



MINUTES

**Special Council Meeting
ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2020/2021**

25 June 2020

**MINUTES OF COOK SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, 10 FURNEAUX STREET,
COOKTOWN
ON THURSDAY, 25 JUNE 2020 AT 9.00AM**

1 ATTENDANCE

Cr Peter Scott (Mayor), Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor), Cr Peter Burns, Cr John Dessmann, Cr Larissa Hale, Cr Ross Logan, Cr Marilyn Morris, Ms Linda Cardew (Chief Executive Officer), Mr Lawrence Booth (Director Community, Economy and Innovation), Ms Heather Kelly (Director Organisational Business Services), Mr David Klye (Director Infrastructure), Ms Julianne Meier (Manager Finance)

2 MEETING OPENED

9.00am

MAYORAL WELCOME

Cr Peter Scott (Mayor) commended the Executive Leadership Team and all the staff involved with the budget preparation over the past weeks and months, noting the large amount of work involved in putting an annual budget together, including coordination of meetings and workshops with Councillors and the community consultation that has taken place. The Mayor noted that consultation on local government budgets is not mandatory at this time, however Cook Shire has done so now for the past two years.

The Mayor gave an overview of the budget highlights and the reports to follow.

Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor) agreed with the Mayor and commented that there has been a more in-depth review of the budget this year, compared with recent years.

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of all Councillors, the Mayor acknowledged the Waymburr Warra people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and paid respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

5 ORGANISATIONAL BUSINESS SERVICES - REPORTS

5.1 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATE CATEGORIES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

RESOLUTION 2020/154

Moved: Cr Peter Burns

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

- (a) Pursuant to the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 81, the categories in to which rateable land is categorised, the description of those categories and, pursuant to the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Sections 81(2) and 81(3), the method by which land is to be identified and included in its appropriate category, is as follows:

Table 1 – Differential General Rates Categories for 2020/2021	
Category	Description
Rural Townships	
1	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes that is within the defined areas of the Rural townships of Ayton, Coen, Lakeland, Laura, Marton, Portland Roads and Rossville with a Rateable Valuation from \$1 - \$130,000.
2	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes that is within the defined areas of the Rural townships of Ayton, Coen, Lakeland, Laura, Marton, Portland Roads and Rossville with a Rateable Valuation from \$130,001 - \$190,000.
3	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes that is within the defined areas of the Rural townships of Ayton, Coen, Lakeland, Laura, Marton, Portland Roads and Rossville with a Rateable Valuation > \$190,000.
Outside Townships	
4	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes that is located outside of the defined areas of all townships with a Rateable Valuation from \$1 - \$113,000.
5	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes that is located outside of the defined areas of all townships with a Rateable Valuation from \$113,001 - \$190,000.
6	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes that is located outside of the defined areas of all townships with a Rateable Valuation > \$190,000.
Cooktown & Environs	
7	Land that is used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs with a Rateable Valuation from \$1 - \$113,000.
8	Land that is used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs with a Rateable Valuation from \$113,001 - \$248,000.
9	Land that is used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs with a Rateable Valuation from \$248,001 - \$496,000.
10	Land that is used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for residential purposes and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs with a Rateable Valuation > \$496,000.
Multi-Unit Dwellings	
11	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for multi-unit dwellings (flats or units) and comprised of 2 or more individual residential accommodation units, not a strata title unit and that land is for a residential purpose and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
12	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for multi-unit dwellings (flats or units) and comprised of 2 or more individual residential accommodation units, not a strata title unit and that land is for a residential purpose and is located in other areas.
Workers Accommodation *	

