



CONFIRMED MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING OF

ETHERIDGE SHIRE COUNCIL

HELD

ST GEORGE STREET, GEORGETOWN

ON WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2019,

COMMENCING AT 8.00AM

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ATTENDANCE

Crs W Devlin, W Bethel, W Attwood, E Loudon, & T Gallagher

OFFICERS PRESENT

Mr David Munro, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Ian Kuhn, Director Corporate and Community Services
Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Officer

GALLERY

Mr Ian Carroll attending the gallery at 8:00

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:00 am and welcomed all in attendance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the Ewamian People - the traditional custodians of this land where we meet for the General Meeting. We pay our respects to the Ewamian People, especially the Elders, past and present and acknowledge their traditional customs and lores and recognize their continuing connection to this Country.

We look forward to a long and continuing relationship with the Ewamian People and value any opportunities in strengthening relationships and partnerships through collaboration by respecting their Country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillors welcomed Mr. Edward (Ted) Loudon to his first Council meeting.

DECLARATIONS

Councillors discussed making declarations prior to each agenda item and agreed that this will be the best way forward.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes – Friday 17 May 2019

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Friday 17 May, 2019 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2635
4/0

Special General Meeting Minutes – Friday 7 June 2019

RESOLUTION:

That the Minutes of the Special General Council Meeting held at Georgetown on Friday 7 June, 2019 be confirmed.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2636
4/0

BUSINESS ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

No business arising from the General Meeting Minutes dated 17th May 2019

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Discussions regarding reports from the Chief Executive Officer, Engineering Services, Childcare Centre, Gilbert River Project Officer and the Terrestrial Centre and the Action Taken List from previous General Meetings.

ATTENDANCE

Mr Graham Steele entered the Gallery at 8:25 am

Business arising from the Information Bulletin

Cr Gallagher –

- Made note of the letter received from the Gulf Cattlemen's Association regarding Council to consider aged accommodation in Georgetown.
- Requested additional information from the Chief Executive Officer on what sections of the Savannah Way will receive funds from the recent State Government Budget.

Cr Attwood –

- Made note that there was no report from the Engineering Department included in the Information Bulletin. (The Chief Executive Officer provided Council with an update which was received from the Engineering prior to the General Meeting)
- Suggested the concept used by previous Councils to seek a concession for Etheridge Shire residents for accommodation within Cairns.

Cr Loudon-

- Suggested to create a steering committee for Aged & Disability accommodation in the Etheridge Shire and also recommended that Council invite members of the Gulf Cattlemen's Association to take part in the steering committee.

Mayor Devlin –

- Proposed that Council undertake the collection of Flood Damage data on behalf of the Department of Transport & Main Roads and that Council pursue this matter through the FNQROC and have this matter placed on the next FNQROC agenda.
- Suggested that further communication between land owners and contractors regarding the Charleston Dam Project needs to occur.
- Stated that Council should request funding from the Federal Government for aged/disability accommodation.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Adjourn for morning tea at 9:26 am

RESUMPTION

Council resume the meeting at 9:55 am

CONSIDERATION OF OPEN REPORTS

GMCCS1.

Etheridge Shire Council – Operational Plan 2019|2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires councils to adopt an annual Operational Plan each financial year, which needs to be consistent with the annual budget and state how the local government will –

- (i) Progress the implementation of the 5 year corporate plan during the period of the annual operational plan; and*
- (ii) Manage operational risks.*

The Operational Plan identifies projects, initiatives and services that Council will deliver during this financial year toward achieving the long term objectives of the Corporate Plan. It also provides direction to Council in setting the annual budget.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopts the Etheridge Shire Council 2019/2020 Operational Plan pursuant to and in accordance with Section 174 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2637
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The Local Government Regulation 2012 requires councils to adopt an annual Operational Plan each financial year, which needs to be consistent with the annual budget and state how the local government will –

- (i) Progress the implementation of the 5 year corporate plan during the period of the annual operational plan; and*
- (ii) Manage operational risks.*

GMCCS2.

Etheridge Shire Council – Investment Policy 2019|2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide Council with a contemporary investment policy based on an assessment of counterparty, market and liquidity risk within the legislative framework of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act and Regulations.

This Policy applies to the investment of surplus funds in accordance with investment powers under Part 6 of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangement Act 1982 (SBFAA).

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Etheridge Shire Council's – Investment Policy 2019/2020 pursuant to and in accordance with Section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2638
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Under Section 191 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Councils must prepare and adopt an Investment policy.

The policy must outline the local government's investment objectives and overall risk philosophy and furthermore the procedures for achieving the goals related to investment stated in the policy.

The purpose of the Policy is to provide Council with a contemporary investment policy based on an assessment of counterparty, market and liquidity risk within the legislative framework of the Statutory Bodies Financial Arrangements Act and Regulations.

GMCCS3.

Etheridge Shire Council – Budget Policy 2019|2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To assist in the annual budget process Council has developed a Policy called "Etheridge Shire Council Budget Policy" which provides a framework for the administration of the Budget and establishes guidelines to ensure that known variations to the budget are addressed in a timely manner.

This policy is due for review as at 30 June 2019

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt the Etheridge Shire Council - Budget Policy 2019/2020.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2639
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Etheridge Shire Council Budget policy provides officers and elected members with some guidelines and accountability measures around the budget and also how officers present reports to council regarding financial matters.

Council is a very large business providing many diverse and significant services to the community. It is important that guidelines are established to assist in providing financial rigor to activities. This includes guidelines to:

- Clarify limitations on the release of budgetary information prior to the formal adoption of the budget;
- Ensure that Council reports are presented in a fiscally responsible manner;
- Provide guidance in the preparation of the budget reviews;
- Ensure that required amendments to the budget are made in a timely manner;
- Ensure consistency with Council's Long Term Financial Forecast.

