ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL
2010/2011 RATES
Our Vision for Etheridge Shire:
A Shire comprised of a stronger, growing community

Charging Summary

1. General Rates
In the 2010/2011 budget, Etheridge Shire Council continued with the previous system of Differential General Rating. Changes to the differential rating categories have been introduced to maintain equity so that all Shire properties contribute to the development of our Shire.

The general rates 2011:

* **Category 1- Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture**
Land that is neither within an Urban Land Category, nor within another rural category, but is used predominantly for cattle and agriculture activities including land with a Department of Environment and Resource Management Land Use Code between 60 and 70, 71 to 84.
A rate in the dollar of 0.6899 cents.

* **Category 2 - Rural Land - Other**
Rural land that does not fall within any other rural category.
A rate in the dollar of 0.7492 cents.

* **Category 3 - Urban Land Etheridge Towns - (UV<$15,000)**
Land used for urban purposes not included in any other category located in the town areas of Etheridge Shire Council as described in the town plan and having a UV less that $15,000.
A rate in the dollar of 2.7518 cents.

* **Category 4 - Urban Land Etheridge towns - (UV>$15,000)**
Land used for urban purposes not included in any other category located in the town areas of Etheridge Shire Council as described in the town plan and having a UV greater than $15,000.
A rate in the dollar of 2.2015 cents.

***Category 5 - Urban Land Commercial/Industrial**
Land being utilized or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a commercial or industrial purpose.
A rate in the dollar of 3.6805 cents.

Minimum general rates for category 1,2,3,4,5 per annum $384.

Mining Rates 2011:

***Category 6 - Mining > 50 workers**
Land used for or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted on the property for extractive or mining industries purposes and according to the worker numbers as at 31 March 2010 as published by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Resources and Energy had workers (employees and / or contractors) more than 50.
A rate in the dollar of 602.0835 cents with a minimum general rate of $65,000.

* **Category 7 - Mining - (Dolomite Quarry)**
Land upon which an operating quarry exists. Those who occupy this land have greater access to - and requirements for - Council services that those who live in rural areas and the rate includes due provision.
A rate in the dollar of 17.9565 cents with a minimum general rate of $1,000.

* **Category 8 - Mining - 5-50 Workers**
Land used for or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted on the property for extractive or mining industries purposed and according to the worker numbers as at 31 March 2010 as published by the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Resources and Energy had workers (employees and / or contractors) of 5 to less than 50.
A rate in the dollar of 856.0000 cents with a minimum general rate of $10,000.

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* **Category 9 - Mining - <5 Workers (UV>$35,000)**
Land used for or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted on the property for extractive or mining industries purposes and those who occupy this land have greater access to - and requirements for - Council services that those who live in rural areas and the rate includes due provision.
A rate in the dollar of 248.7137 cents with a minimum general rate of $20,000.

* **Category 10 - Mining - <5 Workers (UV <$35,000)**
Land used for or having the potential to be utilized by virtue of improvements or activities conducted on the property for extractive or mining industries purposes and those who occupy this land have greater access to - and requirements for - Council services than those who live in rural areas and the rate includes due provision.
A rate in the dollar of 9.0175 with a minimum general rate of $415.

***Category 11 - Mining Claim**
Land upon which an approved mining Tenement and or mining Claim exists.
A rate in the dollar of 20.0000 cents with a minimum general rate of $192.

2. Cleansing Charges – Georgetown

Single Weekly Service 240 Litre bin service
per annum $ 335.93

Additional bin service per annum,

per additional bin $ 286.49

3. Special Charges

Waste Management (Forsayth, Einasleigh, Mt. Surprise)

Benefited area $122.66 per annum per assessment.

