



Special Meeting of Council

MINUTES

Tuesday 28 July 2026

Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom
50 Brolga Street, Quilpie



**MINUTES OF QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE QUILPIE SHIRE COUNCIL BOARDROOM, 50 BROLGA STREET, QUILPIE
ON TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2026 AT 8:30 AM**

1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Mayor declared the meeting open at 8:34 AM

2 ATTENDANCE

Mayor Ben Hall, Deputy Mayor Roger Volz, Cr Lyn Barnes, Cr Tony Lander, Cr Milan Milosevic

In Attendance: Mr Justin Hancock (Chief Executive Officer), Ms Lisa Hamlyn (Director Community and Business Development), Mr Eng Lim (Director Infrastructure Services), Ms Sharon Frank (Director Corporate Services) (via Teams), Ms Mwewa Chisenga (Deputy Director Corporate Services), Mr Brian Weeks (Deputy Director Infrastructure Services), and Callie Dabovich (Secretariat).

3 APOLOGIES

Nil

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Chapter 5B of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) requires councillors to declare any material personal interest (MPI) or conflict of interest (COI). Councillors must submit the Declaration in writing to the Chief Executive Officer before the Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Nil

5 CORPORATE SERVICES

5.1 CORPORATE PLAN 2026-2031

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present a new Corporate Plan 2026- 2031.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC159-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That Council:

- a) adopt the one-page Corporate Plan 2026 – 2031 and include the Quilpie Shire logo; and
- b) receive and publish the Corporate Planning Process Document 2026 - 2031 for additional background and history.

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5.2 OPERATIONAL PLAN 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Pursuant to section 174 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council must prepare and adopt an operational plan for each financial year. Council must also discharge its responsibilities in a way that is consistent with the annual operational plan.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC160-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council adopt the Operational Plan 2026/27.

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5.3 ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to adopt the 2026/27 Budget (including the Revenue Statement).

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC161-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

1. That Council:

- a) Pursuant to section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, section 170 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, and as prepared in accordance with section 169 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to adopt the Budget for the 2026/27 financial year and Long-Term Financial Forecasts 2027-2036 as set out in the pages contained therein and incorporating:
 - The Statement of Income and Expenditure;
 - The Statement of Financial Position;
 - The Statement of Cash Flow;
 - The Statement of Changes in Equity;
 - The Long-Term Financial Forecast;
 - The relevant measures of Financial Sustainability for 2026/27 and the next 9 financial years;
 - The Revenue Statement;
 - The Revenue Policy (Adopted by Council on 18 March 2026 – Resolution No. QSC086-03-26); and
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- 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 budget for the previous financial year;

as tabled, be adopted; and

- b) Pursuant to section 173(1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves that all money spent in the 2026/27 financial year prior to the adoption of the budget has been included in the budget.

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5.4 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATING CATEGORIES AND DESCRIPTIONS 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to adopt categories of rateable land for the levying of differential general rates for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC162-07-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That Council:

- a) Pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categories into 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 below; and
- b) 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 belongs.

Differential Rating Categories:

CATEGORY	CATEGORY NAME	CATEGORY DESCRIPTION
1	TOWN OF QUILPIE - RESIDENTIAL <1HA	LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF QUILPIE, WHICH IS: (A) LESS THAN 1 HECTARE IN SIZE; (B) PRIMARILY USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; (C) SERVICED, OR CAN BE SERVICED, WITH URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE; AND (D) NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY.