GMCCS4.

Etheridge Shire Council's Fees & Charges 2019|2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Each year Council is required to adopt by resolution a Schedule of Fees & Charges for its services. Under the Local Government Act 2009, Section 97, it states that Council can charge two types of Fees & Charges. The first being Regulatory, and the second being Commercial. The difference between the two is quite simple.

Regulatory Fees are those fees which have been regulated or legislated with the fee being set at the cost of performing or delivering that particular service. For example, issuing a Food License is a regulatory fee, it has a head of power being the Food Act 2006 and Council is only able to charge the cost to perform that service. Commercial Fees are those fees which have not been regulated or legislated with the fee being able to be set at a Commercial Rate.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolves to adopt the Etheridge Shire Council's 2019/2020 Fees and Charges pursuant to and in accordance with Section 97 of the Local Government Act 2009.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2640
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Each year Council is required to adopt a new set of Fees & Charges based on the requirements contained within the Local Government Act 2009.

All fees and charges included in Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges have been identified as either Regulatory (R) or Commercial (C).

Regulatory Fees and Charges includes the statutory legal source of power under which Council has fixed the fee or charge, including the reference applicable under Section 97(2) of the Act.

GMCCS5.

Statement of Estimated Financial Position FYE 2019

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with S.205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Chief Executive Officer must present a statement of the "Estimated Financial Position" at the Local Government's Annual Budget meeting.

The statement of "Estimated Financial Position" is a document stating the financial operations and financial position of the Local Government for the previous financial year.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

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

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2641
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

In accordance with S.205 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 the Chief Executive Officer must present a statement of the “Estimated Financial Position” at the Local Government’s Annual Budget meeting.

The statement of “Estimated Financial Position” is a document stating the financial operations and financial position of the Local Government for the previous financial year.

GMCCS6.

Etheridge Shire Council’s – Borrowing Policy 2019|2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Borrowing Policy provides for responsible financial management on loan funding for infrastructure capital projects by ensuring the level of Council indebtedness is within acceptable limits to Council, its ratepayers and interested external parties. This policy is in accordance with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt Etheridge Shire Council’s Borrowing Policy 2019/2020 pursuant with Section 192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2642
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Council is required to have a Debt Policy in accordance with S.192 of the Local Government Regulation 2012. The policy needs to show current debt and any future borrowings.

GMCCS7.

Etheridge Shire Councils – Debt Recovery Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Etheridge Shire Council (ESC) is committed to the collection of overdue sundry debts and rates and charges in a fair, equitable and timely manner, but with due consideration to financial hardship faced by ratepayers and customers.

Etheridge Shire Council will show due diligence in the application of administrative processes relating to payment arrangements and the selection of various actions for the effective recovery of overdue debts. The management and recovery of outstanding debts is an important aspect of Council’s financial management function.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt Etheridge Shire Council’s – Debt Recovery Policy

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2643
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

ESC will show due diligence in the application of administrative processes relating to payment arrangements and the selection of various actions for the effective recovery of overdue debts. The management and recovery of outstanding debts is an important aspect of ESC’s financial management function.

The principles that apply to the management and recovery of unpaid debts are as follows:

- Effectiveness/Efficiency – meeting the financial, social, economic and environmental, and other corporate objectives stated in ESC’s Corporate Plan and other related policies.
- Equity – ensuring the fair and consistent application of lawful recovery principles, without bias, taking account of all relevant considerations.
- Simplicity – endeavour to ensure widespread community or stakeholder understanding of ESC’s debtor management activities.
- Sustainability – revenue decisions support the financial strategies for the delivery of infrastructure and services identified in ESC’s long term planning.

GMCCS8.

Adoption of the 2019/2020 Revenue Statement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is a requirement that Council prepare and adopt a Revenue Statement each financial year, with the purpose of the document is to explain the revenue measures adopted in the budget concerning:

- *The making of rates and charges;*
- *The levying of rates;*
- *The recovery of rates and charges;*
- *Concessions for rates and charges*

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Adopt the Revenue Statement 2019/2020 prepared in accordance with Section 172 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 and more specifically:-

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

Column 1 – Category (section 81)	Column 2 – Description (section 81)	Column 3 – Identification (sections 81(4) and 81(5))
Category. 1	<i>Rural Land – Grazing & Agriculture Description: Rural Land, that is not within any other rural category, predominantly used for cattle grazing or other conventional agricultural.</i>	64,65,83,84
Category. 2	<i>Rural Land – Other Description: Rural land that does not fall within any other rural category.</i>	04, 05,06,91
Category. 3	<i>Urban Land Etheridge Towns – (UV < \$17,500) Description: 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 than \$17,500.</i>	01, 02, 03,05, 08, 09
Category. 4	<i>Urban Land Etheridge Towns – (UV > \$17,500) Description: 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 \$17,500.</i>	01, 02, 03,05, 08, 09
Category. 5	<i>Urban Land Commercial / Industrial Description: Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a commercial or industrial purpose.</i>	07, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, 24, 25, 27, 30,35,36, 42, 43
Category. 6	<i>Rural – Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture Description: Rural land, that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised, in whole or in part, by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a system of large scale intensive cultivation using large amounts of labour and/or high efficiency machinery for planting, cultivating and harvesting.</i>	64, 66, 73, 77, 79, 83, 84
Category. 7	<i>Rural – Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms Description: Rural Land that is not within any other rural category that is being utilised or has the potential to be utilised in whole or in part by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for the production of electricity from renewable energy sources such as biomass, solar, wind, tidal, wave and water (i.e. hydro-electric).</i>	94, 91
Category. 11	<i>Mining Claim Description: Land upon which an approved Mining Tenement and or Mining Claim exists.</i>	40
Category. 12	<i>Commercial – Utility Service Providers Description: Land being utilised or having the potential to be utilised by virtue of improvements or activities conducted upon the property for a Utility Service Provider (i.e. Telstra, Optus, Ergon, Energex).</i>	54, 91,

