the rates must be paid.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/013

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

1. That:

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

- all rates and charges are paid not later than sixty (60) days from the date of issue of the rate notice; and
- all other rates and charges appearing on the rate notice (that are not subject to a discount) are paid not later than sixty (60) days from the date of issue of the rate notice; and
- all other overdue rates and charges relating to the rateable assessment are paid not later than sixty (60) days from the date of issue of the rate notice.

4/0 CARRIED

7.9 2026/2027 Interest on Overdue Rates and Charges

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present the interest to be charged on overdue rates and charges for adoption.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/014

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Mayor Francis Murray

That:

Pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 8.25% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates and charges.

4/0 CARRIED

7.10 2026/2027 Levy and Payment of Rates and Charges

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the levy and payment periods for the 2026/2027 rates and charges for adoption.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/015

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

1. That:

- a) Pursuant to section 107 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* and section 1520 of the *Fire Services Act 1990*, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management Levy be levied annually, with billing period beginning:
 - I. August/September
- b) Pursuant to section 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management Levy, must be paid not later than within 60 days after the date of the issue of the rate notice.

4/0 CARRIED

7.11 2026/2027 Separate Charge - Environmental Levy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides for consideration of levying the Environmental Levy Separate Charge and the application of the collected revenue.

The revenue from the Environmental Levy Separate Charge will be used exclusively to fund identified environmental and waste management initiatives, including but not limited to waste facility operations, landfill site rehabilitation, environmental monitoring programs, public education on waste minimisation, and compliance activities related to waste disposal.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/016

Moved: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

Seconded: Cr Kerry Morton

1. That Council, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and Section 103 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, resolve to levy a separate charge, Environmental Levy Separate Charge, for the 2026/2027 financial year as set out in Council's Revenue Statement and, as contained in the Annual Budget 2026/2027 document, as follows:

Separate Charge	Amount
Environmental Levy per rateable assessment	\$150.00

4/0 CARRIED

7.12 30 June 2026 Statement of Estimated Financial Position

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the 2025/2026 financial year for noting.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/017

Moved: Cr Kerry Morton

Seconded: Cr Damian Clarke

1. 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 2025/2026 financial year be received and its contents noted.

CARRIED

7.13 2026/2027 Adoption of Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Annual Budget for 2026/2027 is presented for adoption by Council. The Annual Budget has been developed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RESOLUTION SCM/26/018

Moved: Mayor Francis Murray

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Damien Watson

1. That Budget

- a) Pursuant to sections 169 and 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council's Budget for the 2026/2027 financial year, incorporating:
 - i. The statements of Financial Position;
 - ii. The statements of Cashflow;
 - 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 CNL/26/014 on 18 May 2016;
 - 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.

4/0 CARRIED

8 GENERAL BUSINESS

9 NEXT MEETING

To be held at Bedourie Administration Centre at 9:00 AM on 20 July 2026.

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Meeting closed at 9:48am.