2	TOWN OF QUILPIE - RESIDENTIAL 1 TO 10HA	LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF QUILPIE, WHICH IS: (A) 1 HECTARE OR MORE, BUT LESS THAN 10 HECTARES, IN SIZE; (B) PRIMARILY USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; (C) SERVICED, OR CAN BE SERVICED, WITH URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE; AND (D) NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY.
3	COMMERCIAL	LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIPS OF QUILPIE, EROMANGA, ADAVALE OR TOOMPINE, WHICH IS: (A) USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND WHETHER PREDOMINANTLY OR NOT, FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES; AND (B) SERVICED, OR CAN BE SERVICED, WITH URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE.
4	INDUSTRIAL	LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIPS OF QUILPIE, EROMANGA, ADAVALE OR TOOMPINE, WHICH IS: (A) USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, AND WHETHER PREDOMINANTLY OR NOT, FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES; AND (B) SERVICED, OR CAN BE SERVICED, WITH URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE.
5	TOWNSHIP OF EROMANGA - RESIDENTIAL	LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF EROMANGA, WHICH IS: (A) PRIMARILY USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; (B) SERVICED, OR CAN BE SERVICED, WITH URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE; AND (C) NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY.
6	OTHER RURAL TOWNS - RESIDENTIAL	LAND WITHIN THE TOWNSHIPS OF ADAVALE, TOOMPINE OR CHEEPIE, WHICH IS: (A) PRIMARILY USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; (B) SERVICED, OR CAN BE SERVICED, WITH URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE; AND (C) NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY.
7	OPAL MINES	LAND HELD UNDER THE <i>MINERAL RESOURCES ACT 1989</i> USED EITHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXTRACTING OPALS OR FOR THE PURPOSES OF EXTRACTING OTHER PRECIOUS METALS AND / OR GEMSTONES ON A NON-INDUSTRIAL SCALE.
8	OTHER	LAND NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY.
9	RURAL - PUMPS AND BORE SITES	LAND PRIMARILY USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF OPERATING PUMPS OR BORE SITES.
10	RURAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND - 10 TO 100HA	LAND, 10HA OR MORE, BUT LESS THAN 100HA IN SIZE, USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR RESIDENTIAL,

		GRAZING, AGRICULTURE AND NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY.
11	RURAL - GRAZING AND AGRICULTURE ≥100HA	LAND, 100HA OR GREATER IN SIZE, USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR RURAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING GRAZING AND AGRICULTURE AND NOT INCLUDED IN ANY OTHER CATEGORY.
12	RURAL - CARBON CREDITS	RURAL LAND, USED, OR CAPABLE OF BEING USED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, FOR RURAL PURPOSES, INCLUDING GRAZING AND AGRICULTURE THAT HAS BEEN ISSUED WITH CARBON CREDIT UNITS.
13	TRANSFORMER SITES	LAND PRIMARILY USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRANSFORMER OR COMMUNICATION FACILITY.
14	MINING AND OIL	ALL LAND HELD UNDER THE <i>MINERAL RESOURCES ACT 1989</i> , THE <i>PETROLEUM ACT 1923</i> OR THE <i>PETROLEUM AND GAS (PRODUCTION AND SAFETY) ACT 2004</i> , INCLUDING A PETROLEUM LEASE OR A MINING LEASE, OTHER THAN LAND INCLUDED IN CATEGORY 7.
15	OIL DISTILLATION / REFINING	LAND PRIMARILY USED FOR, OR USED IN ASSOCIATION OR CONNECTION WITH THE: - DISTILLATION OF CRUDE OIL OR NATURAL GAS; OR - STORAGE OR TRANSPORT OF CRUDE OIL OR NATURAL GAS.

In the table of differential rating categories, the following definitions apply:

- **Mining Lease** - A mining lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989*.
- **Petroleum Lease** - A petroleum lease under the *Petroleum Act 1923* or *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*.

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5.5 DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to decide the differential general rate and minimum general rates for each differential general rate category, for the financial year ending 30 June 2027.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC163-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes
Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

1. That Council:

- a) 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 be as set out in the table below:

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	MINIMUM	GENERAL RATE (CENTS IN THE DOLLAR)
1	TOWN OF QUILPIE - RESIDENTIAL <1HA	\$498.48	2.0581
2	TOWN OF QUILPIE - RESIDENTIAL 1 TO 10HA	\$498.48	1.3945
3	COMMERCIAL	\$600.78	2.4264
4	INDUSTRIAL	\$600.48	2.1934
5	TOWN OF EROMANGA - RESIDENTIAL	\$498.48	2.8644
6	OTHER RURAL TOWNS - RESIDENTIAL	\$451.98	8.1459
7	OPAL MINES	\$442.00	21.8239
8	OTHER	\$724.00	55.0652
9	RURAL - PUMPS AND BORE SITES	\$376.00	2.6857
10	RURAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND - 10 TO 100HA	\$498.48	1.5909
11	RURAL - GRAZING AND AGRICULTURE ≥100HA	\$646.00	0.5016
12	RURAL - CARBON CREDITS	\$1,292.00	0.4588
13	TRANSFORMER SITES	\$4,000.00	10.8150
14	MINING AND OIL	\$54,829.76	188.7582
15	OIL DISTILLATION / REFINING	\$38,703.03	62.2696