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<p>Category. 13</p>	<p>Other Land <i>Description: Land not included in any other category.</i></p>	<p>62, 63, 75,</p>
<p>Category. 14</p>	<p>Mining (UV \$1-\$2,500) <i>Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$1 to \$2,500.</i> Definition(s) Mine: <i>Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-</i></p> <p><i>. as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation): or</i></p> <p><i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i></p> <p>Integrated mining operation: <i>Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure 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, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.</i></p>	<p>40</p>
<p>Category. 15</p>	<p>Mining (UV \$2,501 - \$6,500) <i>Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$2,501 to \$6,500.</i> Definition(s) Mine: <i>Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-</i></p> <p><i>. as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation): or</i></p> <p><i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i></p> <p>Integrated mining operation: <i>Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure 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, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.</i></p>	<p>40</p>
<p>Category. 16</p>	<p>Mining (UV \$6,501 - \$15,000) <i>Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$6,501 to \$15,000.</i> Definition(s) Mine: <i>Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-</i></p> <p><i>. as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation): or</i></p> <p><i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i></p> <p>Integrated mining operation: <i>Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure 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, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.</i></p>	<p>40</p>
<p>Category. 17</p>	<p>Mining (UV \$15,001 - \$35,000) <i>Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$15,001 to \$35,000.</i> Definition(s) Mine: <i>Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-</i></p> <p><i>. as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation): or</i></p> <p><i>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</i></p> <p>Integrated mining operation: <i>Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure 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, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.</i></p>	<p>40</p>

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<p>Category. 18</p>	<p>Mining (UV \$35,001 - \$60,000) Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value of \$35,001 to \$60,000. Definition(s) Mine: Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-</p> <p>. as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation): or</p> <p>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</p> <p>Integrated mining operation: Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure 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, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.</p>	<p align="center">40</p>
<p>Category. 19</p>	<p>Mining (UV >\$60,000) Description: Land that is a mine and has an Unimproved Value greater than \$60,000. Definition(s) Mine: Land that is the subject of a mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure that was used, is used, or intended to be used:-</p> <p>. as a mine (or for purposes ancillary or associated with mining such as, for example, washing down, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation): or</p> <p>. in conjunction with other land (the subject of a mining lease or other mine tenure) as part of an integrated mining operation.</p> <p>Integrated mining operation: Land contained in more than one mining lease (issued pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other form of tenure 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, processing, stockpiling, haulage, water storage and rehabilitation.</p>	<p align="center">40</p>

(b) Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power, pursuant to sections 81(4) and 81(5) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, to identify the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs.

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



Minimum Differential General Rates & Cents in Dollar of Unimproved Valuation 2019|2020

CATEGORY		Minimum Differential General Rate 2019 2020	Cents in Dollar of Unimproved Valuation 2019 2020
1	Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture	\$ 896.00	1.3876
2	Rural Land - Other	\$ 803.00	2.1500
3	Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. < \$17,500)	\$ 623.00	4.4868
4	Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. > \$17,500)	\$ 635.00	7.0391
5	Urban Land Commercial / Industrial	\$ 741.00	7.0048
6	Rural - Large Scale Mixed Intensive Agriculture	\$ 1,740.00	0.8735
7	Rural – Large Scale Renewable Energy Farms	\$ 10,000.00	20.0120
11	Mining Claim	\$ 178.00	56.6661
12	Commercial - Utility Service Providers	\$ 990.00	630.0000
13	Other	\$ 795.00	3.9089
14	Mining - (U.V. \$1 - \$2,500)	\$ 614.00	20.7393
15	Mining - (U.V. \$2,501 - \$6,500)	\$ 657.00	39.2830
16	Mining - (U.V. \$6,501 - \$15,000)	\$ 1,568.00	42.8789
17	Mining - (U.V. \$15,001 - \$35,000)	\$ 3,075.00	35.5545
18	Mining - (U.V. \$35,001 -\$60,000)	\$ 6,000.00	52.4424
19	Mining - (U.V. > \$60,000)	\$ 12,000.00	55.3987

- (a) Pursuant to section 116 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the amount of the differential general rate to be levied for the 2019/20 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:



Percentage Increase (i.e. "the Cap") 2019|2020

Column 1 - Category	Column 2 - Percentage Increase (i.e. "the Cap")
1 Rural Land - Grazing & Agriculture	2.50%
3 Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. < \$17,500)	2.50%
4 Urban Etheridge Towns (U.V. > \$17,500)	2.50%
5 Urban Land Commercial / Industrial	2.50%
12 Commercial - Utility Service Providers	20.00%
15 Mining - (U.V. \$2,501 - \$6,500)	2.00%
16 Mining - (U.V. \$6,501 - \$15,000)	2.00%

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2644
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 94 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy a special charge (to be known as the "Waste Management Special Charge") of \$179.98, on all rateable land to which the overall plan applies, to fund the provision of maintenance and operations of all waste management facilities for the towns of Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth.

- (a) The overall plan for the Waste Management Special Charge is as follows:

- i. The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is:

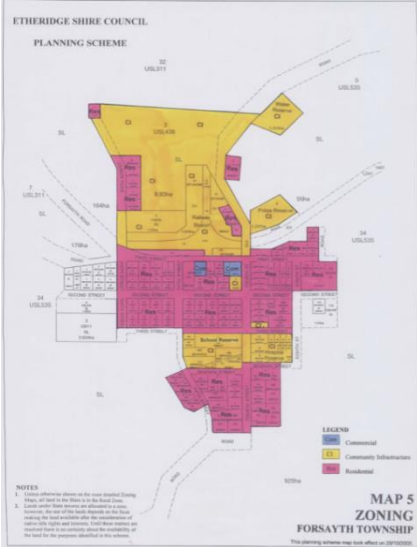
The rateable land to which the special charge applies is land within each of the benefited areas described in the town area maps 'Planning Maps – Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth. Where a parcel of rateable land includes two or more lots, the charge will be levied on each lot.