13	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for Workers Accommodation, with 25 - 50 accommodation units.
14	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for Workers Accommodation, with 51 - 100 accommodation units.
15	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for Workers Accommodation, with 101 - 200 accommodation units.
16	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for Workers Accommodation, with >200 accommodation units.
Commercial	
17	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for a single shop or office and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
18	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for a single shop or office and is located outside the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
Commercial with >15 On-Site Car Parks	
19	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for a larger commercial centre, such as a department store, supermarket and/or a number of specialty shops or offices with >15 on-site car parking spaces.
Multiple Commercial Units	
20	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for multiple commercial purposes, other than where land is included in another category.
Public Accommodation	
21	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for public accommodation such as Caravan Parks, Hotels, Motels and Guest Houses and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
22	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for public accommodation such as Caravan Parks, Hotels, Motels and Guest Houses and is located outside the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
Light Industry	
23	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for general or light industrial purposes, including storage sheds and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
24	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for general or light industrial purposes, including storage sheds and is located outside the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
Transport and Service Stations	
25	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for and incidental to transport operation, freight companies, batching plant, stockpiling, hazardous industries, retail or wholesale fuel distribution and is located in the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
26	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part for and incidental to transport operation, freight companies, batching plant, stockpiling, hazardous industries, retail or wholesale fuel distribution and is located outside the defined area of Cooktown and Environs.
Quarries	
27	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for the extraction of dimension stone, rock, riprap, sand, gravel or slate.
Extractive Industry **	
28	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 0 – 50 workers and/or contractors and < \$12,500 value.
29	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 0 – 50 workers and/or contractors and ≥ \$12,500 value.
30	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 51 – 100 workers and/or contractors.
31	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 101 – 200 workers and/or contractors.

32	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 201 – 500 workers and/or contractors.
33	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 501 – 1000 workers and/or contractors.
34	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 1001 - 1500 workers and/or contractors.
35	A mining lease or mining claim, (including a mining lease which forms part of an integrated mining operation) which employs 1501 or more workers and/or contractors.
Primary Production	
41	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for rural grazing purposes which is < 1000 Ha.
42	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for rural grazing purposes which is ≥ 1000 Ha.
43	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for Agricultural purposes.
Electricity Generation/Telecommunication/Radio Transformer	
44	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for either electricity generation of less than 5MW or as an electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site.
45	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for either electricity generation of 5MW – 15MW or as electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site.
46	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for either electricity generation of 16MW – 50MW or as electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site.
47	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for either electricity generation of 51MW – 200MW or as electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site.
48	Land used, or capable of being used, in whole or in part, for either electricity generation of >200MW or as electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site.
Permanent Pump Site	
49	Land used, in whole or in part, for a permanent pump site for private residential supply only.
Other Rating Categories	
50	Land not included in any other category.

*** For categories 13 – 16 the following applies:**

- Land will be taken to be ‘capable of being used’ from the date upon which the final plumbing inspection for the Workers Accommodation has been passed.
- Land will be considered no longer used for Workers Accommodation when all infrastructure (buildings, water and sewerage lines etc.) are removed from the site.

**** For categories 28-35 the following applies:**

- Council may have regard to employment numbers sourced from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy as at 30 September 2019.
 - b) To delegate 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 in the local government area belongs.
 - c) The Township Area Maps of Ayton, Coen, Cooktown, Lakeland, Laura, Marton, Portland Roads and Rossville.

CARRIED

5.2 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/155**

Moved: Cr John Dessmann

Seconded: Cr Marilyn Morris

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

1. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 80, the differential general rate to be made and levied for each differential general rate category and, pursuant to the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 77, the minimum general rate and cent in the dollar to be made and levied for each differential general rate category, is as follows:

Rating Category	Description	Minimum Differential General Rate	Cent in the Dollar
1	Rural Townships - \$1 - \$130,000	\$994	0.008114
2	Rural Townships - \$130,001 - \$190,000	\$1,071	0.007406
3	Rural Townships - > \$190,000	\$1,432	0.006004
4	Outside Townships - \$1 - \$113,000	\$1,000	0.010755
5	Outside Townships - \$113,001 - \$190,000	\$1,240	0.010050
6	Outside Townships - > \$190,000	\$1,929	0.009441
7	Cooktown and Environs - \$1 - \$113,000	\$1,065	0.012770
8	Cooktown and Environs - \$113,001 - \$248,000	\$1,503	0.012793
9	Cooktown and Environs - \$248,001 - \$496,000	\$3,267	0.011988
10	Cooktown and Environs - > \$496,000	\$8,763	0.011910
11	Multi-Unit Dwellings – Cooktown and Environs	\$1,118	0.013433
12	Multi-Unit Dwellings – All other areas	\$1,050	0.011293
13	Workers Accommodation - 25 – 50 units	\$4,125	0.010243
14	Workers Accommodation - 51 – 100 units	\$8,250	0.010243
15	Workers Accommodation - 101 – 200 units	\$16,500	0.010243
16	Workers Accommodation - >200 units	\$33,000	0.010243
17	Commercial – Cooktown and Environs	\$1,038	0.014452
18	Commercial – All other areas	\$1,038	0.008114
19	Commercial with >15 On-site Car Parks	\$2,500	0.016620
20	Multiple Commercial Units	\$1,200	0.015175
21	Public Accommodation - Caravan Parks, Hotels and Motels – Cooktown and Environs	\$1,038	0.014452
22	Public Accommodation - Caravan Parks, Hotels and Motels – All other areas	\$1,038	0.010755
23	Light Industry – Cooktown and Environs	\$1,038	0.014452
24	Light Industry – All other areas	\$1,038	0.008114
25	Transport and Service Stations – Cooktown and Environs	\$1,069	0.014886
26	Transport and Service Stations – All other areas	\$1,069	0.011078
27	Extractive Industry - Quarries	\$493	0.050201

28	Extractive Industry - 0 – 50 workers and < \$12,500 UCV	\$514	0.048665
29	Extractive Industry - 0 – 50 workers and \geq \$12,500 UCV	\$514	0.054655
30	Extractive Industry - 51 – 100 workers	\$16,500	0.054655
31	Extractive Industry - 101 – 200 workers	\$33,000	0.054655
32	Extractive Industry - 201 – 500 workers	\$66,000	0.054655
33	Extractive Industry - 501 – 1000 workers	\$165,000	0.054655
34	Extractive Industry - 1001 - 1500 workers	\$330,000	0.054655
35	Extractive Industry - 1501 or more workers	\$495,000	0.054655
36	Primary Production - Rural Grazing <1000 Ha	\$1,020	0.009452
37	Primary Production - Rural Grazing \geq 1000Ha	\$1,020	0.009452
38	Primary Production - Agriculture	\$1,020	0.009452
39	Electricity generation - < 5MW or electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site	\$1,080	0.015322
40	Electricity generation – 5MW – 15MW or electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site	\$1,955	0.015322
41	Electricity generation – 16MW – 50MW or electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site	\$6,256	0.015322
42	Electricity generation – 51MW - 200MW or electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site	\$19,940	0.015322
43	Electricity generation – > 201MW or electricity, telecommunication or radio transformer site	\$78,589	0.015322
44	Permanent Pump Site	\$432	0.013864
45	Land not included in any other category	\$1,005	0.015419

CARRIED

5.3 WATER CHARGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/156**

Moved: Cr Ross Logan

Seconded: Cr Peter Burns

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

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

Water Charge Description	Annual Water Access Charge	Cost per Kilolitre
Vacant Water	\$764	\$ 0.00
20mm meter connection	\$490	\$ 1.85
25mm meter connection	\$766	\$ 1.85
32mm meter connection	\$1,254	\$ 1.85
40mm meter connection	\$1,960	\$ 1.85
50mm meter connection	\$3,063	\$ 1.85
80mm meter connection	\$7,840	\$ 1.85
100mm meter connection	\$12,250	\$ 1.85

2. 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. The Water Area Maps for Coen, Cooktown, Laura & Lakeland.

CARRIED

5.4 WASTEWATER CHARGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/157**

Moved: Cr John Dessmann

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

1. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 99 Council make and levy wastewater utility charges, for the supply of wastewater services by the Council as follows:

Coen Wastewater Unit Table	Coen	
	Units	Charge (\$131 x no. of units)
Accommodation: per room / site without facilities	2	\$262
Accommodation: per room / site with facilities	3	\$393
Ambulance / Fire Station	8	\$1,048
Bakery / Butchery / Cafe / Commercial Laundry / Garage / Industry / Office / Post Office / Shop / Takeaway / Works Depot	10	\$1,310
Barracks	8	\$1,048
Caravan Park Kiosk and/or Office	3	\$393
Church / Gallery / Hall / Meeting Room / Museum / Nursery	4	\$524
Clubs (Not for Profit): Licensed	10	\$1,310
Clubs (Not for Profit): Unlicensed	4	\$524
Court House / Government Offices / Police Station / Service Station	14	\$1,834
Day Care Centre / Kindergarten	12	\$1,572
Doctor or Dental Surgery or similar: 0 – 2 rooms	10	\$1,310
Doctor or Dental Surgery or similar: more than 2 rooms	14	\$1,834
Dwelling, Duplexes, Flats and/or Self Contained Units (each unit) (attached to a commercial building or not)	8	\$1,048
Fuel Depot / Fuel Storage Facility	6	\$786
Library	6	\$786
Licensed Clubs / Hotel / Resort / Tavern – without Restaurant	20	\$2,620
Licensed Clubs / Hotel / Resort / Tavern – with Restaurant	30	\$3,930
Professional Office / Room in an existing dwelling (Residential Zone)	8	\$1,048
Professional Office / Room in an existing dwelling (Centre Zone)	10	\$1,310
Racecourse	6	\$786
Relatives Apartment – Planning Approval required	8	\$1,048
Restaurant	20	\$2,620
Schools: up to 2 rooms	12	\$1,572
Schools: 3 – 5 rooms	24	\$3,144
Schools: 6 – 10 rooms	48	\$6,288
Schools: 11 – 20 rooms	64	\$8,384
Storage Shed	4	\$524
Tourist Attraction	6	\$786
Vacant	8	\$1,048
Welfare Home: per unit	8	\$1,048

Cooktown Wastewater Unit Table	Cooktown	
	Units	Charge (\$149 x no. of units)
Accommodation: per room / site without facilities	2	\$298
Accommodation: per room / site with facilities	3	\$447
Ambulance / Fire Station	6	\$894
Bakery / Butchery / Cafe / Commercial Laundry / Garage / Industry / Office / Post Office / Shop / Takeaway / Works Depot	10	\$1,490
Barracks	6	\$894
Business/Shopping Complex (without restaurant): 1 st Business/Shop	10	\$1,490
Business/Shopping Complex (with restaurant): 1 st Business/Shop	14	\$2,086
Business/Shopping Complex: each additional Business/Shop	4	\$596
Caravan Park Kiosk and/or Office	3	\$447
Church / Gallery / Hall / Meeting Room / Museum / Nursery	4	\$596
Clubs (Not for Profit): Licensed	10	\$1,490
Clubs (Not for Profit): Unlicensed	4	\$596
Court House / Government Offices / Police Station / Service Station	14	\$2,086
Day Care Centre / Kindergarten	12	\$1,788
Doctor or Dental Surgery or similar: 0 – 2 rooms	10	\$1,490
Doctor or Dental Surgery or similar: more than 2 rooms	14	\$2,086
Dwelling, Duplexes, Flats and/or Self Contained Units (each unit) (attached to a commercial building or not) excluding Strata Titled Units	6	\$894
Event Centre	20	\$2,980
Fuel Depot / Fuel Storage Facility	6	\$894
Hospital	70	\$10,430
Library	6	\$894
Licensed Clubs / Hotel / Resort / Tavern – without Restaurant	20	\$2,980
Licensed Clubs / Hotel / Resort / Tavern – with Restaurant	30	\$4,470
Professional Office / Room in an existing dwelling (Residential Zone)	8	\$1,192
Professional Office / Room in an existing dwelling (Centre Zone)	10	\$1,490
Racecourse	6	\$894
Relatives Apartment – Planning Approval required	6	\$894
Restaurant	20	\$2,980
Schools: Boarding	54	\$8,046
Schools: up to 2 rooms	12	\$1,788
Schools: 3 – 5 rooms	24	\$3,576
Schools: 6 – 10 rooms	48	\$7,152
Schools: 11 – 20 rooms	64	\$9,536
Schools: over 20 rooms	128	\$19,072
Storage Shed	4	\$594.16
Strata Titled Unit: each residential unit	6	\$894
Strata Titled Unit: each commercial unit	10	\$1,490
Tourist Attraction	6	\$894
Vacant	6	\$894
Welfare Home: per unit	8	\$1,192