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5.6 SETTING THE LIMIT OF INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL RATES 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to set the limit of the increase in the amount of differential general rates to be levied for the 2026/27 financial year, on each rating category.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC164-07-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. That Council:

- a) pursuant to section 116 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the amount of the differential general rate to be levied for the 2026/27 financial year on the categories of land identified in 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 the table below.

CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	LIMITATION (CAP)
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1	TOWN OF QUILPIE – RESIDENTIAL <1HA	DOES NOT APPLY
2	TOWN OF QUILPIE – RESIDENTIAL 1 TO 10HA	DOES NOT APPLY
3	COMMERCIAL	DOES NOT APPLY
4	INDUSTRIAL	DOES NOT APPLY
5	TOWN OF EROMANGA - RESIDENTIAL	DOES NOT APPLY
6	OTHER RURAL TOWNS - RESIDENTIAL	DOES NOT APPLY
7	OPAL MINES	DOES NOT APPLY
8	OTHER	DOES NOT APPLY
9	RURAL - PUMPS AND BORE SITES	DOES NOT APPLY
10	RURAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND 10 TO 100HA	60%
11	RURAL – GRAZING AND AGRICULTURE ≥100HA	DOES NOT APPLY
12	RURAL – CARBON CREDITS	DOES NOT APPLY
13	TRANSFORMER SITES	DOES NOT APPLY
14	MINING AND OIL	DOES NOT APPLY
15	OIL DISTILLATION / REFINING	DOES NOT APPLY

For the avoidance of doubt, the limitation of increase in the differential general rate will not apply to land where:

- a) there has been a change in the differential general rating category during the 2026/27 financial year;
- b) the differential general rating category of the land in 2025/26 financial year, changes in the 2026/27 financial year;
- c) the rateable assessment is levied the minimum differential general rate for the 2026/27 financial year;
- d) there has been a change in the area of the lot/s comprising the rateable assessment during the current or previous financial year (including, for example, by way of amalgamation or separation of rateable assessments);
- e) the general rate was calculated on a valuation to which section 50 of the *Land Valuation Act 2010* applied (i.e. developers' concession);
- f) the general rate was calculated on a valuation issued pursuant to section 274 of the *Land Valuation Act 2010* (i.e. offset valuation); or
- g) there has been a change in the valuation of the rateable assessment, (other than the revaluation of the whole of the region) during the current or previous financial year.

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5.7 WATER UTILITY CHARGES 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to make and levy Water Utility Charges for 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC165-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council:

- a) Pursuant to section 92 and 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, as set out in the table below:

Utility Charge	Charge per Unit
Water	\$25.20

- b) Pursuant to section 101(1)(a) and section 101(2) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council levies water charges wholly according to the water used by each ratepayer. Council has estimated each ratepayer's likely water usage by determining the average amount of water used for each different land use in accordance with the following unit schedule:

Description (Land Use Category)	Water Charging Units
Vacant land – infrastructure	15
Occupied residential land (includes one pedestal)	30
▪ For each extra pedestal	5
Occupied residential land – Cheepie	40
Flat, unit, aged persons home (each unit)	20
Motel (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Hotel, hotel/motel, club (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Fire Brigade/SES	150
Church and residence (includes one pedestal/cistern)	30
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Other businesses (includes one pedestal/cistern)	25
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Other businesses with attached dwelling	30

School (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
CWA, cultural society, non-profit	20
Convent, church and residence (includes one pedestal/cistern)	30
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Trucking yards	100
Swimming pool	200
John Waugh Park	600
Bulloo Park	600
Shire Office, Depot and Council owned Facilities – including library, public toilets, sport or recreation grounds, halls and museums (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Median strips	600
Washdown Bay – Quilpie	300
Industrial land	30
Rural and Residential land with no sewerage or waste management service and outside the service area	30
Bowling Green	100
Caravan Park (includes one pedestal/cistern)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Refinery (includes one pedestal/cistern)	450
Washdown – Eromanga	120
Visitor Accommodation (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Hospital - (including Multi-Purpose Health Services, GP Medical Practice, nurse accommodation units, Director of Nursing house)	240
Motel and Caravan Park (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Commercial Stock Yards, Railway Station Yards, Stock Yards	200
Rural - Grazing and Agriculture ≥100Ha	200

And

- c) The relevant details of the water utility charges to be made and levied are set out in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026/27.