The service facility or activity for which the special charge is made is for the provision of maintenance and operations of all waste management facilities for the towns of Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth. The Special Charge will substantially fund the activity, however Council may determine to subsidise the service in view of the high costs of this service provision and the undue hardship that may result if full cost recovery was sought from the special charge.

Council considers that land contained within the defined areas receives an equal special benefit from access to the waste management facilities. Council also considers that the benefit is shared equally by all parcels of land regardless of the value of such land.

The service facility or activity for which the special charge is made is for the provision of waste management facilities as set out in the expenditure item in the budget document for the Shire of Etheridge for 2019/2020.

- ii. **The rateable land to which the plan applies is the town boundaries as shown within Council’s Planning Scheme. For the purposes of the proceeding table, and this document generally, the term “town plan” means the Town Planning Scheme for the Shire of Etheridge first gazetted on 28 October 2005 incorporating all the amendments up to and including 30 June 2020. For avoidance of doubt, and for the purposes of interpreting and applying this statement, the term “town plan” will continue to mean the said town planning scheme, notwithstanding that it may be replaced by a “Planning Act Scheme” before 30 June 2020.**



- iii. **The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$30,000.00.**
 - iv. **The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year.**
- (b) **The rateable land or its occupier specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because;**
- (i) **The service facility or activity for which the special charge is made is for the provision of maintenance and operations of all waste management facilities for the towns of Einasleigh, Mt Surprise and Forsayth and Council considers that land contained within the defined areas receives an equal special benefit from access to the waste management facilities. Council also considers that the benefit is shared equally by all parcels of land regardless of the value of such land.**

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood


CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2645
5/0


RESOLUTION

That Council:


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


Township of Georgetown

 <p>The amount of Water Base Access Charge - Georgetown (1 unit = \$31.80)</p>		
Georgetown	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$ 318.00
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$ 318.00
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$ 636.00
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$ 954.00
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$ 1,590.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$ 2,544.00
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$ 3,975.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$ 8,904.00
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$10,176.00
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$15,900.00

 <p>The amount of Water Consumption Charge - Georgetown</p>	
Georgetown	Charge per Annum
Per Kilolitre of Use	51.00 cents up to 700 kilolitres per half year
Per Kilolitre of Use	102.00 cents over 700 kilolitres pr half year

Township of Forsyth

 <p>The amount of Water Base Access Charge - Forsyth (1 unit = \$31.80)</p>		
Forsyth	Units	Charge per Annum
Unconnected Lots	10 units	\$ 318.00
All Charitable & Religious Uses	10 units	\$ 318.00
20mm Service Connection	20 units	\$ 636.00
25mm Service Connection	30 units	\$ 954.00
32mm Service Connection	50 units	\$ 1,590.00
40mm Service Connection	80 units	\$ 2,544.00
50mm Service Connection	125 units	\$ 3,975.00
75mm Service Connection	280 units	\$ 8,904.00
80mm Service Connection	320 units	\$10,176.00
100mm Service Connection	500 units	\$15,900.00

 <p>The amount of Water Consumption Charge - Forsyth</p>	
Forsyth	Charge per Annum
Per Kilolitre of Use	81.60 cents up to 500 kilolitres per half year
Per Kilolitre of Use	178.50 cents over 500 kilolitres pr half year

- (b) 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

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2646
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

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

Township of Georgetown

Type of Improvement	Charge
For each house / dwelling unit / improved property	The amount of the charge to be levied is <u>\$488.98 per annum</u> for a 240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of domestic refuse on a normal weekly collection day.
Commercial, Industrial or Community Facility	The amount of the charge to be levied is <u>\$488.98 per annum</u> for a 240 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of commercial refuse on a normal weekly collection day.
	Additional bins will be charged at <u>\$416.16 per annum</u>
Commercial, Industrial or Community Facility	The amount of the charge to be levied is <u>\$663.00 per annum</u> for a 900 litre mobile bin to be used for the removal of commercial refuse on a normal weekly collection day.
	Additional bins will be charged at <u>\$571.20 per annum</u>

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2647
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 130 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the differential general rates, water utility charges and cleansing utility charges made and levied shall be subject to a discount of 15% if paid within the discount period of 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice provided that:

- (a) all of the aforementioned rates and charges are paid within 30 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 30 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 30 days of the date of issue of the rate notice.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2648
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, compound interest on daily rates at the rate of 9.83% per annum is to be charged on all overdue rates or charges that remain unpaid after the appointed date for payment (ie the date on which the discount period closes) and includes assessments which are making payments of outstanding rates by instalment.

Thirty days following the close of discount, interest will be calculated on daily balances of amounts outstanding and charged at the end of the month on a compounding daily interest.

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2649
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (LGR) has been amended to change the way that the maximum interest rate on overdue rates and charges is calculated. The new method is based on the calculation used for the interest charged on unpaid State taxes under the *Taxation Administration Act 2001* (TAA) and the Taxation Administration Regulation 2012 (TAR) (i.e. the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) 'bank bill yield rate' plus a margin of 8 per cent).

For overdue rates and charges, the bank bill yield rate (3-month bank accepted bills monthly average) as at March of each year will be used to calculate the maximum rate of interest to apply for the following financial year.