Laura Wastewater Unit Table	Laura	
	Units	Charge (\$74 x no. of units)
Accommodation: per room / site without facilities	1	\$74
Accommodation: per room / site with facilities	2	\$148
Ambulance / Fire Station	4	\$296
Bakery / Butchery / Cafe / Commercial Laundry / Garage / Industry / Office / Post Office / Shop / Takeaway / Works Depot	10	\$740
Barracks	8	\$592
Caravan Park Kiosk and/or Office	2	\$148
Church / Gallery / Hall / Meeting Room / Museum / Nursery	4	\$296
Clubs (Not for Profit): Unlicensed	4	\$296
Court House / Government Offices / Police Station / Service Station	14	\$1,036
Doctor or Dental Surgery or similar: 0 – 2 rooms	10	\$740
Dwelling, Duplexes, Flats and/or Self Contained Units (each unit) (attached to a commercial building or not)	8	\$592
Licensed Clubs / Hotel / Resort / Tavern – without Restaurant	10	\$740
Licensed Clubs / Hotel / Resort / Tavern – with Restaurant	15	\$1,110
Racecourse	6	\$444
Restaurant	10	\$740
Schools: up to 2 rooms	12	\$888
Schools: 3 – 5 rooms	24	\$1,776
Tourist Attraction	6	\$444
Vacant	8	\$592

2. The Wastewater Area Maps for Coen, Cooktown & Laura.

CARRIED

5.5 WASTE OPERATIONS LEVY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

RESOLUTION 2020/158

Moved: Cr Peter Burns

Seconded: Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor)

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 103, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the Waste Operations Levy Separate Charge) in the sum of \$30.00, to be levied equally on all rateable parcels of land within the Shire of Cook, for the purpose of contributing towards the ongoing annual waste management operational costs.

CARRIED

5.6 KERBSIDE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/159**

Moved: Cr Larissa Hale

Seconded: Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor)

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

1. Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 99 Council make and levy kerbside collection charges, for the provision of supplying kerbside collection services as follows:

Locality	Type of Improvement	Utility	Annual Charge
Ayton	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$230
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$115
Bloomfield	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$230
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$115
Coen	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$460
Cooktown	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$460
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$230
Endeavour Valley Road	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$230
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$115
Helenvale	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$230
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$115
Lakeland	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$460
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$230
Laura	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$460
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$230
Marton	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$460
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$230
Oak Creek Road	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$230
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$115
Poison Creek Road	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$230
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$115
Rossville	For each dwelling	1 x 240 litre bin	\$230
		1 x 120 litre bin	\$115

2. The Kerbside Collection Maps for Ayton, Bloomfield, Coen, Cooktown, Endeavour Valley Road, Helenvale, Lakeland, Laura, Marton, Oak Creek Road, Poison Creek Road and Rossville.

CARRIED

5.7 CAMERON CREEK RURAL ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME - SPECIAL CHARGE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021

RESOLUTION 2020/160

Moved: Cr Marilyn Morris

Seconded: Cr Peter Burns

- a) Council endorses the overall plan first adopted in 2006. For the avoidance of doubt, the overall plan for the Cameron Creek Rural Electrification Scheme Special Charge is as follows:
 - i. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is payment of a loan taken out by Council to fund construction of a backbone high voltage power line along Cameron Creek Road for the supply of electricity.
 - ii. The occupier of the land specially benefits from, or has or will have special access to the “backbone” high voltage power line.
 - iii. The rateable land to which the plan applies is defined in the map marked “Benefited Area, Rural Electrification Cameron Creek Road”.
 - iv. The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$286,713.40.
 - v. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is no more than 20 years from 2006.
 - vi. The estimated sum of charges per levy to achieve repayment within 20 years is \$8,694.40.
- b) That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021, the annual implementation plan for the Cameron Creek Rural Electrification Scheme Special Charge as follows:
 - i. To review the special charge to ensure the sum of levies collected does not exceed the overall costs of carrying out the plan. The special charge has been calculated to allow recovery of the estimated costs of carrying out the overall plan within 20 years.
 - ii. To review the special charge for the benefited area each year to ensure the levy amount is adequate to recover the costs of carrying out the overall plan within the relevant timeframes. For example, in the case of the reconfiguration of parcels of land, the special charge may need to increase or decrease to recover the same total annual levy.
- c) That Council adopt the map marked Benefited Area, Rural Electrification Cameron Creek Road.
- d) Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 94, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the Cameron Creek Rural Electrification Scheme Special Charge), as per the table below, on all rateable land within the map marked “Benefited Area, Rural Electrification Cameron Creek Road” to which the overall plan applies, to fund the repayment of principal and interest on a Queensland Treasury Corporation loan borrowed to cover the construction costs of the backbone electrical line.