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5.8 SEWERAGE UTILITY CHARGES 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to make and levy Sewerage Utility Charges for 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC166-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That Council:

- a) Pursuant to section 92 and 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, Council make and levy sewerage utility charges for the supply of sewerage services, as set out in the tables below:

UTILITY CHARGE	CHARGE PER UNIT
SEWERAGE	\$20.94

- b) The sewerage charge per unit will be in accordance with the following unit schedule:

Description (Land Use Category)	Sewerage Charging Units
Vacant land – infrastructure	15
Occupied residential land (includes one pedestal)	30
▪ For each extra pedestal	5
Occupied residential land – Cheepie	-
Flat, unit, aged persons home (each unit)	20
Motel (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Hotel, hotel/motel, club (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Fire Brigade/SES	15
Church and residence (includes one pedestal/cistern)	30
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Other businesses (includes one pedestal/cistern)	25
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Other businesses with attached dwelling	30
School (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
CWA, cultural society, non-profit	20
Convent, church and residence (includes one pedestal/cistern)	30
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Trucking yards	-

Swimming pool	200
John Waugh Park	300
Bulloo Park	300
Shire Office, Depot and Council owned Facilities – including library, public toilets, sport or recreation grounds, halls and museums (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Median strips	-
Washdown Bay – Quilpie	-
Industrial land	-
Rural and Residential land with no sewerage or waste management service and outside the service area	-
Bowling Green	-
Caravan Park	300
Refinery (includes one pedestal/cistern)	30
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	5
Washdown – Eromanga	-
Visitor Accommodation (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	-
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	-
Hospital - (including Multi-Purpose Health Services, GP Medical Practice, nurse accommodation units, Director of Nursing house)	240
Motel and Caravan Park (includes two pedestals/cisterns)	20
▪ For each extra pedestal/cistern	10
Commercial Stock Yards, Railway Station Yards, Stock Yards	-
Rural - Grazing and Agriculture ≥100Ha	-

And

- c) The relevant details of the sewerage utility charges to be made and levied are set out in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026/27.

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5.9 REFUSE REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICE CHARGES FOR 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to make and levy the Refuse Removal and Disposal Service Charges for 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC167-07-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

1. 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 Refuse Removal and Disposal Service Charges for the 2026/27 financial year, as set out in the table below:

		FIRST BIN CHARGE	ADDITIONAL BIN CHARGE (PER BIN)
NUMBER OF COLLECTIONS (DAYS PER WEEK)	1	\$740	\$380
	2	\$1,120	\$760
	3	\$1,500	\$1140

The Refuse Removal and Disposal Service Charge shall be levied on:

- i. Each rateable assessment comprising a house, unit or other residential dwelling, designed for separate residential occupation and whether occupied or not;
 - ii. Each rateable assessment comprising a commercial or industrial use receiving, or capable of receiving, Council's kerbside waste collection service;
 - iii. Any other rateable assessment receiving Council's kerbside waste collection service; and
 - iv. All other properties receiving a Council kerbside waste collection service where the owner or occupier has requested that service.
- b) note that the application of the refuse removal and disposal service charges will be in accordance with the further detail provided in Council's adopted Revenue Statement 2026/27.

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5.10 WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a utility charge to be known as the "Waste Management Levy" for 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC168-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That Council:

- a) pursuant to section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy a utility charge for the 2026/27 financial year, to be known as the "Waste Management Levy", in the sum of **\$351.00** per rateable assessment on all rateable land in the Shire that is not charged a Refuse Removal and Disposal Service Charge.

5/0**5.11 INTEREST ON ALL OVERDUE RATES AND CHARGES FOR 2026/27****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to set the level of interest on overdue rates and charges for the financial period ending 30 June 2027.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC169-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

1. That Council:

- a) pursuant to section 133 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), set the level of interest on overdue rates and charges as compound interest on daily rests at the rate of 12.00% per annum; and
- b) determine that rates or charges are overdue for the charging of interest from the day rates and charges become overdue.