The bank bill yield rate as at March 2019 published by the RBA was 1.83 per cent, so the maximum interest rate for the 2019–20 financial year will be 9.83 per cent.

Council in previous financial years charged the maximum permissible penalty interest rate under Section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 being eleven percent (11%) and will apply the full margin of eight percent (8%) in the 2019/20 financial year for overdue rates and charges to offset the internal administration costs for the recovery of rates and charges via its Debt Recovery Policy and also as a deterrent for ratepayers not paying within the discount period offered by Council under Section 130 of the Local Government.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

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:

(a) for the full year 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020 - in August/ September 2019;

(b) Pursuant to section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, be paid within 30 days of the date of the issue of the rate notice.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2650
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to section 104 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will issue a rates notice to the owner of the land on which a rate or charge has been applied and furthermore Rates notices shall include the date the notice was issued, the date by which time the rate must be paid and any discounts, rebates or concessions applied.***
- (b) Council will issue notices on a yearly basis during the periods 01 July to 30 June in the respective financial year.***
- (c) Council will responsibly ensure that the rates and charges applied are correct and are generally issued within the month of August/September to better take into account the financial cycle of the local economy.***

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2651
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, a rebate of the differential general rate, cleansing charge, water base access charge and waste management special charge of \$250.00 per annum above the state government pensioner remission be granted to all ratepayers who are pensioners and who are eligible for the State Government pensioner remission and subject to the following conditions:***
 - (i) Concessions are only available to approved pensioners who are in receipt of a pension from the Commonwealth Government.***
 - (ii) An approved pensioner is one who is and remains an eligible holder of a Queensland 'Pensioner Concession Card' issued by the Department of Social Security or the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or a Queensland 'Repatriation Health Card – For all or specific conditions' issued by the Department of Veterans' Affairs.***
 - (iii) The approved pensioner must be the owner / joint owner or life tenant of the property that is his/her principal place of residence. In the cases of co-ownership, the Council subsidy will apply to the full share of the gross rates and charges regardless if only one of the owners are entitled to an approved pension.***
 - (iv) The claimant must be a resident of the shire on the first day in July in the financial year in which the benefit is being claimed. Pensioners taking residence after that date will be eligible for a pro-rata concession based on the number of day's resident.***
 - (v) The concession is only available to claimant's who reside in a structure which has been approved by Council to be a habitable dwelling, and/or are in receipt of Council services.***
 - (vi) A pensioner's eligibility shall be confirmed through the Centrelink Customer Confirmation eService in all circumstances.***

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2652
5/0

RESOLUTION

That Council:

- (a) Pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council will approve the following rating concession to the following Associations as shown within the table below:

 Concessions to Community & Sporting Groups 2019 2020				
Club / Association	General Rate Concession 2019 2020	Water Access Charge	Water Consumption Charge	Cleansing Charge
Georgetown Golf Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
William Wallace Lodge - Georgetown	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forsayth Tennis Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forsayth All Sports Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forsayth Sporting Shooters Association	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Einisleigh Race Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Georgetown Turf Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Oak Park Race Club	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mt Surprise Campdraft	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Roman Catholic Diocese of Cairns	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
The Corporation of the Synod of the Carpentaria Diocese	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
QCWA	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
Roman Catholic Diocese of Cairns	100%	50%	N/A	N/A
The Corporation of the Synod of the Carpentaria Diocese	100%	50%	N/A	N/A

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2653
5/0

GMCCS9.

Adoption of the 2019/2020 Etheridge Shire Council Budget

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Budget Document for the 2019/2020 financial year has been prepared in accordance with the current legislation contained within the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Regulations 2012 and with the Budget priorities from the Councillors, Executive Management Team and the Corporate Plan Objectives (2018 – 2023).

Each year the budget process is the most important part of the Corporate Calendar.

Changes to legislation in 2009 and 2012 now require local governments to consider the longer term when managing their finances. Etheridge Shire Council has taken this responsibility seriously and has been working to ensure that while this is a legislative requirement it is also good governance and management practice to ensure that the Council remains financially viable and planning becomes part of the way that we regularly do business.

The 2018/2019 Budget reveals total revenue from ordinary activities amounting to \$32,946,669, total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$35,274,483 and capital funding operations amounting to \$19,425,879.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Acknowledges that the 2019/2020 Budget reveals total revenue from ordinary activities amounting to \$32,946,669, total expenses from ordinary activities (including depreciation) amounting to \$35,274,483 and capital funding operations amounting to \$19,425,879 and furthermore;

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

- i. The statements of financial position;***
- ii. The statements of cash flow;***
- iii. The statements of income and expenditure;***
- iv. The statements of changes in equity;***
- v. The long-term financial forecast;***
- vi. The revenue statement;***
- vii. The revenue policy (adopted by Council on 17th May 2019, Resolution No: 2019/GM2616);***
- 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,***
- x. Actuals 2018/19 v Budget 2018/19***

as tabled, be adopted.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2654
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Council is required to adopt an Annual Budget each year prior to the 31st July in accordance with S.170A of the Local Government Act 2009 and S. 169 & 170 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

GMCCS10.

Future of Policing (Georgetown)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council received correspondence from the Queensland Police Service (Northern Regional Office) in February 2018 seeking Councils cooperation in gifting back land to the Queensland Police Service to enable them land security for any future proposals by Queensland Police Service to expand their operations within Georgetown and the Etheridge Shire Region.

Council provided a response to the Queensland Police Service in March 2018.