Cameron Creek Rural Electrification Scheme	Annual Charge
Benefited Area	\$621.00

CARRIED

5.8 RURAL FIRE BRIGADE - SPECIAL CHARGE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/161**

Moved: Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor)

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

- a) The Overall Plan for the Rural Fire Brigade Special Charges as follows:
- i. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is to fund the purchase and maintenance of equipment by each Rural Fire Brigade in the current or future financial years.
 - ii. The rateable land to which the plan applies is for each parcel of land within the defined area of the Queensland Fire and Emergency Maps for each Rural Fire Brigade.
 - iii. The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is expected to be equal or greater than:
 - Bloomfield Rural Fire Brigade \$6,375
 - Marton Rural Fire Brigade \$4,125
 - Poison Creek Rural Fire Brigade \$2,925
 - Rossville Rural Fire Brigade \$3,425
 - iv. The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is one (1) year.
- b) Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009, Section 94* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012, Section 94*, Council make and levy a special charge, to be known as the Rural Fire Brigade Special Charge as per the table below, on each parcel of rateable land within the Rural Fire Brigade Area Maps supplied by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, to which the overall plan applies, to fund firefighting and fire prevention.

Rural Fire Brigades	Annual Charge
Bloomfield Rural Fire Brigade	\$25
Marton Rural Fire Brigade	\$25
Poison Creek Rural Fire Brigade	\$25
Rossville Rural Fire Brigade	\$25

- c) The Rural Fire Brigade Area Maps be received.

CARRIED

5.9 ENVIRONMENTAL LEVY FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/162**

Moved: Cr Larissa Hale

Seconded: Cr Marilyn Morris

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act 2009*, Section 94 and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 103, Council make and levy a separate charge (to be known as the Environmental Levy Separate Charge) in the sum of \$85, to be levied equally on all rateable parcels of land within the Shire of Cook, for the purpose of rehabilitation and after care costs of Council Waste Management Facilities.

CARRIED

5.10 LEVY PERIOD, ISSUE DATES AND DUE DATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Marilyn Morris

Seconded: Cr Ross Logan

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

- a) Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 107 and the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, section 114, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:
 - for the half year 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 on the 18 August 2020; and
 - for the half year 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 on the 23 February 2021.
- b) Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 118, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, is due 30 days from the date of the issue of the rate notice.

Cr Ross Logan moved an amendment to the motion and was resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020/163

Moved: Cr Ross Logan

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That an amendment be made to part b) of the recommendation to read:

Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 118, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, is due 60 days from the date of the issue of the rate notice.

CARRIED

The new substantive motion was put to the vote.

RESOLUTION 2020/164

Moved: Cr Ross Logan

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

- a) Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, section 107 and the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, section 114, Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy be levied:
 - for the half year 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 on the 18 August 2020; and
 - for the half year 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 on the 23 February 2021.
- b) Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 118, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, is due 60 days from the date of the issue of the rate notice.

CARRIED

5.11 DISCOUNT ON GENERAL RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/165**

Moved: Cr Peter Burns

Seconded: Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor)

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

Pursuant to *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Section 130, the differential general rates made and levied shall be subject to a discount on Differential General Rates at the rate of:

- 10% of the differential general rate; or
- \$300 per annum (i.e. \$150 for each half yearly rate period)

whichever is the lesser amount, providing:

- a) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 60 days of the date of issue of the rate notice; and
- 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.