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5.12 LEVY AND PAYMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES 2026/27**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Sections 107 and 118 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires Council to determine:

- 1. The issue of and period covered by a rate notice; and
- 2. The date by which rates or charges must be paid.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC170-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

1. That Council:

- a) pursuant to section 107 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld) and section 114 of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990 (Qld), levy Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy:
 - i. for the half year 1 July 2026 to 31 December 2026, in August/September 2026; and
 - ii. for the half year 1 January 2027 to 30 June 2027, in February/March 2027; and
- b) pursuant to section 118 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld), identify the date that Council's rates and charges, and the State Government's Emergency Management, Fire and Rescue Levy, must be paid as within thirty-one days from the date of issue of the rates notice.

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5.13 TOTAL VALUE OF CHANGE IN RATES AND UTILITY CHARGES**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its budget meeting each year, Council is required to report the total value of the change in Rates and Utility Charges, expressed as a percentage, pursuant to sections 169(7) and 169(8) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC171-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

1. That Council:

- a) pursuant to sections 169(7) and 169(8) of Local Government Regulation 2012, the total value of the change, in the rates and utility charges budgeted to be levied for the 2026/27 financial year compared with the rates and utility charges levied in the previous budget (2025/26 financial year) expressed as a percentage is 13.17%.

For the purpose of this calculation any discounts and rebates are excluded.

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5.14 STATE GOVERNMENT BARRIER FENCE SPECIAL RATE**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a State Government Barrier Fence Special Rate for 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC172-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

1. That Council:

- a) 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 rate to be known as the 'State Government Barrier Fence Special Rate' on all rateable rural land outlined in the table below. The special rate will fund the cost of the State Government precept for the wild dog Barrier Fence maintenance.

The special rate to be made and levied for each differential rate category, and the minimum amount of the special rate to be fixed, is as follows:

Category	Description	Minimum	State Government Barrier Fence Special Rate
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			(cents in the dollar)
11	Rural - Grazing and Agriculture ≥100Ha	\$115.00	0.0364
12	Rural - Carbon Credits	\$115.00	0.0364

The Overall Plan for the State Government Barrier Fence Special Rate is as follows:

1. Service, facility or activity to which the Overall Plan applies

The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the cost of the State Government precept for the wild dog Barrier Fence maintenance.

2. Rateable land to which the special rate applies

The rateable land to which the special rate applies is all rateable land categorised as:

- Category 11 - Rural - Grazing and Agriculture ≥100Ha; and
- Category 12 - Rural Land - Carbon Credits

3. Estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan

The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$141,486. The State Government Barrier Fence Special Rate will levy an estimated \$141,389 towards the total estimated cost of carrying out the activity.

4. Estimated time for carrying out the overall plan

The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is 1 year ending on 30 June 2027.

The rateable land or its occupier specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special rate because it will provide management of wild dogs, so as to improve the agricultural activities on the land which will increase productivity for landholders.

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5.15 WILD DOG CONTROL SPECIAL RATE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a Wild Dog Control Special Rate for 2026/27

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC173-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That 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 rate to be known as the 'Wild Dog Control Special Rate' on all rateable rural land outlined in the table below. The special rate will fund the cost of one coordinated wild dog baiting program across the Quilpie shire.

The special rate to be made and levied for each differential rate category, and the minimum amount of the special rate to be fixed, is as follows:

Category	Description	Minimum	Rate (cents in the dollar)
11	Rural – Grazing and Agriculture ≥100Ha	\$200.00	0.0624
12	Rural Land - Carbon Credits	\$200.00	0.0624

The Overall Plan for the Wild Dog Control Special Rate is as follows:

- a) The service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is the cost of one coordinated wild dog baiting program across the Quilpie shire, including bait meat, areophane hire, staff and Avgas.
- b) The rateable land to which the special rate applies is all rateable land categorised as:
 - Category 11 - Rural – Grazing and Agriculture ≥100Ha; and
 - Category 12 - Rural Land - Carbon Credits
- c) The estimated cost of carrying out the activity the subject of the overall plan is \$242,652. The Wild Dog Control Special Rate will levy an estimated \$242,405 towards the total estimated cost of carrying out the activity.
- d) The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan is one (1) year ending on 30 June 2027.