Council has received additional correspondence from the Queensland Police Service seeking:

- (1) Confirmation that Council is still receptive of transferring a portion of the land;***
- (2) Whether Council has any interest in the vacant section of the QPS land; and***
- (3) What Council's requirements are to finalise this matter.***

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to advise the Queensland Police Service that Council is still in agreement to the following:

- 1) Council is still in agreement to sub-divide Lot 2 on CP899013 to provide an area for the Queensland Police Service to build their future infrastructure requirements.***
- 2) That Council is still open to Queensland Police Service to submit a concept plan of their proposal for further discussion.***
- 3) That Council advise Queensland Police Service of the requirements to proceed with the re-configuration of Lot 2 on CP899013***

- 4) *Council would like to advise Queensland Police Service that Council would like to acquire at no cost part of Lot 3 on CP899013 as part of the land swap for part of Lot 2 on CP899013 and furthermore the additional land will be used as a part of the SES training area.*

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2655
5/0

GMCCS11.

Get Ready Queensland Funding 2019-20

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Etheridge Shire Council has been awarded \$6,780 (excluding GST) from the Queensland Reconstruction Authority to administer the 2019-20 Get Ready Queensland program. This program calls for Council to direct the funds towards activities that enhance community resilience and community knowledge of the requirements of disaster preparedness.

Council is required to submit the Plan of Activities for the funds by 5 July 2019. This report provides Council with options for the 2019-20 program funds to be administered in Etheridge.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore resolves to utilise the Get Ready Queensland Funding to;

- *Install hard standing community information sign(s) to display road closures and warnings.*

MOVED: Cr Bethel

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2656
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

- The resolved activities comply with the GRQ Funding Guidelines.

GMCCS12.

Draft North West Queensland Economic Strategy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Draft North West Queensland Economic Diversification Strategy presents a collaborative plan of action across four key sectors – resources, agriculture, tourism, and business and industry. The 2019 floods impacted critical transport infrastructure and regional productivity.

The Queensland Government through the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP) has released the "Draft" Strategy and is now inviting key stakeholders, communities, individuals to provide feedback to this Economic Diversification Strategy.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore that Council resolve to

- (a) *Provide the Department with Councils feedback under the Headings of "Agriculture & Tourism" and furthermore advise the Department regarding the partnership with the Gulf Shires pertaining to an "integrated tourism strategy".*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2657
5/0

GMCCS13.

Request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2018 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has been advised by the Office of Industrial Relations, that Council needs to submit its request for the appointment of a Special Holiday for 2020 under Section 4 of the Holidays Act prior to the 19th July 2019

Holidays appointed in respect of an annual agricultural, horticultural or industrial show are public holidays and those appointed for an event which has significance to a particular district are bank holidays.

Upon receiving Ministerial approval, the holidays will be published in the Queensland Government Gazette.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to advise the Office of Industrial Relations, that Etheridge Shire will apply for a Special Holiday pursuant to Section 4 of the Holidays Act 1983 for one of the following events;

- 1. Etheridge Show / Forsayth Turnout – Friday 7th August 2020*

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2658
5/0

GMCCS14.

Premier's Outback Events Program

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the Year of Outback Tourism, the Queensland Government has launched the \$3 million Year of Outback Tourism Events Program. In 2019 and 2020, grants will be available for new events or to extend existing events, which contribute to enhancing the profile of Outback Queensland and attract new or increase the number of visitors.

Event and festival promoters, local governments, community organisations and local businesses are invited to apply and help grow tourism in their local communities. Round two is now open. Applications for round two are being accepted until 5pm Monday 15 July 2019.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore resolves to lodge an application to the Premier's Outback Events Program requesting \$100,000 to host an event aimed at attracting patrons from outside the Etheridge Shire in 2020 at the Charleston Dam.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2659
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

- Council has been wanting to run an event or festival aimed at capturing tourists and boosting the local economy for several years and this funding would create a springboard from which to launch from, enabling for the delivery of a quality event.

GMCCS15.

Arts Connect Partnerships

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Arts Nexus has submitted a proposal to the Regional Arts Services Network, to deliver Arts Connect to the Etheridge, Cairns, Port Douglas, Atherton Tablelands and Mareeba communities.

Arts Connect is an annual program of forums and laboratories for and with the arts, cultural and creative sector across Far North Queensland (FNQ). The forums are to be action orientated, delivering new partnerships and collaborations, increased arts business capacity and increased employment opportunities through the region's cultural and creative initiatives.

Etheridge Shire Council is invited to partner with Arts Nexus by providing monetary and in-kind funding support for the services offered to the Etheridge Region.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and endorses the partnership between Arts Nexus and Etheridge Shire Council to establish the Arts Connect project for the Etheridge Shire program and will provide in-kind contribution, subject to RASN support of the project and furthermore that Council will provide financial assistance for travel and accommodation if required.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2660
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The concept of Arts Hubs, establishing a shared space for creatives to gather in pop-up venues across the region and supporting the capacity building and business development of Creatives and their communities, aligns consistently with Council's 2018-23 Corporate Plan Objective 4.3.3 which is "to encourage the establishment of strong networks across the region where people can interact socially and safely through sport, recreation, cultural life and the arts."

In addition, this project addresses an identified gap of services within the Etheridge community.

GMCCS16.

Local government entities: 2017–18 results of financial audits

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Queensland Audit Office (QAO) has released the financial audit results of the 77 Queensland local governments (councils) for the financial year ending 30 June 2018 to Parliament. The report also summarises the financial audit results of the 83 entities they control that produced financial statements.

Councils vary widely in their size and location and in the broad range of community services they provide. To enable like-for-like comparisons, the QAO use the six segments identified by the Local Government Association of Queensland: Coastal, Indigenous, Resources, Rural/Regional, Rural/Remote, and South East Queensland (SEQ) councils.

Etheridge Shire Council has been identified as a "Resources" Council.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Note and receive the officer's report and furthermore acknowledge the recommendations made by the Queensland Audit Office

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2661
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Council needs to be aware and mindful of any recommendations made by the Queensland Audit Office, as the majority of these recommendations issued by the Queensland Audit Office eventually influence amendments to Legislation which then leads to additional governance requirements for Council which may have a financial impact in delivering and complying with these changes.