CARRIED

5.12 INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**MOTION**

Moved: Cr John Dessmann

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest calculated on daily rests at the rate of 8.53% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates and/or charges for the 2020/2021 financial year.

Cr Peter Burns moved an amendment to the motion and was resolved as follows:

RESOLUTION 2020/166

Moved: Cr Peter Burns

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That an amendment be made to the recommendation to read:

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest calculated on daily rests at the rate of 4.53% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates and/or charges for the 2020/2021 financial year.

CARRIED

The new substantive motion was put to the vote.

RESOLUTION 2020/167

Moved: Cr Peter Burns

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That pursuant to section 133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, compound interest calculated on daily rests at the rate of 4.53% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates and/or charges for the 2020/2021 financial year

CARRIED

5.13 PENSIONER CONCESSION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/168**

Moved: Cr John Dessmann

Seconded: Cr Marilyn Morris

That Council adopt for the financial year 2020/2021:

Pursuant to the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, sections 120, 121 and 122, the following rebates be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who meet the eligibility criteria for Council and State Government pensioner remission:

- Council Rebate of twenty percent (20%), capped at \$200.00 per annum; and/or
- State Government Rebate of twenty percent (20%), capped at \$200.00 per annum; and
- 20% of the Emergency Management Levy per levy.

CARRIED

At 10:08 am, Mr Lawrence Booth (Director Community, Economy and Innovation) left the meeting.

5.14 REQUEST FOR LIMITED RETROSPECTIVE RATES ADJUSTMENTS (EXCEPT SPECIAL CHARGES) 2020/2021

RESOLUTION 2020/169

Moved: Cr Marilyn Morris

Seconded: Cr Larissa Hale

That Council resolves to:

- a) Limit any retrospective rates and charges adjustments (excepting QVAS and Special Charges adjustments), where a ratepayer has failed to notify Council of changes, to one (1) financial year; and
- b) Only issue Supplementary Rate Notices for changes in valuations to a property, or service adjustments to a property that are for the amount of \$10 or are more than \$10.

CARRIED

At 10:10 am, Mr Lawrence Booth (Director Community, Economy and Innovation) returned to the meeting.

5.15 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION FOR 2019/2020

RESOLUTION 2020/170

Moved: Cr Peter Burns

Seconded: Cr Marilyn Morris

That, pursuant to Local Government Regulation 2012, Section 205, Council receive the statement of the financial operations and financial position of the Council in respect of the 2019/2020 financial year (“the Statement of Estimated Financial Position”) and note the contents.

CARRIED

5.16 ADOPTION OF COOK SHIRE COUNCIL 2020/2021 OPERATIONAL PLAN

RESOLUTION 2020/171

Moved: Cr John Dessmann

Seconded: Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor)

That Council adopt the 2020/2021 Cook Shire Council Operational Plan.

CARRIED

5.17 PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/172**

Moved: Cr Marilyn Morris

Seconded: Cr Robyn Holmes (Deputy Mayor)

That Council adopts the proposed Cook Shire Capital Works Program for the 2020/2021 financial year.

CARRIED

5.18 ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020/2021**RESOLUTION 2020/173**

Moved: Cr Peter Burns

Seconded: Cr Ross Logan

That Council adopt as tabled:

Pursuant to the *Local Government Act*, section 107A and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Sections 169 and 170, Council's Budget for the 2020/2021 financial year, incorporating:

- i. The Statement of Comprehensive Income;
- ii. The Statement of Financial Position;
- iii. The Statement of Cash Flows;
- iv. The Statement of Changes in Equity;
- v. The Long-Term Financial Forecast;
- vi. The Asset Management Strategy;
- vii. The Revenue Statement;
- viii. The Revenue Policy (adopted by Council resolution on 9th June 2020);
- ix. The Relevant Measures of Financial Sustainability; and
- x. 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 shown below:

Forecast Net rates and charges 2019/2020	\$7,407
Forecast Net rates and charges 2020/2021	\$7,717

Change = 4.19%.

CARRIED

The Meeting closed at 10.27am

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of the Cook Shire Council held on 14 July 2020.

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CHAIRPERSON