The rateable land or its occupier specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special rate because it will provide management of wild dogs, so as to improve the agricultural activities on the land which will increase productivity for landholders.

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5.16 KEEROONGOOLoo ROAD SEALING - SPECIAL CHARGE

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to make and levy a Keeroongooloo Road Sealing Special Charge for 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC174-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That pursuant to section 94 of each of the *Local Government Act 2009* and the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council resolves to levy a special charge, to be known as the *Keeroongooloo Road Sealing Special Charge*, in accordance with the overall plan contained shown below, to recover the cost Council incurs in having the surface of Keeroongooloo Road, Eromanga sealed in accordance with an agreement (the *upgrade agreement*) made with the lessee of the rateable land that will especially benefit from that project.

Overall Plan

The overall plan for the activity the subject of the special charge is as follows:

- (1) The rateable land to which the plan applies is lot 434 on survey plan 271043 (the *benefited land*), which Georgina Pastoral Company Pty Ltd occupies as lessee from the State of Queensland.
- (2) The activity for which the plan is made is:
 - (a) procuring upgrade of the surface of Keeroongooloo Road:
 - (i) for its full length (from Tenham Road to the rateable land boundary);

- (ii) via the application of a two-coat, 14/10-aggregate bitumen seal to a width of 4 metres (to follow Queensland Reconstruction Authority-funded reinstatement of the road formation and profile following March 2025 flood damage);
 - (b) project-managing performance of the surface upgrade work by the engaged contractor; and
 - (c) recovering from the lessee of the benefited land the cost that Council incurs in procuring and project-managing the upgrade.
- (3) Lot 434 will especially benefit from the Council-procured and supervised upgrade because (as the lessee acknowledges in the upgrade agreement):
- (a) Keeroongooloo Road provides the only vehicular access to the land; and
 - (b) the upgrade will elevate the road to a wet weather service level.
- (4) The estimated cost of implementing the overall plan is \$1,418,400.00, including an estimated \$130,000.00 for project management.
- (5) The estimated time for implementing the overall plan is 4 years, commencing 1 July 2026 and ending on 30 June 2030.

First Annual Implementation Plan

- (6) For the year beginning 1 July, 2026, the implementation plan is:
- (a) to have the road surface seal completed in accordance with the upgrade agreement; and
 - (b) to recover two half-yearly instalments, each of \$147,750, on account of the estimated upgrade cost, each instalment to be levied as a special charge via the half-yearly rate notices issued for the benefited land.

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5.17 WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY CLASS CONCESSION 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to adopt a waste management levy class concession for the 2026/27 financial year.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC175-07-26)

Moved: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant a concession, comprising a 100% rebate of the waste management levy, to the assessments identified in the below table, on the basis that Council is satisfied that none of Council's waste transfer or landfill facilities are utilised by the owners or occupiers of these assessments, and all waste generated or handled on these assessments is disposed of in a compliant alternative manner.

Table: Waste Management Levy Class Concession - Assessments

Assessment Number	Assessment Number	Assessment Number	Assessment Number
00004-10000-000	00528-00500-000	00691-30000-000	00852-10000-000
00005-00000-000	00528-50000-000	00691-41000-000	00853-00000-000
00006-00000-000	00529-00000-000	00691-60000-000	00854-00000-000
00007-55000-000	00529-30000-000	00692-00000-000	00854-10000-000