GMCCS17.

2019 Northern Alliance of Councils Conference

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Northern Alliance of Councils Annual Conference is being held in the Whitsundays (Bowen) on the 14th – 16th August 2019.

The Northern Alliance of Councils consists of 27 member Councils north of the Tropic of Capricorn and convenes a two day Conference each year

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officers report and furthermore that Council resolve to approve attendance to this conference for Cr's Devlin, Loudon and the Chief Executive Officer.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2662
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Ensure councillors are provided with relevant learning and personal development opportunities to achieve stated strategic priorities and corporate objectives.

GMCCS18.

Financial Performance (Actual v Budget) for the period 1 July 2018 to

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is a statutory requirement under Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government at least monthly.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to adopt the monthly Financial Report which incorporates the monthly statutory financial statements (Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position & Statement of Cashflows) pursuant to and in accordance with Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the period ending 31 May 2019.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2663
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

Section 204 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 states that the Chief Executive Officer must present a Financial Report of its accounts to the Local Government and furthermore that the financial statements must be presented if the local government holds its ordinary meetings monthly or less frequently to each meeting and the Financial Report presented to a meeting must be for the period of the financial year up to a day as near as practicable to the end of the previous month.

GMCCS19.

2019 LGAQ Annual Conference Motions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The LGAQ Annual Conference is being held at the Cairns Convention Centre, 14-16 October 2019.

Following last year's introduction of the online motions system, all motions will need to be lodged electronically via LG Online. Submission will be open from Monday, 17 June 2019 until the deadline Monday, 5 August 2019 to enable finalisation of the preliminary agenda prior to the conference

A council meeting must endorse the motion prior to submitting to the LGAQ.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Notes and receives the officer's report and furthermore that Council request that this matter be tabled at the next General Meeting to enable Council to compile a list of subjects that it would like to see considered by the Local Governments at the annual LGAQ Conference for action by the Association.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2664
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

The LGAQ is Council's peak advocacy body across Local Governments in Queensland, and this is an opportunity to raise issues on behalf of our community and region to enable LGAQ to progress these matters on behalf of Council at either a State or Federal arena.

GMCCS20.

Locality of Kidston

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Attwood declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS20 as his wife is the author of this report. Cr Attwood determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

(a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and

(b) If so, whether: -

i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or

ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Attwood does not have a real or a perceived conflict of interest in Item GMCCS20 and furthermore that Cr Attwood may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2665
4/0

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council's Rates Officer received a report from the Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy identifying streets located in Kidston as being in Einasleigh. Further investigation has revealed that Kidston is not registered as a Locality, however, Council can submit a formal request to DNRME, to create Kidston as a Locality.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Accepts the Officers report and requests that a formal submission be sent to the Department of Natural Resources Mines and Energy to alter the location boundaries to include Kidston.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2666
5/0

REASONS FOR DECISION

This is to address confusion with rating and the provision of services.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Adjourn for lunch at 12:35 am

RESUMPTION

Council resume the meeting at 1:05 am

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders at 1:05 to move into General Business Matters

GENERAL BUSINESS

Cr Gallagher

- Asked if there was any money available in the Council budget to purchase a specialised chair for the Georgetown Hospital, specifically used for blood testing or whether they could apply for community infrastructure grants.
- Requested more information on the re-alignment of the land that adjoined the Motel land on the Gulf Development Road.

Cr Bethel

- Requested an update on the Pest Management Plan and whether a secondary meeting should be held regarding this matter.

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- Proposed that the Hostel Reunion be held on the 2nd of November 2019 to ensure maximum numbers at the event.

Cr Loudon

- Requested more information from the Chief Executive Officer on the works on the Oak Park Road following the declared monsoon weather event in February 2019.

Mayor Devlin

- Discussed details of the recent FNQROC Board Meeting held in Cooktown on the 17th of June.

Cr Attwood

- Stated that the Ewamian people had requested that a section of the Charleston Dam Recreation area be set aside for them to conduct cultural activities and functions.
- Requested that the Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation be invited to make a deputation regarding the matter at the next Council General Meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE – AGED & DISABILITY ACCOMODATION

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to establish an advisory committee in accordance with Section 264 (1)(b) of the Local Government Regulation 2012 for the purpose of Aged & Disability Accommodation and furthermore that Cr Attwood be appointed as the Chair of the advisory committee and Cr Loudon and Cr Gallagher be nominated as Council's representatives on this advisory committee and furthermore that the Chief Executive Officer write a letter to the Gulf Cattlemen's Association informing them of the establishment of this advisory committee.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2667
5/0

DELLS HOLE ROAD (TURN OFF)

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Request the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report on the Dells Hole access road turn off.

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2668
5/0

GILBERT RIVER DETAILED BUSINESS CASE

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Gallagher declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item titled “Gilbert River Detailed Business Case” as he has family that live on the Gilbert River. Cr Gallagher determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

(a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and

(b) If so, whether: -

i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or

ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Gallagher has a perceived conflict of interest in Item titled “Gilbert River Detailed Business Case” and furthermore that Cr Gallagher may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including voting on the matter

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Attwood

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2669

4/0

MATERIAL PERSONAL INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared that he has a material personal interest (as defined by Local Government Act 2009, section 175B) in Item titled “Gilbert River Detailed Business Case” as he owns land on the Gilbert River, as he stands to gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of Council's consideration of this matter

He dealt with this declared material personal interest by leaving the meeting at 1:30 pm while this matter was discussed and voted on. Cr Bethel returned to the meeting after voting at 1:40pm

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve to endorse the information that was presented to Council by Jacob's at the workshop conducted on Tuesday 18th June 2019 in relation to the development of the Detailed Business Case for the Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct and furthermore that Council endorse the upstream dam site as its preferred option and furthermore that Council advise Jacob's in writing of Councils endorsement to enable Jacob's to progress this element within the Detailed Business Case for the Gilbert River Agricultural Precinct.