4. Water Charges Georgetown & Forsayth

Base Rates	Unit	Amount Georgetown	Amount Forsayth
Unconnected	10	$ 183.34	$ 273.60
Charitable/Religious	10	$ 183.34	$ 273.60
20 mm Connection	20	$ 366.68	$ 547.20
25 mm Connection	30	$ 550.02	$ 820.79
32 mm Connection	50	$ 916.70	$ 1367.99
40 mm Connection	80	$ 1466.72	$ 2188.78
50 mm Connection	125	$ 2291.76	$ 3419.96
75 mm Connection	280	$ 5133.53	$ 7660.70
80 mm Connection	320	$ 5866.90	$ 8755.10
100 mm Connection	500	$ 9167.03	$13679.83

Water Consumption Charge - Georgetown
Per kilolitre of use up to 700 Kilolitres per half year: 41.0673c
Per kilolitre of use over 700 Kilolitres per half year: 74.7689c
Water Consumption Charge - Forsayth
Per kilolitre of use up to 700 Kilolitres per half year: 52.9652c
Per kilolitre of use over 700 Kilolitres per half year: 96.4309c

5. Interest

Compound interest of 11% per annum calculated daily will be levied on all rates and charges (including water consumption levies) commencing the day they become overdue. Rates, charges and water consumption levies are deemed to be overdue if they are unpaid 30 days from the date of issue on the notice.

6. Discount

Discount of 15% will be allowed on the following levies if full payment of the total amount due (including arrears) is received in the Council office by the due date for discount.

* General Rates (Including Minimum General Rates)
* Utility Charges - Cleansing Commercial and Domestic.
* Water Utility Charges (Annual Access Charge component only)

Please note that no discount is applicable to the following levies.

* Water Consumption
* Waste Management

7. Queries

All queries regarding charging information should be directed to the Council's Office in Georgetown (Telephone- 07 4062 1233).

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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SENIOR COUNCIL STAFF

Les Edmistone	Chief Executive Officer
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OFFICE HOURS

Council's office is located in St George Street, Georgetown and is open from 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

Council Meetings

General Meetings

Council meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the board room of the Council Office, St George Street, Georgetown, commencing at 9.30 am. All meetings are open public meetings and may be attended by members of the public. A full schedule of meeting dates is available from the Council Office.

Council Minutes, Policies Etc.

All of Council's Meetings Minutes, Policies and Local Laws are available for inspection at the Georgetown Office. Copies may also be purchased and subscription services are available. Minutes and many other documents are also available on our website: www.etheridge.qld.gov.au

WARNING

PAYMENT METHODS

Etheridge Shire Council has BPAY, EFTPOS and Credit Cards as ways of paying your rates.

BPAY payments can be made from your cheque, savings, or credit account, using either the telephone or the internet (depending on your financial institution). You must use the Biller Code and your Customer Reference Number, which are located in the bottom right-hand corner of your rate notice.

When making BPAY payments it is important to check with your financial institution the date the payment will actually be credited to Council's bank account. Some institutions will process the payments overnight so the payment will not be received until the next day. Council will only allow discounts in relation to monies received ON OR BEFORE 5pm ON THE LAST DAY OF THE DISCOUNT PERIOD. Monies which are not credited to Council's account until after that time will NOT receive the discount even though the payment was requested on the last day of discount.

Please note that you may still pay by cash, cheque or money order either in person at the Council Office, St George Street, Georgetown or by mail. **But you will not be allowed the discount unless it is received by the discount date.**

Inform

A community newsletter is sent out once a month to all Shire residents. Contributions for inclusion in the newsletter are welcome and will be published subject to availability of space and subject to reasonable editorial control as to content.
Commercial advertisements are charged. We will not publish material that is likely to be defamatory or offensive.

OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS

Owner's objection to categorisation:

(1) An owner of rateable land categorised may object to the categorisation of the land on the sole ground that, having regard to the criteria decided by the local government by which rateable land is categorised, the land should have been included, as at the date of issue of the relevant rate notice, in another rating category.

(2) The objection must be made by giving notice of the objection to the local government.

(3) The notice of the objection must-

(a) be given within 30 days after the date of issue of the rate notice or any further period the local government allows; and

(b) be in the form approved by the local government (in writing to the Chief Executive Officer); and

(c) nominate the rating category in which the owner claims the land should have been included; and

(d) specify the facts and circumstances on which the claim is based.

DAMAGE TO ROADS

Rural Property owners are reminded that they must not cause damage to roads by bringing heavy loads over them when the roads are wet.
Obviously it is in their best interest not to damage the roads upon which they rely. In any case, Council may recover the costs of repairing roads that are damaged due to misuse.

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