00008-00000-000	00530-10000-000	00695-00000-000	00855-00000-000
00009-00000-000	00530-10010-000	00695-50000-000	00858-00000-000
00012-00000-000	00531-00000-000	00696-00000-000	00858-00002-000
00016-00000-000	00531-10000-000	00697-00000-000	00858-13000-000
00017-00000-000	00531-20000-000	00698-10000-000	00863-00000-000
00018-00000-000	00531-21000-000	00698-30000-000	00872-00000-000
00019-10000-000	00532-00000-000	00698-40000-000	00872-50000-000
00021-40000-000	00532-32000-000	00698-50000-000	00874-10000-000
00026-00000-000	00532-33000-000	00698-55000-000	00875-00000-000
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00039-00000-000	00536-30000-000	00703-00000-000	00879-00600-000
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00051-00000-000	00546-00000-000	00707-00000-000	00882-00040-000
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00054-00000-000	00548-00000-000	00724-50000-000	00884-00000-000
00054-50000-000	00552-00000-000	00727-00000-000	00885-00000-000
00056-00000-000	00553-61300-000	00728-60000-000	00886-00220-000
00057-10000-000	00553-61500-000	00730-15000-000	00886-00265-000
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00071-50000-000	00564-10000-000	00738-00000-000	00886-00330-000
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5.18 SETTING OF CONCESSION ON RATES AND CHARGES FOR APPROVED PENSIONERS 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to set the concession on rates and charges for approved pensioners for the 2026/27 financial year.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC176-07-26)

Moved: Cr Tony Lander

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant a 50% rebate on differential general rates and utility charges, up to a total of \$600 per annum for land which is owned or occupied by a pensioner, in accordance with Council's Rates and Utility Charges - Pensioner Rebate and Concession Policy

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5.19 DEBT (BORROWING) POLICY 2026/27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

It is a requirement of section 192 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* that a local government prepare and adopt a debt policy for a financial year.

A draft policy is tabled for Council's consideration.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC177-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That Council adopt the Debt (Borrowing) Policy for 2026/27.

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5.20 RATES AND UTILITY CHARGES - PENSION REBATES AND CONCESSIONS POLICY**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to adopt the Rates and Utility Charges – Pensioner Rebate and Concession Policy.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC178-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Cr Milan Milosevic

That the Rates and Utility Charges – Pensioner Rebate and Concession Policy be adopted.

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5.21 CONCESSION FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS 2026/27**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to adopt a concession for not-for-profit community organisations for the 2026/27 financial year.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC179-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That pursuant to sections 120, 121 and 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council grant a 100% rebate on differential general rates for the financial year 30 June 2027 as identified in the table below and subject to the following:

- a) Property owners must notify Council immediately if there is a substantive change in land use for a property that is receiving a rate concession.
- b) Applications received during the current financial year that fall within this category, will be granted a rate concession following the passing of a resolution by Council.
- c) If a property has been granted a rate concession in the previous financial year, the owner will not be required to re-apply to receive the rate concession for the current financial year. However, proof of ongoing eligibility will be required if requested.

Assessment Number
00137-00000-000
00777-10000-000

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5.22 STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FINANCIAL POSITION 2025/26

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* requires the Chief Executive Officer to present to Council at its annual budget meeting, a statement of estimated financial position for the previous financial year.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC180-07-26)

Moved: Cr Lyn Barnes

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Roger Volz

That pursuant to Section 205 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the Statement of Estimated Financial Position for the previous financial year (2025/26) be received and its contents noted.

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5.23 SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT 2026/27**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report presents the assessment of business activities against the threshold for Significant Business Activities for 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC181-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Tony Lander

That the result of the significant business activity assessment be received, noting that no further action is required.

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5.24 CODE OF COMPETITIVE CONDUCT 2026/27**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The report presents the Code of Competitive Conduct prescribed under the *Local Government Act 2009* and *Local Government Regulation 2012* applicable to Quilpie Shire Council for the financial year 2026/27.

RESOLUTION NO: (QSC182-07-26)

Moved: Cr Milan Milosevic

Seconded: Cr Lyn Barnes

That:

1. Council determines that the business activities categorised as prescribed business activities and listed Table 1 within this report are those activities that meet the prescribed activity threshold of \$340,000 in accordance with Section 39 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*; and

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2. Council resolves not to apply the Code of Competitive Conduct to any business activity in 2026/27 in accordance with section 47(7) of the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Given the level of expenditure in the business activities and the little or no competition for the services' provided, Council sees no public benefit in applying the Code of Competitive Conduct at this time.

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6 LATE ITEMS

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no further business the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 9:16 AM.

These Minutes are to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Meeting. In accordance with the public notice of meetings published by Council, the next Ordinary Meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 July 2026 in the Quilpie Shire Council Boardroom, 50 Brolga Street, Quilpie commencing at 9:30 AM.