MOVED: Cr Devlin

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED

RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2670

4/0

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 1.30pm

Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 1.40pm

ATTENDANCE

*Mr Tony Potter, Strategic & Planning Engineer, entered the meeting at 1:44 pm
Mr Tony Potter, Strategic & Planning Engineer, left the meeting at 1:53 pm*

ATTENDANCE

*Mr Graham Steele left the meeting at 2:00 pm
Mr Ian Carroll left the meeting at 2:00 pm*

GMCCS24.

Stocktake June 2019 – Late Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In accordance with the recommendations of Council's Auditors, quarterly stocktakes have been completed.

RESOLUTION

That Council:

Resolve to approve the write-off of \$11,445.30 and a write on of \$9,293.26 of Stores inventory resulting from the June Stocktake with a net balance of \$2,152.04.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2671
5/0

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

MOTION:

That Council suspends standing orders 2:20 am

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2672
5/0

Tender ESC2019-001 – Preferred Suppliers for Wet & Dry Hire of Plant & Equipment

IDENTIFICATION OF POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST OR MATERIAL PERSONAL INTERESTS RELATED TO THIS ITEM:

Declarations:

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Cr Bethel declared that he may have a conflict of interest (as defined the Local Government Act 2009, section 175D) in Item GMCCS21 as his parents have placed a Tender Submission for the Preferred Suppliers for Wet and Dry Hire of Plant and Equipment.. Cr Bethel determined that this personal interest is not of sufficient significance that it will lead him to making a decision on the matter that is contrary to the public interest and advised that he will best perform his responsibility of serving the overall public interest of the whole of the Council's area by participating in the discussion and voting on this matter. However, he acknowledged that the remaining councillors must now determine, pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009: -

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- (a) Whether he has a real conflict of interest in this matter or a perceived conflict of interest in this matter; and
(b) If so, whether: -
i. he must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed or voted on; or
ii. he may participate in the meeting in relation to the matter, including by voting on the matter:

RESOLUTION:

That Council:

Resolve pursuant to section 175E(4) of the Local Government Act 2009, that Cr Bethel has a real conflict of interest in item GMCCS21 and furthermore that Cr Bethel must leave the meeting while this matter is discussed and voted on.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2673
4/0

CLOSURE OF MEETING

RESOLUTION:

That in accordance with Section 275(1) (e) and (h) of the Local Government Regulation 2012, the meeting be closed to the public to discuss the following matters;

- *Tender ESC2019-001 – Preferred Suppliers for Wet & Dry Hire of Plant & Equipment*
- *Charleston Dam Recreational Precinct – Draft Design Drawings & Specifications*
- *Cadetship with Etheridge Shire Council*

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2674
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Assistant, left the room at 2:21 pm

ATTENDANCE

Cr Bethel left the meeting at 2.30pm

Cr Bethel returned to the meeting at 3.15pm

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

RESOLUTION:

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 3:55pm

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2675
5/0

ATTENDANCE

Miss Sydney Ryan, Administration Assistant, returned to the meeting at 3.55pm

CONSIDERATION OF CLOSED REPORTS

GMCCS21.

Tender ESC2019-001 – Preferred Suppliers for Wet & Dry Hire of Plant & Equipment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council issued Tender ESC2019-001 for the Preferred Suppliers for Wet & Dry Hire of Plant & Equipment on the 16th March 2019 with a closing date being 12th April 2019.

Council received 41 Tender responses for Tender ESC2019-001.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Resolve to endorse the 2019/20 Wet & Dry Hire of Plant & Equipment Preferred Supplier List subject to minor amendments.

MOVED: Cr Attwood

SECONDED: Cr Gallagher

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2676
4/0

Cr Bethel declared a Conflict on Interest in this item and did not take part in the vote.

GMCCS22.

Charleston Dam Recreational Precinct – Draft Design Drawings & Specifications

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As part of the overall Charleston Dam Water Upgrade project, the development of a recreational precinct forms part of the overall Business Plan.

These reports provides Council with a detailed design & construct drawings to enable Council to place the development of the Recreational Precinct to the market to seek quotes via a competitive Tender process.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council resolve to endorse the design documents and furthermore place the project out to the market via Expression of Interest in accordance with S.228 of the Local Government Regulation 2012

MOVED: Cr Loudon

SECONDED: Cr Bethel

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2677
5/0

GMCCS23.

Cadetship with Etheridge Shire Council

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

People are the key to the Etheridge Shire Council's future. The survival, growth and success of Etheridge Shire Council are directly linked to the quality of the staff as individuals and as collaborative colleagues. If we are to maintain our place amongst the best Shires & Regional Councils, we will need to attract, develop and retain a skilled workforce – both professional and skilled trade's people. To do this Council may need to think outside the square and implement long term strategies such as Scholarships, Cadetships, Traineeships and Apprenticeships.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

Resolve to note and receive the officer's report and furthermore that Council commit to the concept to provide Cadetships for Engineering, & Accounting and furthermore that Council requests further information from the Chief Executive Officer in relation to the formal cadetship arrangement and agreement.

MOVED: Cr Gallagher

SECONDED: Cr Loudon

CARRIED
RESOLUTION NO.2019/GM2678
5/0

CONCLUSION

There being no further business the Mayor declared the Meeting closed at 4:10pm.

These minutes will be confirmed by Council at the General Meeting held on the Wednesday 17 July 2019.



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MAYOR

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